

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

Mayor Rock Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. 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 to the City Council. Mary Lou Peace stated that under three different topics from the past meeting conversation was left out and she felt that it should be included. The topics included the AC Unit in the meeting room, Howard Camp's police Chief Report on the video camera's and the requested Purchase Request from the electric department. Mary Lou's additions to these minutes have been included in the City records. The mayor presented the evenings agenda for any additions or extractions. Under Unfinished Business Item C) Vermeer Vacuum Pump; D) Speed Limit on Perry Street and E) City Hall Open. Under New Business Item E) 4th and Long Street, Jim Evans Garage. Mary Lou Peace made the motion to accept the revised agenda. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BALOH NUISANCE CONTINUED

Attorney Tom Hayes stated that he received the file on this property tonight so he will have a report at the next meeting. Dick Cleland made the motion to continue the nuisance on the Baloh property. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

CRAW-KAN VIDEO CAMERA; DICK CLELAND

Dick Cleland reported that he had made contact with Craw-Kan but was told that they do not have camera's at the County Commission meeting room so Dick stated that he has asked Mary Lou Peace and Leesa Rhodes to look into this matter.

VERMEER VACUMM PUMP

Mary Lou Peace presented a copy of the receipt from Vermeer that the City has paid and on this receipt that the City did purchase a 4" suction hose not a 3". John Gorentz should contact them and have this corrected.

SPEED LIMIT ON PERRY STREET

Mary Lou Peace stated that the City should have an engineer study done on the issue of Perry Street before changing the speed limit from 30 to 20 miles per hour. Tom Hayes stated that the City Council should allow him the opportunity to review this issue and then get back with the Council on how this matter should be handled. Dick Cleland made the motion to table this issue until the next meeting, so Mr. Hayes can present his legal ramifications. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

CITY HALL OPENED

Mary Lou Peace asked if City Hall is now open? City Clerk Bette Lessen reported that the second sneeze guard has been placed as a back order and has yet to come in, however we do have one that protects half of the counter. Bette stated that the doors can be opened to the general public but she recommended to the City Council that a posted sign stating “No Mask, No Service and one Person at a Time” should be on the door. Dick Cleland stated that he would make the motion to open City Hall only have one person in at a time with a mask to pay their bill at the counter where Vanessa is at. After some discussion Rock Anderson restated the motion as “Open City Hall with the provision that only one at a time can be in and they must be wearing a mask”. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

JUNIOR HIGH GATHERING

City Clerk Bette Lessen reported that Bev Presley, Counselor with the Arma Junior High is requesting to use McDonald Park for a gathering of the 6th through 8th grade classes on October 2nd from 6 to 8 p.m. and to have the lights turned on. Dick Cleland made the motion to allow the use of McDonald Park with the lights on October 2 but requiring the school to follow all CDC regulations. Rob Lessen seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

FALL CITY WIDE CLEAN-UP

Dick Cleland made the motion to hold the Fall clean-up October 26th through the 30th. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

VIKING YEARBOOK AD

City Clerk Bette Lessen reported that the Yearbook staff is asking if the City would like to run the City’s logo in the upcoming yearbook for \$180.00? Travis Wood made the motion to have the logo placed in the new Yearbook. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Travis Wood made the motion to revise the agenda to include Mr. Garret Mercer. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Mr. Mercer addressed the City Council on their changing and removing the 4-way stop at E Perry and N. 6th St. Council discussed the matter with Mr. Mercer, but City Attorney Tom Hayes stated that the City Council is asked him to look into the legal ramifications on this issue and to report back to them at the next meeting. Mr. Mercer was invited to attend to hear of Mr. Hayes findings.

LKM VOTING DELEGATE/ALTERNATE

City Clerk Bette Lessen reported on the upcoming zoom meeting and that the City needs to elect a delegate and an alternate to represent the City. Dick Cleland made the motion to elect Rob Lessen as the delegate and that Dick Cleland would fill the position as alternate. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

4TH AND LONG, JIM EVAN'S GARAGE

Mary Lou Peace presented pictures that she had taken of the garage belonging to Jim Evan's. Mary Lou Peace made the motion to have Mike McLeod inspect the garage and to report back to the City Council on his findings and report. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Mike McLeod was present to report on his department. First Mike reported that volunteers are down and that this is a serious situation dealing with different aspects. Currently Mike is looking into paying a fireman to be in the firehouse daily. Mike also reported on testing the 100 fire hydrants in town and that the City's ISO rating is 4 but looks like it will be moved to 5 rating. Mike also addressed the extrication equipment that will be split in cost between the City and the County.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Dick Cleland brought up the issue of street signs being posted to utility poles and that he believes this is illegal.

Rob Lessen reported on the Zoom meeting that he, Mary Lou Peace, and Leesa Rhodes attended recently about 69 highway and the intersection. Information was distributed to each Council member.

Mary Lou Peace added that KDOT is looking into a shuttle to transport folks from Arma to Dollar General and then back.

Rock Anderson reported that Jamie Setina who has worked many years for Bone Creek is retiring January 1st. Rock stated that he has done a great job and will be missed.

Tom Hayes handed out face masks to the Council.

COMMUNICATIONS

Rob Lessen made the motion to accept all communications and to place them on file. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

PURCHASE REQUEST

Dick Cleland asked the Council members if they would allow him to inspect the tires on the Bobcat. Dick was not certain that they needed to be replaced and that he would report back to the Council at the next meeting. Dick Cleland made the motion to table this request until the Oct. 5th meeting. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Mary Lou Peace questioned why the electrician needs to order more LED lights. Travis Wood made the motion to approve the request and to have Chuck Burns inform the Council on where the placement of these lights will be installed. Rob Lessen seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Rob Lessen made the motion to go into Executive Session on Non-Elected Personnel matters with the Council, Attorney and City Clerk for 5 minutes. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved. 7:35 p.m.

Travis Wood made the motion to go back into regular session 7:38 p.m. Rob Lessen seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Rob Lessen made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Bette Lessen, City Clerk