

Minutes from the June 8, 2020

Present: Mayor Semisch, Steve Schuetz, Bruce Proctor, Regina Abbott, Geri Ebersohl, and Darcie Gomez. George Laidler was absent for Maintenance. Jerry Farthing was present for Police. Adrian Matthews was present for Wastewater Operator. Jennifer Braden was present for Code Enforcement/Public officer. John Roy Mellis was present for Water Operator. In the audience were Marylyn Brown, Charles Jimenez, Teri Jimenez, and, Carla Mendenhall.

Bruce Proctor made a motion to approve the minutes from May 11, 2020 meeting and the Special meeting minutes from the meeting of on May 18, 2020. Geri Ebersohl 2nd. Passed 5-0. Darcie Gomez made a motion to approve the bills. Bruce Proctor 2nd. Motion passed 5-0. Steve wants a count of the # of streetlights in the city that we pay for.

Order of Violations:

Bruce Proctor made a motion to approve the order of violations as presented. Steve Schuetz 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Old Business:

(a) mobile home ordinance: City clerk is to take the suggestions and write the amendments to the current ordinance and present it at the next meeting for Council to look over.

(b) accessory buildings: City clerk is to take the suggestions and write the amendments to the current ordinance and present it at the next meeting for Council to look over. Steve wants to be sure that the permanent foundation is included in that.

(c) Landlord/tenant agreements: City clerk is to take the suggestions from ordinances presented from other cities and present it at the next meeting for Council to look over.

(d) Larry Frost update: City clerk told the council that Mr. Frost had come in that morning and because of the rain had lost 14 days last month. He has a door frame done and 2 window frames completed along with some a couple of other items. He said he felt it was a big nuisance to come to the meetings every month for an update, so he wanted to be able to make it every 3 to 6 months. If the council will not allow him to continue to live on his property in his RV then he needs a week to make those arrangements. The progress on his place will also slow down since he will have to work to pay for a place to stay.

The council agreed that they had been more than generous with his exceptions and had even agreed in past meetings to his timeline so no more time will be allowed to continue to be in violations on his property. Bruce Proctor made a motion to allow Larry Frost one (1) week from June 9, 2020 to move his RV or be cited for it. Darcie Gomez 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Hearings: started at 6:48 pm

(a) Charles and Teri Jimenez were present. Teri Jimenez spoke. They wanted to discuss their property and felt the ordinance was vague and they needed specifics. They had moved 2 cars and cleaned up the front area. There is another car there and that will go next month. They just needed more direction. The also mowed the field and Teri wanted to know about continuing the fence they had a permit for in 2017. The Mayor informed them that to continue discussion about the field and the fence they would need to waive their right to request a public hearing in writing and would proceed or they had to strictly stick to the ordinance 8-105 that they requested. Teri said she didn't understand and asked what that meant. The Mayor explained that they have a right to request a public hearing in writing and prepare for it. The Mayor told her if they wanted to discuss the fence and the field, they could waive that right and they could proceed. Teri said that she wanted to discuss the 8-105 to get a better clarification and then continued to talk about the fence. Council showed them a map and told them that in 2017 when they drew where the fence would be and the fence permit was approved that they did not adhere to their own drawings and now the fence was on the easement and since it is still not complete would need to be removed and a new fence permit would need to be filled out.

Jennifer Braden, Code Enforcement/Public officer presented pictures and did say the that they had picked up a lot but since they have mowed it has left other stuff visible and that it needs to be removed also. Jennifer recommended that they be given until June 29, 2020, since the County wide clean-up is June 20-27, to get their yard in compliance and the property stakes found.

Resolution 03-2020 gives the property owners until June 29, 2020 to move the items from the West side of the house and to apply for a new fence permit after finding the property stakes. The resolution also revokes the previous fence permit. Bruce Proctor made a motion to adopt Resolution 03-2020. Geri Ebersohl 2nd. Motion passed 5-0. Resolution was signed by the Mayor and the City Clerk and copied and handed to Mr. Charles Jimenez.

