

**CITY OF MERIDEN  
APPROVED MINUTES  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 13, 2019**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM**

**THOSE PRESENT**

Council Members:      BJ Whiteman              Ken Parker              Floyd Cozadd

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

Not Present:              Richard White

Arrived Late:              Jackie Cummings

**NEW BUSINESS**

***Motion made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by BJ Whiteman, to approve 2020 Proposed Budget. Motion passed 3-0.***

Jim McGrath, Planning and Zoning Secretary, made two (2) recommendations.

1. Recommend approving Final Plat of Meriden Heights and to allow access to Lot 1.
2. Recommend to allow Entrance onto Lot 2.

***Motion was made by Ken Parker, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to accept Planning and Zoning recommendations to access Lot 1 off of Palmberg Road. Motion passed 3-0.***

***Motion made by Ken Parker, seconded by BJ Whiteman, to approve granting entrance to Lot 2 which is zoned B1. Motion passed 3-0.***

Mark Abeln, Dollar General Engineer from Abeln and Associates was present. Dana Boyer, Mayor and Lee Hendricks, City Attorney spoke regarding Meriden Heights. Final plat was signed by Dana Boyer, Mayor and Carrie Daniels, City Clerk. Final Plat is ready to be filed at the Register of Deeds Office.

Bob Hefner, resident of Meriden for forty-six (46) years has been Jefferson County Sheriff, Meriden Chief of Police, and Mayor of Meriden wanted to discuss ATV's being banned. He would like to see the City have ATV's, Side-By-Sides and Work Utility Vehicle's be registered with the city and have decals. Bob relayed that the concern the Chief of Police had mainly was the insurance.

Floyd Cozadd relayed to Bob that he brought it up to council due to kids riding four (4) at a time and screaming down the streets.

**NEW BUSINESS – CON'T**

Bob Hefner relayed that there is a New State Statue that allows these vehicles to cross the highway now. Bob asked council to reconsider changing the law to allow ATV's, Side-By-Sides and Work Utility Vehicle's in town. Bob asked what the "reserved" meant in Ordinance 2018-06 and Lee Hendricks, City Attorney explained it just left Ordinance open.

Dana Boyer, Mayor relayed to Bob and to those present a few people have ruined having these vehicles in town for everyone because of the misconduct.

Bob relayed in the October 23, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes it was discussed having decals and registering the ATV's, Side-By-Sides and Work Utility Vehicle's at City Hall. Why did this not happen? Mayor Dana Boyer and Jason Boyer, Chief of Police, relayed the ATV riders have been given warnings as they may not be aware the law changed. Danny Erdman relayed his concerns and asked if Lawn Mowers or Golf Carts are street legal and Lee Hendricks, City Attorney stated no.

Bob relayed there are many residents who want to be allowed to ride their ATV's and Bob thanked the Council for listening and asked if they would consider this request. Bob Hefner thanked Council for listening and asked if they would consider this request. Council thanked him for coming.

Kyle Buzzard – Not Present – Was to discuss GO Bonds for sewer improvements.

Kylee Mullins – Not Present – Was to discuss Supplemental Insurance.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Jake Farrant from Kansas Turf is still interested in annexation, but has no proposal yet due to his busy work schedule. Issue tabled for now.

Council is still waiting on a response from Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) regarding Countryside Square Sewer Lagoon. Lee Hendricks, City Attorney, is submitting a letter to KDHE, addressing this issue.

Tiffany Thomas is a new Associate with Lee Hendricks, City Attorney's law firm and came to see how meetings go. She will be attending court for Lee at times.

Jackie Cummings arrived at around 8:00 p.m.

**REQUEST FOR SERVICE**

William Sagenhagen, Owner of Meriden Trailer Parks East and West, was present to discuss with Council bringing in refurbished trailers some of which are over twenty (20) years old and asked about the possibility. Lee Hendricks, City Attorney asked if Paul Crawford, Building Inspector could approve them.

Lee Hendricks recommended a blanket ordinance.

**REQUEST FOR SERVICE – CON’T**

***Motion made by Ken Parker, seconded by BJ Whiteman, to refer William Sagenhagen to Planning and Zoning to get a variance and give him 90-Days to approve and meet code, thirty (30) year rolling and be HUD approved. Motion passed 3-0.***

Lee will send to Planning and Zoning tomorrow.

William Sagenhagen brought up the Sewer cost and Council explained the cost, capping off procedures, vacant lot rates and sewer hook-up fees. This helped William to understand the reason for cost.

