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The May 29, 2018 regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Julie Lyon.

Council members Cheryl Blanton, Ryan Clark, Dennis Dye, Andy Holmes and Nicholas Minks were present for roll call. City Staff present was City Administrator Downing. There were 5 guests present.

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

### **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Economic development was added to new business.

### **CONSENT AGENDA AND MINUTES**

Council member Clark made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the May 14, 2018 regular council meeting and appropriation order 9-18; Council Member Holmes seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.

#9-18	
W&L Utility	\$57,297.86
General	\$27,748.42
Ritz Theatre	\$2,509.56
Swimming Pool Construction	\$141,300.00
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT PAID</b>	<b>\$228,855.84</b>

### **COMMUNICATION**

There was no communication.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- After discussion regarding the property at 525 S Keystone, it was the consensus of the Council to list the property, as is, with Phyllis Hager/Realtor for \$25,000.00.
- It was the consensus of the Council to add two members from the governing body to the hiring committee for Police Chief, in place of Doug Brown and Jerry McMillian. There was discussion regarding the police department and patrol options from the County. Sheriff Murrow was invited to the next Council meeting to discuss County wide patrol options.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Jim Stanford was present to ask the Council if the street in front of the Refuge on Main, between Camden and his driveway could be blocked off during Oktoberfest for a beer garden. Council member Clark made a motion to allow the Refuge to block off Main street, between Camden and their driveway, from after the parade on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> until 3:00 am Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>; Council member Minks seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Carolyn Dunn was present on behalf of Stafford County Economic Development to discuss an application for a grant to potentially create new jobs. This funding would help cover equipment and lease/purchase of a property for a call center type facility to be set up. This could potentially employ 16 people in Stafford and 16 people in St. John. There was further discussion regarding the grant process and a request for additional time to review the request and gain additional information

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- about the grant proposal. Carolyn explained that the deadline was approaching quickly and that the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting would be the very latest she could wait for the letter of support approval. Council member Blanton made a motion to approve a letter of support for the Stafford County Economic Development grant application; Council member Holmes seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 – 2.
- City Administrator Downing informed the Council that there was recent discussion regarding seasonal employment and was asked that it be added to the agenda for discussion. It was the consensus of the Council to proceed without seasonal employment and if extra help was needed, ask the County Attorney about a community service program.
  - Carrothers Construction Company Invoice was presented for approval. Council member Holmes made a motion to approve an invoice in the amount of \$141,300.00 to Carrothers Construction Company; Council member Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0. City Administrator Downing informed the Council of the color selections that were in the packet for shade structures and that there would be more to come for other items and asked the Council if they were going to pick colors or allow the PBC. It was the consensus of the Council to allow the PBC to determine colors selections.
  - Council member Blanton made a motion to recess into executive session for non-elect personnel for personnel matter applicant review with Council, Mayor, City Attorney Knappenberger and City Administrator Downing until 8:15; Council member Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0. Council returned to regular session at 8:15. Council member Clark made a motion to hire Alex Partida as a police officer at \$17.00/hr; Council member Minks seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 – 2.

## **STAFF COMMENTS**

City Attorney Knappenberger informed the Council that he would be attending a City Attorneys meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup>. City Administrator Downing informed the Council of mowing letters and stated that almost 100 had been sent out in three weeks. She also informed the Council of a meeting with Midwest Energy she had in the next couple weeks. Council member Holmes asked about wind generation that was previously discussed, she informed him that it had phased out a little and was not as good of a deal as previously thought, she stated she would update them further after the energy meeting. There were no other staff comments.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council member Minks asked about the Verizon service, City Administrator Downing explained that they were sending a crew out to perform another structural survey and then they should be proceeding with the repeater improvements. He also asked about mowing letter process and was informed that only one letter is sent to a property and then anytime it needs mowed after that, an additional letter is not required. Mayor Lyon stated that a citizen had talked to her about code enforcement, so she knows people are aware code enforcement is coming. There were no other Council comments.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jim Chansler told the Council that the drug problem was only going to get worse in town without the presence of law enforcement. He also asked what he was supposed to do with bad check cases as those are reports the Sheriffs Department does not handle, City Administrator Downing informed him that our part-time officer was able to take those reports and file them with the County, so they would be covered. Mary Bunker informed the council that the pool construction company has been working daily on the pool and making progress.

## **ADJOURN**

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With no further business before the Council – Council member Blanton made a motion to adjourn at 8:27 P.M.; Council member Dye seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 - 0.

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Julie Lyon, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jami Downing, City Administrator

*\*A draft copy of minutes from the June 11, 2018 regular Council meeting is available in the City office\**