

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

JANUARY 4, 2021

Mayor Rock Anderson opened the meeting with all present Pledging their Allegiance to our flag. Roll call was taken and all members of the City Council were present, however the City Attorney Tom Hayes was not present. The minutes from the previous meeting were presented. Travis Wood made the motion to approve the minutes. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved. The Mayor presented the evenings agenda. Two issues were added to Unfinished Business. Item C) Punching the time clock at lunch time and Item D) Video training. Rob Lessen made the motion to approve the revised agenda. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved. The Mayor presented Appropriation Ordinance #12 to the City Council. Rob Lessen made the motion to approve the Ordinance for payment. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Leesa Rhodes was not present to report.

DOUG JAMESON PROPERTY

Bette Lessen reported speaking to Mr. Jameson about his property located at 206 E. Perry. Mr. Jameson intends on having the house demolished and the property cleaned. He is in the process of getting prices from 3 different companies and by the City Council's next meeting he will have a schedule put in place. Rob Lessen made the motion to table this matter until the next meeting. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

LUNCH TIME CLOCK IN AND OUT

Mary Lou Peace stated that she had read the Employee Handbook and that the City Council needs to review the manual to include clocking in and out at the lunch time. City Attorney, Tom Hayes was not present so the Mayor stated that they should speak to Mr. Hayes on this issue. Mary Lou Peace made the motion to proceed with amending the handbook to reflect clocking in and out at lunch as well as morning and night. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved with Mary Lou, Dick and Ken Harryman voting yes and Travis Wood and Rob Lessen voting no.

VIDEO TRAINING

Mary Lou Peace stated that she had contacted CDL about whether they had been contacted to come out to the Police Dept to train the four officers and was told that they had not. Mary Lou made the motion that Howard be notified that full time police officers be trained to view and download the video and the program to be removed from Bette and Vanessa's computers and this needs to be done before the next meeting. Dick

Cleland seconds the motion. Mayor Rock Anderson asked Mary Lou why she was so determined to have access removed from the Clerk's office. Mary Lou stated that the City Clerk does not need to have access to the video that only the Police Department should have access. The motion passed with Mary Lou, Dick and Ken Harryman voting yes and Travis Wood and Rob Lessen voting no.

NEW BUSINESS

JOHN GORENTZ LETTER TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Rock Anderson read aloud John Gorentz's letter of retirement from the City of Arma. John's last day will be on January 15th. John also handed out paperwork from the Department of Health and Environment on the City's requirements of having a certified water/wastewater employee on staff. Dick Cleland made the motion to accept John's letter of retirement. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved by all Council members except Rob Lessen.

Travis Wood made the motion to revise the evenings agenda to add Public Works Position. Rob Lessen seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

ANNUAL LANDBANK REPORT

Bette Lessen reported to the City Council that there have been no changes since the last report in February 2020 due to COVID.

PUBLIC WORKS POSITION

Travis Wood felt that the City Council should start looking to replace John. Dick Cleland felt ads should be placed. John Gorentz stated that all the required water reports will be submitted before he leaves on the 15th. Rob Lessen made the motion to advertise for a Director of Public works that is certified water/wastewater. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Howard Camp was not present, but he had information dispersed from the previous month.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Rob Lessen brought up the matter of looking into a part-time City Manager. Bette will have this issue on the next agenda.

Rock Anderson stated that he was sorry to lose John and he will be missed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Travis Wood made the motion to have all communications placed on file. Rob Lessen seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

PURCHASE REQUEST

Rob Lessen made the motion to allow the purchase of materials requested. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

The January 18th meeting will be held in the City Library.

Rob Lessen made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Bette Lessen, City Clerk