William Sagenhagen brought up abatement letters and Lee Hendricks, City Attorney explained procedures. Jason Boyer, Chief of Police, will call William Sagenhagen, but Lee relayed that Jason could notify William of the violation and he could notify the tenant and if it continues then a letter would be sent. It is a policy for all City of Meriden Residents to receive the notification by mail.

**SEWER AND TRASH DELINQUENCIES**

Sewer and trash delinquencies were discussed and are looking great.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT TIME**

School is starting back up and Police Department will be doing school zone patrols, supporting school events and the street dance. Trying to keep equipment up to date and covering what is most important to the city to have an officer on duty.

**ATTORNEY TIME**

Discussion regarding Bike and Band Parade’s led to there being no change to the Resolution for street closure.

***Motion made by Ken Parker, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, Resolution 19-03 regarding 2019 Fall Festival for closure of 100 block of Main Street. Motion passed 4-0.***

***Motion made by Ken Parker, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, Resolution 19-04 to allow 2019 Fall Festival allowing Alcohol in designated areas on Main Street. Motion passed 4-0.***

***Motion made by Ken Parker, seconded by BJ Whiteman, move to approve Resolution 19-05 to approve vicious dog ordinance as presented. Motion passed 4-0.***

The abatements were discussed. Lee Hendricks, City Attorney, felt abatements shall be filed in court if not resolved. Procedures are listed below:

1. Letter
2. Time Run
3. Do Complaint and give ten (10) days to take care of abatement
4. Fine is given

If not resolved, City of Meriden will take care of and assess cost to the property owner.

**ATTORNEY TIME – CON’T**

The Baptist Church on Maple and Wyandotte has been gifted to a church in Topeka and it will be called Cottonwood Baptist Church. Carrie Daniels, City Clerk, needs a contact telephone number, to let them know about Contract for Utilities and service to change names and billing address.

Floyd Cozadd brought up Barry White’s grass height and seeing if he can get it mowed as the council discussed property off Lull Street between 4-Plex and Buschbom property.

Jason Boyer, Chief of Police informed council that he spoke with Carrie Daniels, City Clerk, about street light being placed behind Mammoth Construction due to burglary.

Lee Hendricks, City Attorney, left at 8:59 pm to take a phone call and returned in approximately five (5) minutes.

**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT**

Matthew Williams, Maintenance Department, presented bids received from King’s Construction and ATM Concrete.

<u>Sidewalk Project Bids</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Alternate 2</u> <u>Handrail</u>	<u>Total</u>
King’s Construction	\$43,315	\$ 6,230	\$49,565
ATM Concrete Base Bid	\$47,400	\$11,100	\$58,500

***Motion made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by Jackie Cummings to accept King’s Construction for Sidewalk Project. Motion passed 4-0.***

John Welch, City Auditor, relayed to get a program for current year to pave from Football Field to Main Street, cost approximately \$35,460. He feels Prairie Bend needs to be asphalted, curb and celiac.

***Motion made by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to have City of Meriden 0asphalt Prairie Bend Subdivision for \$59,375. Motion passed 4-0.***

Ken Parker gave council a copy of a Bathroom Floor Plan with Concession Stand for Lacey Ball Field. He was told this could be built for \$25,000. Discussion led to discussion and is tabled for now.

***Motion made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by Jackie Cummings, to use \$4,607 to Knapheide for new sander for dump truck. Motion passed 4-0.***

***Motion made by Ken Parker, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to ratify the purchase of tubing for Jeff West Elementary School for \$5,195.69 as it will be reimbursed. Motion passed 4-0.***

**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – CON'T**

Wayne Ledbetter asked the status of street assigning between county and City of Meriden. Lee Hendricks, City Attorney was called out of town unexpectedly and was unable to get the results, but will work on this and get back with Wayne.

**MAYOR TIME**

Dana Boyer, Mayor, thanked Matt Williams, Maintenance Department for painting school crossings.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES**

*Motion was made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by Jackie Cummings, to approve July 9, 2019 minutes. Motion passed 4-0.*

**MOTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES**

*Motion was made BJ Whiteman, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to approve current expenditures. Motion passed 4-0.*

**CONTINUE OR ADJOURN THE MEETING**

*Motion made by Ken Parker, seconded by BJ Whiteman, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 4-0.*

Respectfully submitted by:



Jerri Lederer, Assistant City Clerk

