

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

MARCH 2ND, 2020

Mayor Rock Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30. The Pledge of Allegiance was stated by all present. Roll call was taken, and all members of the City Council were present. The minutes from the previous meeting were presented. Mary Lou Peace stated that the monthly expense for the Cox Cable bill is not \$14.55 but \$14.70. Rob Lessen made the motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved. The Mayor presented the evenings agenda. Under Unfinished Business Item D was removed and Item G) Swearing-In the City Judge and City Attorney and Item H) Council Appointments. Under New Business Item D was removed and Item E) Sue Marshall Water Leak. Travis Wood made the motion to approve the revised agenda. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved. Appropriation Ordinance #2 was presented for payment by the Mayor. Mary Lou Peace had several questions, that were answered on the bills presented. Ken Harryman made the motion to pay Appropriation Ordinance #2. Rob Lessen seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Leesa Rhodes was present to report on her meeting with the Secretary of Commerce on the matter of Arma getting a grocery store and a distribution center.

SUBSTATION BIDS

Rock Anderson opened two bids that were handed in on a \$500,000.00 10-year Lease Purchase Agreement.

Community National Bank bid 2.28% Girard National Bank bid 2.68%

Dick Cleland made the motion to accept Community National Banks bid for 2.28%.

Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Angel Meyer presented legal paperwork dealing with the contract as well as City Ordinance #628, entering into a contract with Mid-States Energy and the Lease Purchase agreement. Travis Wood made the motion to add the Performance Bond to the contract. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved. Rob Lessen made the motion to accept and publish Ordinance #628. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

NUISANCE REPORT; 209 E. WASHINGTON

Angela Meyer reported that this case is still on going and that the Judge will be hearing this case again April 6th.

COX CABLE/SHOPTV

Mary Lou Peace brought up the Cox cable bill. Bette Lessen stated that the City Shop and the Police Dept are on this cable service. The Fire Dept. is on the Craw-Kan service. Mary Lou stated that she did not feel that the Police Dept. needed to cable service in their office either and she felt that this cable service should be removed. They have a cell phone to view the weather with the don't need the TV. The Mayor spoke on the need to keep our Police Officers informed via the cable news and weather reports. he urged the voting members to consider their vote. Mary Lou made the motion to remove the cable service. Dick Cleland second the motion. The motion was approved 3 yes votes. Peace, Cleland and Harryman to 2 no votes. Lessen and Wood.

EMPLOYEE JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Mary Lou Peace reported that she had taken the office staff paperwork and reworked the language and that Vanessa Kent did an excellent job on what an Assistant Clerk's job position is. This topic will be back on the next agenda.

SWEAR-IN CITY ATTORNEY

Rock Anderson swore in Angela Meyer as the City's Attorney.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Rock Anderson made the following appointments with the City Councilmembers; Ken Harryman, over Parks, Recreation and Library, Mary Lou Peace over Finances; Rob Lessen over Water and Sewer, Dick Cleland over Electric and Streets and Travis Wood over Police/Fire Depts. Mary Lou was in disagreement with the Mayor and his appointments as was Dick Cleland. An argument pursued these appointments. Rob Lessen made the motion to table this matter until the next meeting. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

CITY INSURANCE BIDS

Fox Insurance Rob Lessen was the only agency present to deliver a bid on the City's 2020 Liability Insurance. Rob handed out information on the new policy and reported that this policy is the same rate as 2019's policy. Mary Lou Peace did not want to make a decision on the proposal that Rob Lessen had presented even though Dick Cleland pointed out that this is the only proposal presented and there will not be any other bids brought forth since the deadline was today. Mary Lou still wanted to review what was presented before making decision. Mary Lou made the motion to table until the next meeting. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

MAYOR'S POWER/DUTIES

Mary Lou Peace brought up again what the Mayor thinks is his duties as the Mayor of Arma. She pointed out the text received 2 weeks ago about the office cleaning and allowing the City workers to come in at 7:00 on that Friday to clean before the office staff had come in. Dick Cleland said that he had answered back OK but that did not mean that he agreed on the Mayor's text. Discussion went on for some time and finally a decision of having either Pete or Duane come in to clean the office on Friday's.

MTI MUNICIPAL FINANCE

Mary Lou Peace stated that there is a finance class which will cost \$75.00 per person to attend and she would like to go along with Ken Harryman attending. Dick Cleland made the motion to allow Mary Lou and Ken to attend the financial class. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

SUE MARSHALL'S WATER LEAK

Sue Marshall was present to discuss the water leak at her trailer park and the split bill of \$567.57. Sue asked if this bill could be deducted? Dick Cleland said no that the bill would stand. Rob Lessen brought up working out a payment plan. Dick Cleland made the motion to allow a \$50.00 a month for payments towards the \$567.57 bill. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Howard Camp was not present, but he had left his monthly spread sheet for the Council members.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Dick Cleland reported on a conversation he had with the KDOT contractor on the road that will be built behind Dollar General when the highway project starts.

COMMUNICATIONS

No communications were presented.

PURCHASE REQUEST

Dick Cleland made the motion to allow the purchase of the requested electric supplies. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved

Ken Harryman made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Mary Lou Peace seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Bette Lessen, City Clerk