

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

JUNE 21, 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 Travis Wood was absent. The minutes from the previous meetings. Rob Lessen made the motion to approve both sets of minutes. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved. The mayor presented the evenings agenda. Under New Business the following three items were added. D) DUI Ordinance and item E) Stress Panel Abatement and F) Attorney Bill.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TAX ABATEMENT PAPERWORK

Tom Hayes reviewed the paperwork before the City Council. Bette Lessen asked for a clearer definition of Economic Development Purposes. Rob Lessen made the motion to table this issue until the next meeting. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

CROSSPOINT CHURCH; MARY LOU PEACE

City Council received a report from Mary Lou on the condition of the building and the expense the City might have if they took over the structure. Mary Lou made the motion to table this issue until the next meeting. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

NON-SMOKING REGULATIONS

Council continued discussion on the matter of banning smoking around City ball Parks and City Parks. Leesa Rhodes stated that Living Well has the signage if the City would like to contract them. Rob Lessen made the motion to have the No-Smoking signs installed through Living Well around city property. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

EVAN'S PROPERTY BIDS

Rock Anderson stated that one bid was received from Vilela Demolition for \$3,820.00 to clean up, remove structure and level ground. Dickie Cleland made the motion to accept the bid. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

SALT/SAND SHED, TOM GORMAN

Tom presented paperwork on a salt/sand shed for \$11,239.32 however this does not have the delivery of setup on the blocks. Also, Bernie's Welding can assist with this project. Council discussed the matter of health issues from the salt run-off. Tom was asked to contact KDHE. Rob Lessen made the motion to table. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

A.C. CONDENSER BIDS AND POLICE A.C. UNIT

Tom Gorman reported that the Pittsburg Morning Sun did not get the advertisement run the paper so he will need to reissue the publication plus he needs to add a bid for the Police Dept.'s unit. Dickie Cleland made the motion to advertise again and to include the Police unit as well. Rob Lessen seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

WATER RATE INCREASE FOR 2022

Bette Lessen reported that the expenses in the Water fund are in some months more than the revenue that is made. So, Bette is suggesting that the City Council consider increasing the water rate in 2022 per the City Ordinance 2%. Council discussed this increase. Dickie Cleland made the motion to increase the water rate per the City Ordinance in 2022. Rob Lessen seconds the motion. The motion was approved by all members except Mary Lou Peace who voted no.

2020 DURANGO SUV

Bette Lessen continued the discussion of purchasing a 2020 Durango SUV paying half of the expense in the 2021 budget and then the remainder in the 2022 budget. Dickie Cleland made the motion to purchase the 2020 Durango SUV and to split the expense between the two budgets. Rob Lessen seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

310 E WASHINGTON ST.

Bette Lessen reported on the property owned by Kevin Schupbach whose house caught fire in February and has yet to be removed. Bette recommended that the City Council act. Rob Lessen made the motion to follow the Demolition Ordinance. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

LEESA RHODES

Leesa was present to continue discussion on the Certified Site paperwork through the Department of Commerce. The possibility of a farmers market in Arma and a report on the Kansas Road Trip that will be held in May 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

WATER LEVEL MONITOR & ALARM; TOM GORMAN

Tom Gorman reported on the well pump monitor and purchasing this equipment. Dickie Cleland made the motion to allow the purchase for \$699.00 and an annual fee of 12.00 a year. Rob Lessen seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

WATER TOWER & RESERVOIR INSPECTIONS; TOM GORMAN

Tom reported that it has been several years since our last water tower inspections. Tank and Tower can inspect the towers for 350.00 per and the reservoirs for \$200.00 and total cost of \$1,100.00. Rob Lessen made the motion to accept Tank and Towers proposal. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

AMERICAN LEGION BEER LICENSE

Bette Lessen reported that the Arma American Legion has filed for a beer license for Homecoming this year. Ken Harryman made the motion to approve the license and to charge for only the beer stamp \$25.00. Rob Lessen seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

DUI ORDINANCE

Tom Hayes reported that currently the Arma does not have a DUI Ordinance and they should have one. Tom will submit an Ordinance at the next meeting.

STRESS PANEL ABATEMENT

Bette Lessen reported on the current circumstances with the utility abatement that Stress Panel has with the City since August 2018. But per the past meetings minutes during that period the City Council did not approve a tax abatement for SPI. Also, per the County Clerk's office Norman Miller and his wife Nancy who are listed on the tax roll for this business the past three years have not paid any taxes. Tom Hayes was asked to send a letter on this matter to Norman Miller.

ATTORNEY BILL

Bette Lessen stated that the city has received an additional bill for 480.00 and under the line items that the City is being charged Bette questioned the feasibility of why the City was being charged, the first item which was a conversation between Mary Lou and Tom, Tom told Bette that she could remove the \$60.00, but Bette wondered why the City was required to pay a 40.00 and a 30.00 charges for Tom investigating whether Bette Lessen did her job properly in the matter of contacting an individual for a interview with the Council. Tom stated that he was asked to investigate and submit a report, Bette asked if she too could receive a copy of this report since she was under the assumption that she was to provide proof of her actions, which was done the next meeting.

FIRE CHIEFS REPORT

Mike McLeod was not present but had prepared a report for the Council members.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Dickie Cleland stated that he would like permission to speak to Tom Gorman about this years street paving project.

Mary Lou Peace asked about the American Recovery Act and if the Council would be allowed to spend the funds on an electronic metering reading system? Bette Lessen said she would ask and report back.

COMMUNICATIONS

No communications to share.

PURCHASE REQUEST

Rob Lessen made the motion to allow the purchase of the electric materials. Mary Lou Peace seconds the motion. The motion was approved. Also, Mary Lou felt that Tom Gorman should sign off on these request.

Rob Lessen made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Bette Lessen, City Clerk