
The May 14, 2018 regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Julie Lyon.

Council members Ryan Clark, Dennis Dye, Andy Holmes and Nicholas Minks were present for roll call. City Staff present was City Administrator Downing. There were 10 guests present.

Mayor Lyon led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Demolition assistance for a property was added to new business.

CONSENT AGENDA AND MINUTES

Council member Dye made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the April 23, 2018 regular council meeting, minutes from the May 9, 2018 special council meeting and appropriation order 8-18; Council Member Minks seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 – 0.

#8-18	
W&L Utility	\$96,213.97
General	\$48,016.44
Ritz Theatre	\$2,568.46
Special Highway	\$62,384.00
Solid Waste Refuse	\$12,980.25
Capital Improvement	\$70,000.00
Swimming Pool Construction	\$111,852.37
Sewage Disposal	\$1,870.77
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID	\$405,886.26

COMMUNICATION

City Administrator Downing informed the Council of Interim Police Chief Osburns resignation effective May 21st. Council member Dye made a motion to accept the resignation; Council member Holmes seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 – 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Myra Morrison was present to discuss Stafford street. Once the new pool is complete and the recreation facility is open, there will be increased traffic in the area. The street is narrow and she asked if we would consider turning the street into a one-way only street or look at options. She also asked that we consider the speed limit on that street as well. Mayor Lyon also added that we were working on a study from the department of transportation. Oad Sears was present with complaints about the street in front of his house not being clean, his second amendment rights, sewer issues believed to be the responsibility of the City and wanted City Administrator Downing to do more about the problems. Emma Goad was present to voice concerns about the loose dogs on her block and other places around town. Mary Bunker was present to ask for the City to work with Verizon to help get better cell phone coverage. City Administrator Downing informed her that Verizon has had the structural drawings approved and will be adding two new repeaters soon.

OLD BUSINESS

- Council member Clark made a motion to approve the 2018-2019 Appointments list as presented which included a vacancy for Public Officer, Building Inspector and Ritz Committee member; Council member Minks seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

- City Administrator Downing informed the Council of a dividend check from EMC Insurance in the amount of \$13,449.68.
- Council member Holmes made a motion to approve an invoice in the amount of \$138,576.69 for slurry seal to South Central Sealing & Paving; Council member Dye seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Council member Clark made a motion to approve an invoice in the amount of \$111,825.00 for swimming pool construction to Carrothers Construction Company; Council member Minks seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- City Administrator Downing informed the Council that the County Sheriff's Department services will include enforcing State statutes, no local City ordinances, will respond to emergency calls as possible and pass through town during shifts as possible. Council member Holmes suggested discussing County wide patrol options with the Sheriff's Department for future possibilities. Mayor Lyon stated that a full time police department, like a hospital and a school, is something that makes a town attractive. There was further discussion regarding code enforcement, the police department and potential pros and cons of County wide coverage. Council member Minks made a motion to advertise for a part time code enforcement officer and full time Police Chief; Council member Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- City Administrator Downing informed the Council of a property that needs demolished. The owner has asked for assistance from the City. In the past, there has been a flat rate charge to the owner and the City has paid the balance through the demolition fund. Council member Clark asked about any available grants for demolition. Council member Holmes made a motion to approve Stone Sand for Demolition of the property at 217 S Boston in the amount of \$4,500.00 with the owner paying \$1,000.00 of the total if a grant is not available; Council member Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 – 0.

STAFF COMMENTS

City Administrator Downing reminded the Council of the next regular Council meeting being on Tuesday, May 29th due to Memorial Day. She also informed the Council that the Vac truck repairs were almost complete. There were no other staff comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council member Clark stated that he is responsible for the debris in front of his property and if able, others should also take care of their property when possible. He also asked about the property at 212 E Broadway and would like the homeowners present at a future meeting to discuss plans for repair. Council member Dye stated that he felt the property was being worked on in a timely manner. Council member Minks stated that he was also going to inquire about the Verizon service. He also asked what the status was on a new radar gun as he knew there had been a donation. City Administrator Downing informed him that she recently heard of a donation but had not received it yet and that they may not need to purchase a new radar gun if theirs can be fixed. There is also an option to purchase a refurbished radar gun at a cheaper rate and that is being looked into if a purchase has to be made. Council member Minks also asked about the maintainer and if it had been fixed. City Administrator Downing informed him that they focused repairing the Vac truck in the last couple weeks and will turn back to the maintainer which needed new hydraulic hose. Mayor Lyon thanked the public for attending the meeting and informed them that she is always available to talk. There were no other Council comments.

ADJOURN

With no further business before the Council – Council member Minks made a motion to adjourn at 7:47 P.M.; Council member Dye seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 - 0.

Julie Lyon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jami Downing, City Administrator

A draft copy of minutes from the May 29, 2018 regular Council meeting is available in the City office