

Minutes from August 9, 2021

Present: Mayor Semisch, Bruce Proctor, Regina Abbott, Steve Schuetz, and Geri Ebersohl. George Laidler represented Maintenance. Steve Howard for the Police. In the audience: Doug Goetz and Colton Woodard from Wilson and Company, Rose Mary Saunders from Ranson Financial, Gick and Debbie Fleming, Amie Oltman, and Jennifer Tirres.

Mayor Semisch opened the meeting at 6:30.

Regina Abbott made a motion to approve the minutes from July 12, 2021. Geri Ebersohl 2nd. Passed 4-0. Geri Ebersohl made a motion to approve the bills Regina Abbott 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

Ranson Financial:

Steve Schuetz made a motion to adopt the governing body authorization Resolution 10-2021 stating the city the legal authority to apply for the funding for the water project. Bruce Proctor 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

Steve Schuetz made a motion to adopt the OM resolution 11-2021 assuring we will set funds aside to maintain the future operation of our water system. Bruce Proctor 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

Steve Schuetz made a motion to adopt the KDHE resolution 12-2021 authorizing the completion of the application of the KDHE regarding an application of the loan fund. Bruce Proctor 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

Geri Ebersohl made a motion to adopt the Residential anti placement and Relocation plan. Regina Abbott 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

Geri Ebersohl made a motion to select Wilson & Company and Ranson Financial as our engineers and grant administrators for this project pending grant award. Bruce Proctor 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

Community/Citizen recognition:

Bruce Proctor made a motion to approve Resolution 013-2021 recognizing Bluestem Mercantile/USD 205 for their service to the community. Regina Abbott 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

Old Business:

South street tear down: Steve Schuetz made a motion to approve Barry Hebb for the tear down for 310 W. South St. Bruce Proctor 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

PRIDE COMMITTEE:

There were not any updates.

Agenda:

(a) Gick Fleming: Gick was present about the road on E. Central. Gick will continue to educate his employees and drivers about how to drive. He has put up a sign and is swinging his fence a different way. The maintenance guys put in the culvert in the easement to help maintain that road and if this doesn't help then we can revisit it. Gick would like to build a berm to help prevent the water from

getting in the scales. Steve will go look at it and then get with Mr. Lutz and see what the options would be.

Order of Violations:

There was not any notice of orders this month. Geri informed the council about the conversation the judge had with her after court this month. The judge wanted to talk to council about repeat offenders and those in court for the same thing time after time. When this occurs, the judge would like to use the jail time that is allowed in the ordinance as a stiffer way to try and gain compliance. The council agreed.

PUBLIC HEARING:

none

Permit Approvals:

a. Danny Jimenez building at 123 W. Mechanic. Steve Schuetz made a motion to approve the building permit for the building Danny Jimenez wants with the condition the building must stay on the concrete at the northwest corner and not go over the pad and gas line must be sitting on concrete so it can't settle and disrupt the gas line. Bruce Proctor 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

b. Danny Jimenez via Mark Mellies business enterprise permit for 114 W. Mechanic St. Steve Schuetz made a motion to approve the business enterprise permit for 114 W. Mechanic St. Regina Abbott 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

Staff Reports:

Maintenance Report:

They have been working on the roads. Bruce would like them to look at Ola St. and fix some of the loose spots that are there.

Clerks Report:

Steve Schuetz made a motion to approve the trash contract with T&D tire increasing the residential trash by \$0.50 per residence and keeping the business the same rate and also paying \$150.00 twice a year for clean-up week. Jodie reported the money market ARPA was opened, and the money is put in place. The bus barn supervisor came and visited with me today and would like crosswalks painted and more signage on Mill Rd. Maintenance will follow-up with him. Regina Abbott made a motion to purchase a yearly postal permit for the City. Steve Schuetz 2nd. Motion passed 4-0. He did say he will have the busses stay off the city streets as much as possible and use High St., Bluestem, and Mill Rd.

Courts Report: Court went well this month. We had another warrant person come in.

Law Report: Cars are all up and running. Speed tickets will be issued for 26mph if repeat offenders. The two at KLETC have done great so far. A meeting with Geri will happen when they come back. Chief informed the council that to ride a lawnmower you must have a driver's license and they should not be on the road per state requirements. Council said as long as things are being followed and they are not being reckless then let it be. If they are not obeying the laws of the road then ticket them.

Code Enforcement/Public Officer report: Bruce Proctor made a motion to appoint Steve Howard and the Leon Police Department as Code Enforcement/Public Officer. Regina Abbott 2nd. Motion passed 4-0. Bruce Proctor made a motion to appoint Jodie Laidler Code Enforcement/Public Officer for admin purposes of paperwork. Regina Abbott 2nd. Motion passed 4-0. Council agrees that Chief Howard will take the pictures and do the door knockers, notice of orders, and all the visiting at residences. Jodie will only be the contact the person if they come into the office, she can pull the pictures from the files and show them to the citizens but if more needed done then a meeting would be set up for them to meet with Chief Howard or the Mayor. Jodie will be the one that will have to take pictures the day of court, but the judge did okay that since those pictures will never be requiring her to testify.

Mayor:

Bruce Proctor made a motion to adopt ordinance 2021-03 adopting the 2021 edition STO. Geri Ebersohl 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

Bruce Proctor made a motion to adopt ordinance 2021-04 adopting the 2021 edition UPOC. Regina Abbott 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

Regina Abbott made a motion to adopt ordinance 2021-05 adopting the water rate to increase to the base rate of \$20. Steve Schuetz 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

Regina Abbott made a motion to adopt ordinance 2021-06 amending the current water drought/emergency ordinance. Geri Ebersohl 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

Geri Ebersohl made a motion to adopt the Municipal Water Conservation Plan with the changes. Regina Abbott 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

Bruce Proctor made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes regarding personnel. 8:40pm Executive session ending at 8:50pm.

Bruce Proctor made a motion to give Steve Howard a raise of \$1.00 per hour. Geri Ebersohl 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

Applications will be set to be reviewed on Tuesday August 17, 2021, starting at 6:00pm and going for 30 minute intervals.

Council:

Geri asked about the stones that are currently our street signs. Council agreed when it is time to remove them, we will take sealed bids and the highest one wins.

Open Forum:

Regina Abbott discussed the waterway by her house. William Heyman said it wasn't a natural waterway. Jodie is to get a map showing the flood plain in that area and Butch and Bruce will go talk to the guy and we will proceed from there.

Bruce Proctor made a motion to adjourn. Steve Schuetz 2nd. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.