

**CITY OF MERIDEN
APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2018**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:10 PM

THOSE PRESENT

Council Members: Floyd Cozadd Ty Buschbom BJ Whiteman

Dana Boyer, Mayor Carrie Daniels, City Clerk Lee Hendricks, City Attorney

NOT PRESENT

Jacqueline Cummings Richard White

PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing was held on the 2019 Proposed Budget. Mayor Boyer asked if there were any objections and none were heard.

Motion was made by Ty Buschbom, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to approve the 2019 Budget as proposed. Motion passed 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Alicia & Paul Wittkop were present to discuss the demolition of the building located at 105 East Main Street, next door to City Hall. McPherson Wrecking is doing the demolition. Once construction is completed, the Wittkops plan to sell pies, cookies, cakes, farm products and ice cream. They hope to have space available for parties and the business will be called "The Shop".

Paula Debacker was present to update the Council on a memorial tree and plaque purchased for the city park to honor deceased members of the Jefferson West Class of 1976. Mayor Boyers asked Paula if she would let her know the date of memorial so she could be present. Paula will get with James Wells to decide location of the tree.

Bobette Butler presented information on a new grant program that Jefferson County is eligible for. "Healthy Families" is a program with Kansas Children's Service League (KCSL). The program enrollment begins with prenatal children until the index child is 3 months of age. The agency can do home visits, transportation to appointments from Jefferson and Jackson County until the child reaches school age. They have one worker currently for Jefferson County. Mayor Boyer mentioned she is sheriff's officer and the school resource officer for Jefferson West, Oskaloosa and Valley Falls in Jefferson County and would be a good contact person for them.

Lee Hendricks updated the Council on Charlie Scheidegger's (Scheidegger Auto Collison LLC) request to have the City of Meriden vacate the city easement between M&M Services and his business so he can expand his building. Lee relayed the procedures to vacate. He told Council

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NEW BUSINESS-CON'T

if Mr. Scheidegger wants the city to vacate the easement, he needs to make a formal request and the city can go from there.

Councilman Floyd Cozadd discussed problems with the ATV's in town and the need to update our ordinance. Council discussed age restrictions and street legality. Lee Hendricks relayed that Ozawkie requires ATV owners to register and provide a copy of their insurance. Then they obtain a registration sticker from the City. After further discussion, Lee suggested sending Clerk Daniels a copy of the Ordinance and application so she could bring the matter to Council during the next meeting.

Discussion held on the Feyh Liquor Occupational License renewal.

Motion was made by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Ty Buschbom, to renew the Occupancy License for Feyh Liquor. Motion passed 3-0.

Rock Creek Township Fire Department wrote a letter to the city regarding the issue of payment for upgrading the radio system in the schools and they will pay half of the bill. All is good between the City and the Fire Department.

OLD BUSINESS

Lee discussed the proposed contract with Inland Waste and issues of cost averaging for recycling costs.

Motion was made by Ty Buschbom, seconded by BJ Whiteman, to grant the Mayor the authority to sign the contract once an agreement is received back from Inland Waste. Motion passed 3-0.

Motion made by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Ty Buschbom, to appeal prior authorization for the City Clerk to purchase three computers and two laptops. Motion passed 3-0.

Motion made by Ty Buschbom, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to authorize Clerk Daniels to upgrade operating software to Windows 10 for city computers and to purchase 2 laptops plus installation cost with Premier One for the quoted price of \$2,690. Motion passed 3-0.

Michelle White brought the contract for service for Five Star Masonry in and made a payment for utility service at K-4 Sports. No payment for Sewer services or connection fee for Five Star Masonry was made. Mayor Boyer briefed Council on the conversations with Barry White regarding the issue of the sewer line connection fee and tax abatement issues. Lee suggested Clerk Daniels send a copy of the minutes that waived the connection fee for K-4 Sports and any discussion on Five Star Masonry utility billing. Council wanted Clerk Daniels to include a letter inviting him to the September meeting.

Mayor Boyer read a summary from City Inspector Paul Crawford regarding building permit issues. Discussion held regarding expired permits and status of a variety of projects throughout town.

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SEWER/TRASH DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

Lee Hendricks advised council to write off the Nicki Steinbach account and to cease all collection efforts.

Council reviewed tax assessments for delinquent sewer accounts and were good with all of them.

POLICE DEPARTMENT TIME

R&S Maintenance made coins with “Meriden Police Department” printed on them. The coins will be handed out to kids found doing something good in the community. Coins are good for one free fountain drink at Jeff West Junction.

Chief Boyer spent several hours at Jefferson West High School educating staff on active shooter scenarios. They handed out “How to respond to Active Shooter” posters to teachers and distributed a couple to the City Clerk’s office in Meriden City Hall.

Chief Boyer discussed the situation regarding the town’s street lights. He would like to see more lights put in place. He encouraged the Council drive around after dark to see how dark the town is and where more lights are needed.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT TIME

Matt relayed Bettis Asphalt will be back to complete patching. He asked how the City wants to do the bids on road work that needs to be done on Main Street.

Business expansion downtown and the need to review the City’s parking options on Main Street. No action taken at this time.

Mayor Boyer informed the Council about the job James Wells, Matt Williams, and Ryan Schmidt did going above and beyond their normal duties to remove a dead cat from under elderly resident’s trailer. The smell was making her sick.

Jackie Cummings arrived at 8:02 PM.

ATTORNEY TIME

Lee Hendricks, City Attorney, informed and updated the Council about the sewage lagoon incident where the lagoon was pumped into the 74th Street ditch by Denison State Bank and the waste water flowed back into the city ditches on Palmberg. James relayed that KDHE said they gave the OK for this to be done. After further discussion, Council agreed to let Lee send letters to KDHE and others as requested.

Lee Hendricks and Jackie Cummings discussed the resolutions needed for the Meriden Fall Festival/Street Dance. Lee will draft the new resolutions for 100 block of East Main Street

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ATTORNEY TIME

for the street dance. If council decides differently, they will have two options to choose from when making the motion. Another resolution will allow alcohol within the barricaded area on the 100 block of East Main Street. Lee will draft the resolutions and bring to the September 11, 2018 meeting for approval. Lee asked if anything else was needed before the next meeting on this and nothing that anyone could think of at this time.

MAYOR TIME

County Commissioner Wayne Ledbetter was present to explain the changes to 911. The changes still allow people to reach it by dialing 911 as usual.

Wayne also told the Council about a new centralized countywide burn permit so that everyone in Jefferson County will be aware of when there is a burn approved or when burns are prohibited.

Wayne was glad to hear the city helped pay to upgrade the radio repeater system in the school.

Wayne introduced and explained how the Land Bank came to Jefferson County and how it works. He was happy to hear that the two buildings next door were purchased and something useful would take their place after demolition.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES

Motion by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Ty Buschbom, to change the date from July 14, 2018 to July 17, 2018 on Page 2 of 4. Motion Passed 4-0.

Motion by made by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to approve July 17, 2018 Meeting Minutes as amended changing date on page 2 of 4. Motion passed 4-0.

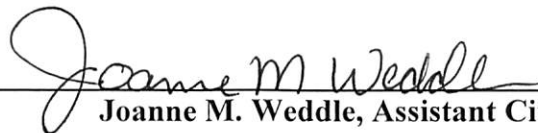
MOTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES

Motion was made by Ty Buschbom, seconded by Jackie Cummings, to approve expenditures. Motion passed 4-0.

CONTINUE OR ADJOURN THE MEETING

Motion was made by Ty Buschbom, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by:


Joanne M. Weddle, Assistant City Clerk

