

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 19, 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 member of Council were present. The minutes from the previous meeting were addressed. Rob Lessen made the motion to approve the minutes. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved. The evenings agenda was presented by the Mayor. Under NEW BUSINESS the following items were added. C) Ball Parks and D) Municipal Finance report. Ken Harryman made the motion to approve the revised agenda. Rob Lessen seconds the motion. The motion was accepted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MAYOR DUTIES AND POWERS MARY LOU PEACE

Mary Lou Peace read aloud from State Statues as well as from the League of Municipalities manual. The Mayor then addressed his abilities as an elected official. Mary Lou Peace wanted to make sure each member of the City Council could address their opinion on each topic brought to the table. No action was taken by Council.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Leesa Rhodes was present to further discuss the tax abatement for business in Arma. Bette Lessen stated that she had not taken care of the paperwork yet. This topic will be on the next agenda. Leesa then updated Council on upcoming meetings. Rob Lessen congratulated the Community Garden group on being awarded \$5000.00 for their efforts. Library will be holding a Story Book Walk on E. Washington soon.

HALEY PRICE; SCIENCE RESEARCH STUDY

Haley Price was present to request the use of City land at the Lagoons to setup acoustic equipment for 4 days. Haley stated that she is doing research on the Gray Bat and believes that she will be able to obtain information in this location. Setup is about 20 minutes. Rob Lessen made the motion to allow Haley to use the land around the City Lagoon. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

111 W. MADISON

Mike McLeod stated that he had inspected the structure and that it needs to be torn down and removed. Rob Lessen made the motion to move forward on condemnation. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

CITY WORK TRUCK

Dickie Cleland reported he retrieved additional information about replacing the transmission on the truck plus there would be a 3-year guarantee on the new

transmission. Dickie Cleland made the motion to purchase the new transmission. Mary Lou Peace seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

ARMA RECREATON ASSOCIATION YEARLY DONATION

Mary Lou Peace made the motion to allow the 2500.00 donation. Rob Lessen seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

201 W. SOUTH ST. PROPERTY

Bette Lessen reported to Council on the current investigation to notify the owners on the condition of the structure and requesting information from them on what their intentions are. Rob Lessen made the motion to table this issue until the next meeting. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

BALL PARKS

Travis Wood discussed the current mowing and maintenance issues at the City Ball Parks. Travis was asked to speak to the Public Works Director on setting a schedule. Bette will send Travis Tom's email information so that Travis may contact Tom.

MUNICIPAL FINANCE REPORT

Mary Lou Peace reported on her virtual Municipal Finance class that she recently attended. Mary Lou's concern is the SB13 which relates to the revenue neutral rate and how this will affect Arma's budget. Bette was asked to address this issue with Terry Sercer.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Mike McLeod reported that the department has been busy. They have had 56% calls in the County and 43% in the City. Also, the department has been using the Target Solution for training.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Dickie Cleland stated that he had a conversation with Richard Ryder about Richard's family property on S. Pine Street where Richard's father had a garden and lost his wedding ring in it. Richard was asking Council permission to use a metal detector to see if he might locate the ring. Council agreed to allow. Dickie also address the need for gravel on W. South street entrance to Hwy 69. Mayor will get with Tom Gorman on this matter.

Mary Lou Peace suggested that Tom Gorman should start attending the first Council meeting and giving the Council a report. Mary Lou also brought up the need of painting the shelter houses the school colors. Dickie Cleland said that the roofs also need to be addressed that maybe a metal roof should be installed on both. Council agreed to have the shelter houses looked at and new metal roofs. Mary Lou also brought up the cover for the sandpile and speaking to Tom on this issue.

Ken Harryman stated that the Police are doing a great job of patrolling the community.

Bette Lessen reported on the High School's Clean-up Day, April 23rd.

Vanessa Kent reported on the fuel adjustment change.

PURCHASE REQUEST

Dickie Cleland made the motion to allow the purchase of the requested materials. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mary Lou Peace made the motion to go into executive session on Non-Elected Personnel matter with the Mayor, Council, Attorney and City Clerk for 5 minutes. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved. 7:25 p.m.

Mary Lou Peace made the motion to go back into regular session at 7:30 p.m. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

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Mary Lou Peace made the motion to go back into regular session at 7:36 p.m. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved. No action was taken by the Council.

A rest room break was taken between executive sessions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dickie Cleland made the motion to go into executive session on Non-Elected Personnel matters with the Mayor, Council, Attorney and City Clerk for 15 minutes. Dickie Cleland then changed his motion to go into executive session with the Mayor, Council, Attorney and City Clerk for 5 minutes. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved 7:44 p.m.

Rob Lessen made the motion to go back into regular session at 7:49 p.m. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved. No action was taken by the Council.

Rob Lessen made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Bette Lessen, City Clerk