

October 9, 2017 Regularly Stated Meeting

Present: Mayor Jack Coleman

Council Members: Roger Keck, Ricky Speer, Albert Dickson Jr., Penny Jones
Sherrye Stallings Mills late arriving at 6:45

Mayor called Meeting to Order at 6:32 pm.

- Invocation given by Roger.
- Minutes to Sept 11, 2017 Regular Stated Meeting were read by Teresa Johnson. Minutes were approved as read. Motion made by Roger to Accept Minutes as Read, 2nd by Albert. 4 Voted for. 1 abstained. Motion Carried.
- Minutes to Sept 25, 2017 Special Called Meeting Minutes were read. Corrections to the Discussion of the Gravity Filter & MicroFilter. Chase Lerma the Utilities Director's opinion was to dissolve the Mircofilter for cost effectiveness. Also the Mayor Jack Coleman had consulted with Kenneth Epperson on his opinion on the advantages and disadvantages to such, who had also had the same opinion. Then the Minutes were Approved with the Corrections and Additions. Sherrye made Motion to Approve Minutes with the Corrections and Additions, 2nd by Roger. All voted. Motion Carried.
- Minutes to October 2, 2017 Minutes were read by Teresa Johnson Corrections to Minutes that were changed to not Many findings, and that all findings were addressed before or there were measures in place for completion, before the Audit was completed. Motion made by Penny to Accept Minutes with Additions and Corrections, 2nd by Roger. 4 Voted, 1 Abstained. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

OLD BUSINESS

- **Discuss & Approve Water Taps Water Line Extensions & Sewer Taps With Rates- Barry Tipton Twin Mountain** – Consultation with the Attorney that the Letters do not suggest any Liability on the City's part for new waste water connection. Discussion on sending a Certified Letter to Barry on Sewer and Water. Rates were discussed that might include a \$2000 Tap fee for Sewer also, Outside City Limits. Tabled Due to Time Subject.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Discuss & Approve Conway Funds for Ag Facility for Ag Usage – Gordon ISD, Ag Teacher – Andrew Psencik** – Discussion on what things are covered. For instance, Insurance? Who is responsible? School or City (Conway Fund)? Then Usage is there anything that needs to happen before an Event can be organized on the Property without the City's permission? Conway Trust is a Fund that is set up for Usage for the School to Use the Property and the City manages the Funds. The Fund was created to food for the hungry children of Gordon. All Improvements to the Property are for the purpose for the usage of the Property for Ag use, as long as Improvements cannot be transported from the Property. Insurance will be looked into as to if School can get coverage, or if the cost can be paid thru the Conway Fund. Tabled until move Information is found.
- **Evaluation of Employee** – Matt Graff & Tyler Jones, Date of Hire is 9-13-2016.
 - **Council recessed into Executive Session @ 7:46 pm**
 - **Council returned for Executive Session @ 8:32 pm**

Evaluations were both positive and upbeat. Council was thankful for both employees for their ability and work ethics.

- **Discuss & Approve Christmas Decorations, Parade** – Discussion of budget and trying to stay within the use of just new lights to existing wreaths. The Parade is scheduled for Nov 25, 2017. Trying to have Wreaths up for the parade.
- **Discuss & Approve Alleyway Behind Keck House to Grandfathering in the Current Stair Structure Belonging to Kyle Owen as a Fixture that Cannot be Removed by the City in the Future** - The situation was presented to the Attorney who has sent an Invoice to the City, which leads to the belief that the paperwork was ready for pick up, although there was no answer at their office today due to it being Columbus Day. Not apparently sure if the Attorney had approached Kyle and solved the situation yet or not. – Tabled until Feed back from Attorney
- **Discuss & Approve Vacation Mode for Water Accounts** – Discussion on other Utility companies surrounding areas do not have Vacation Mode or Seasonal Modes these usually were for 6 months at least and they still paid a monthly charge. Motion made by Penny to have No Vacation Mode with \$25 fee to turn off/on each, Amended that if Customer wanted us to turn off/on there would be a \$50 fee for each. 2nd by Sherrye. 4 Voted for, 1 Voted against. Motion Carried.
- **Discuss & Approve Cypress St. Closure – Stringer Lots** – Discussion if Cypress St officially closed or not, no paperwork has been found. Sandy Stringer might sell these lots and needs to know if there will be access to them through this street. Penny made motion to Not close Cypress St. 2nd by Roger. All Voted for. Motion Carried.
- **Discussion & Approve Audit from Cam Gulley 2016-2017-** Discussion from the Audit lead to Sherrye making comments that all findings were addressed and/or plans were made to be addressed by the end of the Audit. Penny Made Motion to accept the Audit. 2nd by Sherrye. All Voted For. Motion Carried.
- **Discuss & Approve Concrete Work on Elm St. by Baptist Church** – Discussion was that Plans were being drawn up by Jack Coleman that have not been completed. Then Prospective Bids could then be received. – Tabled until plans completed.
- **Discuss & Approve Bid for Asphalt Paving Sealcoating for Roads –FEMA – Openings for Bids** –Discussion that a bid had been received from prospective contractor but not feedback from FEMA to the steps on ability of where the City was on this step, as to if it could happen yet. No one was in the office to check on before the meeting. – Tabled until more information can be obtained.
- **Discuss & Approve Raw Water Pump Rebuild Pump or Buy New One** – Discussion on Pump for Raw Water Pump that needs to be either rebuilt or a new one needs to be ordered. The cost to rebuild is \$2956 cost of new pump is \$2940 + freight. New pump is 3 weeks out. Motion made by Albert to purchase new pump. 2nd by Roger. All Voted. Motion Carried.
- **Discuss & Approve Purchase of New Filing Cabinet for Office** – Ricky made motion to purchase new Filing Cabinet, Amended by Ricky that if Roger could not find a cheaper one, to purchase new Filing Cabinet. 2nd by Albert. All Voted. Motion Carried.
- **Discuss & Approve Quickbooks Accounting Class for Secretary** – Motion made by Sherrye to pay \$1000 for QuickBooks Class for City Secretary to purchase and attend QuickBooks classes online that will enable her to Certification. The time can be done

from home as well and will be paid for by the City. 2nd by Albert. All Voted. Motion Carried.

- **Discuss & Approve the Repairs on Boggus' Driveway from Sewer Installation –** Discussion on what was understood as the agreement with James Boggus and the Installation and the Easement through the property at time of Sewer Installation. Tabled – to get more information.
- **Discuss & Approve Paying Bills –** Ricky made motion to pay bills. 2nd by Roger. All Voted. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned @ 10:06pm

Teresa Johnson, City Secretary

Jack Coleman, Mayor