
The June 11, 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

Fireworks and City property were added to new business. Executive session non-elect personnel – personnel matter was added to old business.

CONSENT AGENDA AND MINUTES

Council member Clark made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the May 29, 2018 regular council meeting and appropriation order 10-18; Council Member Dye seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.

#10-18	
W&L Utility	\$80,144.26
General	\$17,796.72
Ritz Theatre	\$1,661.23
Sewage Disposal	\$3,808.66
Solid Waste Refuse	\$12,999.00
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID	\$117,691.53

COMMUNICATION

There was no communication.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Bunker showed the Council a magnet she received at a parade in Pratt regarding their movie theater and would like to see the Ritz have promotional items like that for events.

OLD BUSINESS

- Sheriff Rob Murrow was present to discuss the Police Department. He informed the Council that they really needed a proposal to submit if they wanted to further discuss County wide patrol options. There are many details that would need to go into that discussion, so specifics would need to be set so that the most accurate information could be provided to the City. He informed them that the startup cost of one officer, fully equipped, was over \$50,000.00. There was much discussion regarding the Police Department and possible County wide options. It was the consensus of the Council to continue exploring all options for law enforcement coverage.
- Council member Minks made a motion to recess into executive session for non-elect personnel for personnel matter with Council, Mayor, City Attorney Knappenberger and City Administrator Downing until 7:40; Council member Blanton seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0. Council returned to regular session at 7:40. Council member Clark made a motion to recess back into executive session for non-elect personnel for personnel matter with Council, Mayor, City Attorney Knappenberger and City Administrator Downing until 7:52; Council member Dye seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0. Council returned to regular session at 7:52. No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

-
- Cassidy Mawhirter submitted a progress report regarding his property at 212 E Broadway. Council discussed the improvements. It was the consensus of the Council to review again in 90 days.
 - Council discussed the contracted waste water operator. Council member Minks made a motion to pay \$22.50/hr contract fee to Jason Wyatt for any hours over the monthly contract for waste water operations; Council member Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.
 - Council discussed additional days to discharge fireworks outside of the current City code which allows from noon to midnight on July 3rd and 8:00 am to midnight on July 4th. It was the consensus of the Council to stick with the current code and not allow additional days.
 - Council member Minks had asked for further discussion regarding the City property on South Keystone. There was much discussion regarding the home and maintaining it to make sure it does not turn into a dilapidated property, possibly renting, etc. It was the consensus of the Council to continue with listing the property for sale.

STAFF COMMENTS

City Attorney Knappenberger informed the Council that he attended the City Attorneys meeting. He also reported that he spoke with Greg Wright regarding our Midwest Energy meeting and that our new contract could have the demand charge dropped, which could save the City money on future statements. He also reported on an article he recently read regarding a battery farm that stores energy in the off hours to use during peak hours. City Administrator Downing updated the Council on Police Chief and Code Enforcement Officer applicants, tree trimming, alley work and plant maintenance. She also thanked employees Deana Eisenhour and Tara Turner for their work in bringing back the 'adopt a planter' program. She also informed them of the survey for Verizon that was completed the previous Monday to continue with adding additional repeaters to the water tower. She recommended scheduling a budget workshop at the end of the next regular meeting for the 2019 budget. There were no other staff comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council member Clark stated the City of Iuka has cleaned up quite a bit and asked to contact them to see what has worked for them regarding code enforcement. Council member Minks thanked the City crew for the tree trimming and clean up that has been completed recently and asked about additional weed removal on Main and Broadway. Mayor Lyon stated that she has also seen a lot of work being done and improvements being made, she has received compliments from people in town and traveling through. She also briefly discussed the rural opportunity zone map and potential for investors. There were no other Council comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dwayne Westphal stated that Turon hired a public officer from out of town and it works better for enforcement. Barbara Cooper stated that if she knew when the street sweeper would be on their street, they would move their vehicles.

ADJOURN

With no further business before the Council – Council member Blanton made a motion to adjourn at 8:24 P.M.; Council member Dye seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 - 0.

Julie Lyon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jami Downing, City Administrator

A draft copy of minutes from the June 25, 2018 regular Council meeting is available in the City office