City of Rule Dec. 7th, 2022

The regular meeting of the Rule City Council was called to order at 5:33 PM. Kyle Kittley led the meeting in a prayer and Mayor Delle Watkins led with the Pledge of Allegiance. All council members were present along with Hugh Brady, Joyce Ramirez, Doris Williams, Curt Bryson, and Deputy Eddie Blackburn.

Municipal Court- Tamara Smart was absent. No report

The minutes from November were looked over. Bob Clark made the motion to approve the minutes and Marshall Bradford seconded. All in Favor.

No Public comments or written complaints.

Public Works- Hugh gave his report. The south pump motor at the water tower burnt up. Everything has been repaired and replaced. The speed bumps came in and have been installed. The water tower and ground storage tanks were inspected. Been patching roads around town, worked on the 900 block of 8th St. Had 6 water leaks- a 2 in behind the ATM in the alley, 2in on 800 block of Amity on west side of St in the ditch, service line at 910 Sunny, replaced service line at 1107 8th St., 1½ in line going to Trish Austin's, 2 in on 1300 block of 8th St side of road in the ditch. Hugh went to Animal Control School for CE hours. Hugh and Dean went to water school in Lubbock. Dean is signed up and waiting for approval to test. Took 8 dogs to Stamford. Had to put a new radiator in the 2004 pickup. Since we have ARP money still, he asked to buy 2 generators, a gas air compressor and a HACH SL 1000 water testing machine. Sandy Flores made the motion to buy the items requested and Kimberly Eaton seconded. All in Favor. Hugh also spoke about need to buy some Yield signs and poles at around \$91.00 each. Bob Clark made the motion to buy 10 Yield signs and poles at this time. Sandy Flores seconded. All in Favor. The signs will be installed in the most traffic areas first.

Fire Report- The fire dept. had an EMS assist, Gas meter that was ran over, grass fire south of town. The ISO report came in and the town stayed at a 6 rating but now the outside of the city limits went from a 10 rating to a 6 rating. The inspector said we should get the pumper tested and hoses pressure tested along with flow testing of all fire hydrants and repainting them, this will help on the next inspection. The Fire Dept. is planning on doing pictures with Santa next Saturday the 17th.

Cemetery Report- Delle spoke about the cemetery roads needing to be fixed.

Financial of Deposit were looked over along with the bills. Sandy Flore made the motion to approve the bills Kimberly Eaton seconded. All in favor.

Christmas Bonus was discussed. Last year the bonus was \$150.00. It was stated that it can't be called a Christmas bonus so it can be called incentive pay, end of year, etc. The council discussed giving \$350.00 to Hugh and Joyce and \$150.00 for Dean. Kyle Kittley made the motion for the incentive pay and Marshall Seconded. 3 in favor, 2 didn't vote. It was asked to call the Auditor to see what to call it and where to take it from and code it.

REBOOT Texas was discussed. The council currently does not want to sign anything. They wanted to see the other Interlocal agreement that the Haskell CAD says we are in. We need to see when this was entered into. This will be discussed again next meeting after the signed Interlocal Agreement has been sent to us. The Interlocal Agreement is for the selling of property given to the city, In Trust.

Regular Session ended at 7:02 and went into Executive Session at 7:02. Executive Session ended at 7:32.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM