

Minutes from January 11, 2021

Present: Mayor Kris Semisch, President Bruce Proctor, Regina Abbott, and Darcie Gomez, Steve Schuetz and Geri Ebersohl. George Laidler represented Maintenance. Jerry Farthing was absent for Police. Jennifer Braden was present for Code Enforcement/Public officer. In the audience: Jessica Boman, Emily Simpson, Gick Fleming, Alison Robbins, Debbie Fleming, Jon Lanier.

Mayor Semisch opened the meeting at 6:30.

Regina Abbott made a motion to approve the minutes from December 14, 2020 meeting. Geri Ebersohl 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed 5-0. Darcie Gomez made a motion to approve the bills with the comment of letting contractors know they must send bills by the next meeting. Bruce Proctor 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 5-0.

#### **Community/Citizen recognition:**

Bruce Proctor made a motion to adopt Resolution 01-2021. Darcie Gomez 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 5-0.

Council recognized Fleming Feed and Grain by presenting Gick and Debbie Fleming along with Alison Robbins a copy of the Resolution 01-2021 for all their contributions and commitment to the community for the years of service.

#### **Old Business:**

(a) Ord 2021-01: Darcie Gomez made a motion to approve and publish Ordinance 2021-01 for the purpose of landlord licensing permits. Steve Schuetz 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 5-0.

Jodie is to send a letter to all the landlords explaining our intentions and give them options to communicate if they have questions. Council will waive the permit fee every year if there are not any Notice of Order violations.

(b) utility inspections: The City will now require electrical and gas inspections with the assistance of the Butler County inspectors. If a house is empty for 6 months or a new build, then the County will need to be called to inspect. Jodie will call Michelle or Kristen at the County to see how they want the City to notify them. If the inspector must come out more than 2 times, there will be a \$45 charge that will be charged to the citizen and given to the County.

(c) Alternative Electric contract: Regina Abbott made a motion to accept the contract for Alternative Electric with the addition of 26(a) giving either party an option to terminate the contract with a 30-day written notice. Along with the other changes that have previously been mentioned.

#### **Agenda:**

(a) Jessica Boman: Regina Abbott made a motion to extend Jessica Boman until March 31, 2021 to get the building at 120 E. Central into compliance. Steve Schuetz 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 5-0.

Jessica is to get a building permit to fill out and turned back in to be approved before any work is done. She is to call Steve if they have any questions about footings. Jessica is the one that gave the March 31, 2021 date. Steve said to be sure to call Dig Safe and the Mayor mentioned they need to quit parking in the alley entrance. Darcie Gomez will send Jodie an addendum to the Hold harmless with the new date. Jessica said she would be in to sign it and Jodie will call Jessica when it is ready.

(b) Emily Simpson: Emily was here about a car violation. Due to unforeseen circumstances, they have not been able to register it. Council extended her 30 days to get the car registered, buy a rebuilding permit, or have the vehicle moved.

(c) Jon Lanier: introduced himself as the new manager at Prairie House Café and presented new menus with different food options. He talked about upcoming events he would like to have, and the Mayor told him to just stay in touch with the City office for any requirements that may need done. The Council thanked him.

#### **Order of Violations:**

None-Jennifer is finishing up the year with the past violations and starting on quadrants for the new year. Before anyone is on the order of Violation list, they will have an opportunity to appear before the Council to discuss their violation.

#### **Public Hearings:**

None

#### **Staff Reports:**

##### **Maintenance Report:**

(Regina left for an emergency)

(1) Berry tractor bid for the additional repairs for the grader are not approved. Jodie is to get ahold of David Rush to get an estimate of the cost and if there is an emergency then we need to call David Rush to get it fixed. We need to ask David Rush also about the distributor and what it would take to get it into working conditions and ask about a door handle for the grader.

(2) Steve Schuetz made a motion to approve the purchase of a 7ft weather guard toolbox from Superior Auto in Eldorado, Ks. Bruce Proctor 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 4-0.

(Regina returned)

(additional items) When there is extra time take the backhoe down to the limb pile and move the sticks off and spread out the dirt and eventually it will all burn down. When we run out of cold mix order another pallet, call Bruce Proctor and he will check on prices. Some morning Bruce is to get with maintenance guys and go down to the Guy Dr. entrance and show how the road needs to be going to the lagoon so they can clear trees and get started on that project when they have time. Street signs have been ordered.

##### **Clerks Report:**

(1) Meter cage: Council agreed the Terry's could make payments for the cost of moving the meter, but no work would be done until it was paid in full and a meter cage will be placed over the meter until work is started and if it is pulled out again then there will be charges filed in court.

(2) Sewer charge: Council agreed Ballard will continue to be charged for sewer until he is not at the residence at all.

(3) Noise ordinance: The Mayor said to look this over, this ordinance does cover more than our current one that only covers amplified systems in the cars. We can discuss the option of passing it next month.

Council approved the purchase of a stove top from Metro Appliance for Apt. #2 at Walnut Housing.

**Courts Report:** Court was better this time. Jodie said she does feel like the culture is changing in the city and it is noticeable.

**Law Report:** Chief was absent. Jodie gave report. Mayor said that Steve Howard has been appointed Assistant Chief while Jerry Farthing is out and knows that it is temporary. The Mayor did contact the Sheriff's department and they are aware of our circumstances.

**Code Enforcement/Public Officer report:** Jennifer presented her 2021 spreadsheet for violations for the year that the council will be receiving each meeting. Steve said he does agree that things are getting better and he thinks she is doing a good job. The Mayor said that everyone just needs to be consistent and stick to it.

Darcie Gomez called for an executive session for 15 minutes related to personnel. Steve Schuetz 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting started at 8:25pm.

Meeting ended 8:40pm. No decisions were made.

**Mayor:**

(a) Newcom building- Mayor looked at it there was some discussion and Council at this time decided there were more pressing items than to consider a newer building. Streets will be a priority.

**Council:**

Darcie said she would like us to talk to Andy with Encore and see if they can give us insight or better prices with our roads. Council thought that would be a good idea. She will get with him and have him contact Jodie.

Darcie Gomez made a motion to keep the appointment for the President of the Council the same as it now with Bruce Proctor holding that seat. Steve Schuetz 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 5-0.

Darcie Gomez made a motion to adjourn. Steve Schuetz 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.