

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

Mayor Rock Anderson opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was stated by all present. Roll call was taken, and all members were present. Minutes from the previous meeting were presented. Travis Wood made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved, Mary Lou Peace abstained from voting. The mayor presented the evenings agenda. Dickie Cleland made the motion to approve the agenda. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Mike McLeod was not present.

BRENDA BANKS REPORT

Brenda reported that next year the Community Garden will have five raised beds to grow vegetables in. Rob Lessen made the motion to approve the change. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING; 111 W. MADISON

City Clerk Bette Lessen reported that she had spoke to Sabrina Nemmers about her property and that this topic is on the agenda. Sabrina was not present. Rob Lessen made the motion to follow the City Ordinance's procedures. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

WATER TOWER RESULTS

Tom Gorman was present to state that he did not have any results back at this point, though the inspection has been completed we do not have any cost on the repairs at this time. Tom also reported that he had received two more bills from PEC on the 2022 Highway Grant project. At this point the city has received \$26,161.00 in bills from PEC and these two need to be paid. Rob Lessen made the motion to pay PEC. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved. Tom also handed out aerial photo of the City's lagoon area, particularly the area where K.D.H.E. has requested that a tree line needs to be removed. Tom requested the City Council to keep Justin Warford until the end of the year to help clean up this area. Dickie Cleland made the motion to keep Justin Warford on until the end of October. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

LEESA RHODES

Leesa Rhodes reported to the City Council on the following issues; American Recovery Act and how the City could benefit financially through the County and their funds to get the cost of the tree removal paid for. Dickie Cleland stated that we could get dozers in there if the expenses could be covered by the ARA funds. Leesa stated that this might be a possibility of reimbursement.

Leesa also discussed the issues of the Federal and State Rural Opportunity Zone and Property waiver which Leesa stated could promote growth in Arma.

Jefferson Market in the Park will be Oct. 23rd

MITZI CRONISTER NO PARKING SIGNS

Mitzi Cronister requested the city to install some No Parking signs on the northside of W Washington St. 2 or 3 signs should be plenty so drivers picking up students are informed of the rules. Travis Wood made the motion to have 2 or 3 signs installed. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Mitzi also brought up the crosswalks and how they need to be repainted. Dickie Cleland made the motion to have the crosswalks painted by Jason Hipfl. Rob Lessen seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

ROB LESSEN 69 HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION MEETING

Rob Lessen reported on the meeting he attended recently, and that Kevin Mitchelson took over the position of President from Ken Brock. There were people attending from several counties around Crawford. Also, they discussed the current progress and the future work to get the 4 lanes to Interstate 44. Rob also brought up in private conversation about the city's need for a stop light as well as the City's opportunity to apply for grants which Rob stated that he informed the City Clerk of this information.

ACCESS TO RESTRICTED PROPERTIES; KEN HARRYMAN

Ken Harryman made the motion to go into Executive Session under legal matters for 5 minutes with the Mayor, Council, Attorney and Clerk. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved 7:10 p.m.

Ken Harryman made the motion to go back into regular session at 7:15 p.m. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Ken Harryman made the motion to have signs restricting access to City property to anyone but City Employees only. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

FALL CLEAN-UP DATE

Mary Lou Peace made the motion to hold the City Wide Clean up October 25 through 29. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mary Lou Peace stated that since the previous meeting was not streamed on the city's Facebook page, she now wanted to re-read her thank you note so that others outside of this meeting could be thanked.

COMMUNICATIONS

No communications presented

PURCHASE REQUEST

No purchase request submitted.

Rob Lessen made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Bette Lessen, City Clerk