

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held July 20, 2020, 5:30 p.m., at City Hall. Mayor John Bisnette presided. Council members present: Evan Joy, Charlie Stevens, Joyce Hake, Devin Renken, Jane VanDonge. Others present were Chris and Mandy Burda, Michelle Huddle, Trish Harding, Kent Sullivan, Harry Colburn, and Miranda Robinson.

Mayor Bisnette called the meeting to order and led in the flag salute.

Joyce moved, seconded by Devin to approve the minutes from July 6, 2020 regular meeting. Jane abstained. Motion carried.

Chris and Mandy Burda were present as first-time applicants for special use vehicle. Mayor Bisnette read the rules and restrictions as required by city ordinance.

Joyce moved, seconded by Devin, to approve Special Use Permit #20-30 for Chris and Mandy Burda. Motion carried.

Michelle Huddle with Swindoll, Hawk & Lloyd CPA was present to go over the proposed 2021 budget with council. Michelle went through the budget thoroughly since there are new council members and staff. Discussion was held on moving budgeted funds that were no longer being spent to other line items. The possibility of raising the mill levy was also discussed by council.

Council and Mayor will approach city attorney Bruce Berkley concerning a few items before next meeting. The next meeting will be the budget hearing for the 2021 budget.

Joyce moved, second by Jane, to move the demolition fund of \$10,000, fire equipment reserve fund of \$5,000, and \$15,000 from Rural Fire District #4 to a new fund labeled equipment reserve city with total amount of \$30,000. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement Harry Colburn reported he served 10 notices concerning yard violations. One resident stated he was not responsible for mowing past his fence to the alley. Colburn asked, council confirmed that residents are responsible for mowing to the middle of the alley way. Colburn stated he would contact the resident again concerning this matter.

Council asked Colburn if any progress had been made at the 823 Blunt address. Papers were served by the sheriff's department but nothing has been cleaned up.

The city would like to extend a thank you to Dallason Thomas for mowing the property at 910 Osborne Street.

City Superintendent Kent Sullivan started off his report by addressing the situation at Domoney's Funeral Home.

The oil truck had 150 gallons of MC-800 oil left from last year, but vent flaps on the top opened somehow during the winter. This caused snow and rain to run into the tank with the oil, creating 680 gallons of bad mixture and this was only discovered after the truck was started and moved. This oil was now unusable therefore it needed to be emptied somewhere. Kent stated they could have paid a company upwards of \$900 to come out and remove it, or use it on property not knowing how it would turn out. Kent contacted Dewey to see if he could place it on the drive. This helped save the city money by getting rid the unusable oil. The oil could not have been used on any dirt/rock roads or alleyways; and could not be dumped at the tree

dump due to EPA standards. Kent stated they have addressed the vent flap situation so it does not happen again. New oil has been purchased and work can start on city streets.

Scoular Grain contacted Kent stating they wanted to move the drive further than originally planned with the new addition. This would require the fire hydrant at the corner to be moved, as it is on the city easement the crew will do the work. Scoular would like this done as soon as possible so construction can continue and they will pay for labor. The fire hydrant will be moved to the opposite corner as it is still within the range of the main line.

Kent mentioned purchasing a new water testing meter for when they flush out the hydrant lines. The one they have is old and takes too long to read which causes a lot of water loss. He said a new one costs around \$500 and would like into getting one.

With the weather and being short-handed compared to previous years, they are doing their best to keep up with mowing! Evan mentioned he would help with mowing this week if needed.

Many compliments have been received about the lack of mosquitos in town compared to other towns in the area. Kent has been spraying later in the evenings or early morning when they are more active and also in alleys.

The plan is to start trimming trees that are growing over streets after streets are finished. Council wanted to make sure water meter exchanges are still happening. Kent stated new radio read meters are being installed and old ones taken out of residents' basements as they can be done.

City Clerk reported that LMI surveys are still slowly coming in to the office. The collection of these will continue, but the deadline for application is coming up quickly. Corina Cox with NWKD&PC needed an answer from council on whether they would be applying this year or waiting until next year. Waiting until next year to apply for a CDBG grant will give the city more time to complete the survey and decide on a project.

A new updated form for building permits was present to council and approved.

A letter from the library was presented. They asked for the pool fees to be waived for the end of summer reading program pool party in August. They will be paying the lifeguards.

Devin moved, seconded by Evan, to waive the pool fees for the library pool party. Motion carried.

A letter was presented from Solomon Valley Transportation asking the city where they would like to use their 2021 pledge.

Evan moved, seconded by Jane, to give Solomon Valley Transportation \$300 for the FY2021 to apply to the permanent home project as a local match. Motion carried.

Payment requests and change orders were presented to the council for the Water Treatment Plant.

Joyce moved, seconded by Devin, to allow the mayor to sign Change Order No. 1 for the Water Treatment Plant. Motion carried.

Devin moved, seconded by Joyce, to approve CDBG DD Payment Request #2 in the amount of \$35,194 for the Water Treatment Plant project. Motion carried.

Evan moved, seconded by Devin, to approve the KDHE payment request #4 in the amount of \$70,177.21. Motion carried.

Devin moved, seconded by Evan, to approve pay application #1 to APAC totaling \$91,276.32. Motion carried.

Council requested that City Superintendent Kent Sullivan keep track of hours and present to council on payroll days.

Evan moved, seconded by Joyce, to approve vouchers and payroll.

At 7:47 p.m. Evan moved, seconded by Jane, to go into executive session for 10 minutes with mayor, council, city clerk, and Trish Harding to discuss non-elected personnel. No action was taken.

At 7:55 p.m. Executive session ended.

Evan moved, seconded by Devin, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

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John L. Bisnette, Mayor

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Miranda Robinson, City Clerk

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