Staff Reports:

Maintenance Report:

George Laidler was absent. Jodie gave the Maintenance Report. The street guys are to come out this week and along with the city guys they will mark the spots that need repaired while they are here. The city guys said they are sure that we have more spots than the street guys will be expecting. Bruce said to call Economy and see if a flat bed can be ordered before we have the truck so that will be ready when it gets here. Steve wants the door handles tightened, rock on Walnut St. removed, and the loose rock on Leona's ditch in yard picked up. The Mayor presented AE's bids. Steve Schuetz made a motion to approve the bid from AE in the amount of \$4,366 to replace 3 poles and fix the electrical wiring. Bruce Proctor 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Clerks Report:

Jodie Laidler gave the Clerks Report.

- (1) Harvest Home is planning on having the HHF back downtown and would like to make sure the city will be allowing it with the Covid-19. The council agreed that for the city it is fine but if the State or County limit things the City will have to follow their recommendations and HHF needs to realize they would be responsible for the reimbursement of any fees that need returned. The clerk is to let them know that.
- (2) The City will not have City wide garage sales this year but if an individual wants to have one they can.
- (3) I spoke with Mr. Gomez, the art teacher at the High School, and when school starts back up he will get his class to do a survey and present it to the council and paint the city limit signs entering the City.
- (4) With the recent outcry on social media Jodie emailed the clerks list and the cities our size that were doing streaming at this time were not going to continue it once things were opened back up. But the general census is that people are wanting things more transparent would it be okay to post the agendas and the minutes, once approved, on the website. The council was all in favor of that.
- (5) Once the Senior Center opens back up I am going to go over and help them sign up for the alerts on the website.
- (6) Council agreed to a fee of \$120 an hour for the time and equipment when we must go in and mow a yard that is not in compliance.

Law Report:

Jerry Farthing gave the Law Report. Steve Howard is doing good and Jerry is looking for more Reserves. Steve asked the Chief if he had spoke with the trespasser yet and Chief said he was doing that tonight. The Mayor said there needs to be more weekend evening coverage and the Chief said he will look at the schedule and get those changes done.

Code Enforcement/Public Officer report

Jennifer Braden gave the report. She is currently finishing up quadrant 3. Quadrant 4 is next. Then she will go back and start over and continue to make progress. She feels that most people are responding positively. Jennifer asked about the fence at 204 W. Charles St. She presented pictures of tarps and then railing with tarps and then metal off the top of it. She feels this needs to be corrected. Darcie Gomez said that since he was given an exception for tin, he should be able to continue the tin in the same height and color to match the existing fence or paint it. The fence that borders W. Charles St. will need to be 4ft tall and a new fence permit will need to be filled out. Council agreed and a letter should be sent.

Agenda:

(a) Marlyn Brown was here to ask for a spot where they shoot test fireworks. She said they have a cinder block and then they move it back and forth when using it. Darcie Gomes made a motion that she could use her test area at the corner of W. Vine St. close to the AT&T property, outside of the 100ft area. Bruce Proctor 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor:

(a) The Mayor gave an update on the mediation on the Patterson property and said the easement has been sent to the attorney.

(b) The Mayor read a letter from Alison Robbins about the progress for the property at Gick Flemings.

(c) Steve Schuetz made a motion to go into executive session regarding property for 10 minutes. Bruce Proctor 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Executive Session started at 8:27 pm

Executive Session ended at 8:37 pm

(d) Steve Schuetz made a motion to go into executive session regarding personnel for 10 minutes. Bruce Proctor 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Executive Session started at 8:38pm

Executive Session ended at 8:48 pm

Meeting back in session. Darcie Gomez made a motion to give Chief Farthing a one-time bonus of \$600 for all his hard work. Regina Abbott 2nd. Motion carried 5-0.

Council:

(a) Steve wants Jodie to contact Rose Mary and see where we are at and what we need to do to continue for the grant for the chlorine station and the Well.

Bruce Proctor made a motion to adjourn. Regina Abbott 2nd. Passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.