

Council Meeting

June 10th 2025

President of the Council TJ Duncan called the meeting to order, Mayor Pat Walden was absent.

Pledge

Roll Call: Ken Collins, Lindy Rhodes, Debra Rice, TJ Duncan were all present

Ken motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$85,946.30, Debra 2nd, motion carried.

Lindy motioned to approve the minutes from the May meeting, Debra 2nd, motion carried.

Treasurer's report given by Brenda Howard

Debra motioned to approve the report, Ken 2nd, motion carried.

Accountant Liz Hart went over the monthly budget report. All the bills were normal, nothing out of the ordinary. Everything is running about the same as it was this time last year. It is getting to be budget time. They will need to start working on it. They will also need to

decide if they want to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate, just because they say they will doesn't mean they have to. It just provides a safety net. It also allows more time to get the budget done.

TJ stated that back to the bills: he noticed Joey is still not turning in receipts. They have talked to him about it a few times before. He may need to just turn in his card. Amy said that she talked to Joey and he said he would reimburse the city for those charges.

Ray Streeter the USD 246 Superintendent was present to discuss the digital kiosk that is at the school. He would like to set up a day and time to come over with the school I.T. guy and take pictures of the pictures of the Senior Classes and get them digitized and into the kiosk. They want to show recognition to the all the school districts that came before. It would be nice to have anyone that wants to come and tell some stories about the school and sporting events. They want to recognize the Tigers. Lindy told him that she and the Mayor were in the last graduating class in 1966. Ray will get in touch with Amy to set up a definite date and time. Amy suggested July 17th. Ken suggested that Kathleen

Henegar could come over and give them some of the history.

The owners of the trailer at 123 Walnut were back to discuss the progress on the property. They have gotten some of the trash cleaned up. They want to figure out how to get in an outside water faucet so they can burn the limbs. TJ says if they keep working on getting it cleaned up, the city will work with them. They were asked to come back next month.

Unfinished Business: On the gas discount program, Amy said they are still adding more customers, which means bigger discounts for everyone. They should have the paperwork in the next couple months. No movement on the storm siren money. The Tahoe has not been taken to Henegar's yet. No bids on a lean too, no prices on a trailer. The Military Road was moved by the State. Ernie has not been to Springfield for the fire hoses and masks. Amy stated that they need to make a final decision soon and adopt the Policy Handbook. She wanted them to notice on the draft that there was an error on the part regarding vacation time on page 7. After the second full

year thru 9 years- 10 working days, After the tenth year thru nineteenth full year- 15 days.

City Clerk: Bone Creek sent out a notice that they will be increasing another .25 cents beginning with June billing. They will need to make a decision on how much to spent on fireworks for July 3rd.

Ken motioned to spend \$2,500 for fireworks, Lindy 2nd, motion carried. They all agreed to get the hot dogs, buns, and watermelon as they do every year.

Amy stated that at the May meeting they had decided to condemn 107 E 4th and 110 E 5th.

Ken motioned to approve Resolution 2025-06 and 2025-07, to hold a hearing to condemn the 2 properties, Debra 2nd, motion carried.

Amy stated that the League puts out code books for the police department and courts to follow every year. They must adopt them by Ordinance. TJ motions to adopt Ordinance 2025-02, Ken 2nd, motion carried.

Amy would like to get a drive thru bell so she can hear when someone is at the window. The wireless one is

around \$250 on Amazon. Lindy motions to buy the drive thru bell, Debra 2nd, motion carried.

Amy presented a letter of support for the council to sign to turn in with the grant application to the Community Foundation of SEK. Everyone signed.

TJ stated that the family fishing night had a great turnout.

Plant and Fire: Ernie says the fire department will be attending the Arma parade in August. They had 4 medical calls. They still need to plan a day to get to Springfield to buy the hose and masks. The spare water pump for out South has come in. They had one power outage in the South end. The sewer pumps overflowed because of all the rainfall. He will need to order some electrical supplies to have in stock. He had to get a few things to be able to install more electrical hook ups at the ballpark for vendors and the band. Ernie needs to get a new seat cushion for the tractor. TJ motioned to order the seat cushion, Lindy 2nd, motion carried.

Police Dept: was called out

Council remarks: Ken stated that he was opening up to sell fireworks. The State passed a new law that allows fireworks sales from June 20th to July 7th.

Lindy asked if the retractable awning for the chapel came in. Amy said yes, it just needs installed.

Debra asked how much the cemetery collected in donations. Liz said they received \$5,100 in May.

TJ stated he had a couple complaints about lots not being mowed, but he took care of it.

Lindy motioned to adjourn, Debra 2nd, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.