

# **REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

## **MARCH 15, 2021**

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 March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting were presented to the City Council. Travis Wood made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Rob Lessen seconds the motion.

Mary Lou Peace brought up the minutes from March 1<sup>st</sup> and requested that a paragraph following the Executive Session be removed from these minutes. Mary Lou Peace then made the motion to remove from the minutes the second paragraph under the headline of Executive Session: Liability Insurance. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved. The Mayor presented the evenings agenda. Bette Lessen added one item to New Business, Community Garden. Rob Lessen made the motion to approve the revised agenda. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **HEALTH INSURANCE; MARY LOU PEACE**

Mary Lou Peace first thanked Christy Mitchell with Blue Cross and Blue Shield for being present to discuss the employee's health insurance. Mary Lou then asked who was representing the City Employee's interest? City Clerk Bette Lessen spoke up and stated that she was representing the employees. Bette then informed the City Council that the City Employee's wanted the City Council to know that they as a group were satisfied with the currently policy that the City Council chose in December. The only change the employees requested is if the out of pocket on the policy could be lowered, otherwise they did not want nor are they requesting a change. Travis Wood made the motion to stay with Option B. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

#### **EVAN WILSON; LAND REQUEST**

Travis Wood reported on his and Ken Harryman's meeting with Mr. Evan Wilson. Lot 3 in Westland Acres was considered the best option for Mr. Wilson's business which is across from the Fire Station. Evan Wilson then addressed the City Council to let them know that he does plan on building a small office with a restroom, however this building will probably not go up until the 2nd season. Dickie Cleland made the motion to decline giving Mr. Wilson a lot in Westland Acres. Motion died due to a lack of a second on the motion. Dickie Cleland made the motion to decline giving a lot to Mr. Wilson due to employment and City revenue. Rob Lessen seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

## **SOUTHWEST POWER POOL BILL**

City Attorney Tom Hayes reported on the City applying for the State Treasurer's loan. Also, KMEA can help but Tom stated that the State Treasurer has a better plan/loan than KMEA does. Mayor Anderson recommended to the City Council to table this topic until the City has the loan. Rob Lessen made the motion to table this topic until we have confirmation from the State Treasurer's office. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

## **JIM EVANS GARAGE**

Bette Lessen brought back up the Jim Evans garage that the City Council had discussed at their second meeting in October last year. The issue was dropped but the Council need to take up this problem again and get the paperwork submitted so that a discussion can be held between the City Council and the owner. Dickie Cleland made the motion to inform the owner. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ZONING BOARD RECOMMENDATION**

Robert Snare the Chairman of the Arma Zoning Board was present to report to the City Council on the recent Public Hearing with Mr. Evan Wilson. After hearing from Mr. Wilson and his proposal the Zoning Board denied his request to open and operate a CDL truck business at 106 E. South St. Rob Lessen made the motion to accept the Zoning Boards recommendation. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

### **111 W. MADISON**

Bette Lessen brought up the house at 111 W. Madison which destroyed by fire last year. Bette recommended that the City Council go by the property and then pick up this topic at the next meeting. Travis Wood made the motion to have Mike McLeod inspect the property. Rob Lessen seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

### **CITY HALL, MARY LOU PEACE**

Mary Lou Peace asked when the City Hall will be reopened? Bette Lessen stated that the City Hall has been open for close to 2 weeks now.

### **NEW SCORE BOARD**

Bette Lessen reported that the score board that the City split the cost of with Arma Recreation Association needs to have a frame built prior to installing it at Hookie Park. Travis Wood made the motion to allow the City guys to build the fame to install the new score board. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

### **COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Robert Snare was present to report on this year's community garden project. Robert also informed the City Council on last year's success.

### **FIRE CHIEF REPORT**

Mike McLeod was not present.

## **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mary Lou Peace asked when will the City Council go back to their meeting room for Council meetings? City Council agreed to move the next meeting back to their meeting room at City Hall.

Rob Lessen brought up the thought of setting a time frame for the Arma citizens who would like to address their concerns with the City Council prior to the standard meetings. Rock Anderson stated that this has been tried before but with little success.

Dickie Cleland asked why is CDL doing the electric/new pole work? Council collectively said that the City did not have the equipment to do this project.

Tom Hayes reported that he had spoken to Tom Gorman and that Tom has accepted the position as Public Works Director beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Rock Anderson introduced his grown children that were attending this meeting. Rock Also reported on the City Lift Station repairs and the expense.

Craig Farnsworth reported that the City Council has a request in their packets from the Police Chief about giving away the collected bicycles that have not been claimed to a gentleman who does repairs then gives them to children. Rob Lessen made the motion to approve this project. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

No communications were presented.

## **PURCHASE REQUEST**

No request was submitted.

Rob Lessen made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

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*Bette Lessen, City Clerk*