

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

OCTOBER 4, 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. Minutes from the previous meeting were presented. Rob Lessen made the motion to accept the minutes. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved. The mayor presented the evenings agenda. Dick Cleland added Sewer Lagoon Tree Row to the agenda under unfinished Business. Rob Lessen made the motion to accept the revised agenda. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved. Appropriation Ordinance #9 was presented to the City Council. Ken Harryman made the motion to approve for payment Appropriation Ordinance #9. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Police Chief Craig Farnsworth handed out his monthly report. Craig addressed the wall that he feels needs to be built to separate the area of the Police Dept. from the City crew's vehicles. Craig was told to get some bids for the project.

CITY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Tom Gorman reviewed his monthly report. Tom also reported on the power outage to change out the service from the old power station to the new substation Oct. 14th at 11:00 p.m. Tom reported on the new City Park equipment that will be installed. Mary Lou Peace reported she had spoken with Melissa Rhodes who encouraged the city to make a list of infrastructure items the city would like to receive American Recovery Act Funds to finance. The council was in agreement for Tom to compose a list to submit to the county.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BRENDA BANKS FLOORING BIDS

Brenda Banks presented a drawing of the City Library as well as three bids from Quality Floor, Derailed Commodity, and Pittsburg Interiors. Dickie Cleland made the motion to accept the bid from Pittsburg Interiors for \$21,735.60. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved. Brenda also reported on the upcoming fundraiser October 9th at the Library Wi-Fi Park for Calvin Bunny and the fundraiser for Tom Maslen.

ASPHALT OVERLAY UPDATE

Tom Gorman reported that he has been told by the county road department that they will not be able to do any overlay this year for the city.

SALT/SAND SHED UPDATE

Tom also reported that his first problem is the base of the shed area will not be poured by the county as planned. But Tom did request to purchase the salt and sand needed for this winter. The cost will be \$6,292.00. Tom also stated that tarps can be purchased to cover this area to help reduce the loss ratio. Rob Lessen made the motion to allow the purchase of the requested salt/sand as well as the tarps and bricks. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

SEWER LAGOON TREE LINE

Dickie Cleland brought up the removal of the trees using a trac hoe. Tom Gorman brought up the issue of erosion issues with the berms and weakening the land contour. Dickie Cleland made the motion to get some bids on the cost of removing the trees with a trac hoe. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved. Council also asked Tom to contact the Dept. of Health and Environment of the matter of the city removing the trees with a trac hoe.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTRONIC METER READING PROPOSAL

Tom Gorman presented a proposal for electronic water meters from Durkin a company that Mary Lou Peace suggested to Tom. Durkin had presented two bids on their proposal, one with the company installing and the other with the city installing along with remote or onsite training expenses included. Prices ranged from 227,839.00 to 294,489.00. Bette Lessen brought up the cities American Recovery Act plan and reported that Arma will in a 2-year period receive 215,423.38. In June we received half of the grant and the second half will be submitted to the city next June. According to information Bette acquired on electronic metering reading Arma could use their grant for either water or sewer since these two utilities fall under the regulation of the US Treasury.

KMEA ENERGY BUMP

Rock Anderson reported on a phone call he had with representatives of KMEA on purchasing energy, but Rock stated that the city had not received any additional information so this topic should be discussed at the meeting on the 18th.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Bette Lessen reported that KMIT contacted her to report that the City of Arma did not qualify in KMIT's state run health plan that they are working on due to how the city currently is evaluated by Blue Cross and Blue Shield. So, we should start advertising for bids. Council decided to have the bids presented to the City Council at the November 15th meeting.

Tom Hayes requested a ten-minute executive session with the Mayor, Council, Clerk, Police Chief and Assistant Clerk under non-elected personnel matters. Travis Wood made the motion to hold the executive session that the City Attorney requested. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved. 7:30 p.m.

Travis Wood made the motion to go back into regular session at 7:38 p.m. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Travis Wood made the motion to give the City Attorney Tom Hayes the authority to investigate this confidential matter. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Dickie Cleland asked if a resident could go out to the city burn pile to drop off cut limbs? Bette Lessen brought up the Councils decision to not allow anyone but city employees on restricted areas of city property. Dickie was encouraged to let this person know that the guys will pick up the limbs at their curb.

COMMUNICATION

Rob Lessen made the motion to accept and to place in file all communications received. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

PURCHASE REQUEST

No items were requested

Rob Lessen made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Bette Lessen, City Clerk