

The regular meeting of the Rule City Council was called to order at 5:32 P.M. on April 7th, 2022. In attendance were Mayor Delle Watkins, Kimberly Eaton, Sandy Flores, and Bob Clark. Also in attendance was Tamara Smart, Hugh Brady, Joyce Ramirez, Jeffery Pippin and Doris Williams. Kyle Kittley and Krissy Richards were absent.

Mayor led in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The Texas Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jacs Smart.

Minutes From March 3rd and March 15th were looked over. Bob Clark made the motion to accept the minutes and Kimberly Eaton seconded. All in Favor.

MUNICIPAL COURT- Tamara Smart gave a report about the class she attended. She has been giving presentations to 2nd and 3rd graders about safety. A citation was given to a dog owner. Tamara said she would take the Court Clerk classes. This would be in June or Dec. in Austin. She thinks it will cost \$200.00 but she will find out the amount and what date she can get in. Kimberly Eaton made the motion for Tamara to be the Court Clerk, Sandy Flores seconded. All in Favor.

CEMETERY- Jeffery Pippin was introduced to the council members and he stated that he was planning on mowing the cemetery on Saturdays. Delle mention that the freeze had broke the PVC pipe to the water well at the cemetery and it would need to be repaired.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- Doris Williams just commented that she is interested in buying a city lot.

WRITTEN COMPLAINTS- None

PUBLIC WORKS- Hugh gave his report. The roads were graded, and 9 more loads of road base was added. New service at 107 Sunny and 407 Amity. Water Tap was done at 800 16th St. He stated that Joseph would let us spray for mosquitos under his license. Hugh order 2 barrels of mosquito poison and has received it. Need to purchase more weed killer. He has already sprayed the park, R/O plant, shop, west water well and the city yard. Needs probably 2 ½ gal of weed killer and 2 ½ gal of roundup to finish. A letter was sent to the game room for a CSI to be done. The water was shut off due to a positive lead test under the kitchen sink and no working sewer line. Water will be reconnected after a license plumber replaces plumbing under the sink and he has allowed 60 days for the sewer problems to be corrected. Talked with Jacob and Martin about the new sewer pipe size for the project. 7 dogs were picked up, 3 of those were surrendered. 1 citation has been issued.

FIRE DEPT – Hugh gave the fire report. 15 calls in March. A house fire in Rochester, grass fire 10 miles north of Haskell, house fire Lake Stamford at Veda's Camp, false fire call from a person on Adams St, grass fire in Rochester, grass fire 3 miles north of town(twice), multiple calls on big grass fire (over 3 days) north of Rule. Approx. 1700 acres burnt. 6 Fire depts. responded, 6 graders and a helicopter. Grass fire 10 miles east of Haskell, grass fire south of town due to lightning strike, house fire east of Rule. The 1-ton truck is finished and ready for service. The Fire dept. blew the radiator on the Pumper truck during the big fire. It has been fixed along with the brush truck and the bill was \$858.00. The fire dept asked if

the city would help with this bill. Sandy Flores made the motion to pay the whole \$858.00 and Kimberly seconded. All in Favor.

The bills were looked over. Sandy Flores made the motion to pay the bills and Bob Clark seconded. All in Favor.

The Budget was liked over and approved. Bob Clark made the motion to approve the budget and Sandy Flores seconded. All in Favor.

It was discussed and it was decided we would amend the dog ordinance to include a \$50.00 surrender fee.

Cemetery lots were discussed. We need to increase the amount of what a lot would sell for. Delle said she would call the surrounding towns to see what they are currently charging and have the information for the next meeting.

Risers on Robert Ace and Joyce Turners meters were discussed. These two are in very low areas and the fill with sand. It was discussed to replace the meter with a regular residential meter instead of the 2 inch. Bob Clark made the motion to replace the 2 inch meter with a residential meter and Kimberly Eaton seconded. All in Favor

Setting a pre-approved spending amount. It was decided to set it as \$5000.00 and an amount over this would have to be approved with the council even if there is money in the budget. Sandy Flores made this motion and Bob Clark seconded. All in favor.

City Wide Cleanup was discussed. It was decided to set this up for the first week in May.

Order of Cancellation of the Elections, Sandy Flores made the motion fore Order of Cancellations and Kimberly Eaton Seconded. All in Favor.

Aspermont water line was discussed. We discussed that the contract with Aspermont has been found and we are waiting on TCEQ to say if we will be required to have a generator at the Haskell Pump Station.

Speed Bumps for 8th St was discussed. It was mentioned maybe installing stop signs, but it was decided to do the speed bumps and speed bump signs and see how that works. If it works maybe, we could also install some on Sunny Ave. The cost for this would run \$1575.10. Bob Clark made the motion to purchase these, and Kimberly Eaton seconded. All in Favor.

Emergency Procedures were discussed for event of a tornado. We have a small safe room at the fire dept. and the First Baptist Church has a basement. Kimberly will talk to the church to see if they will open the basement up to the public if needed.

Selling of City Lots. There would be a 30-day bid for lots up for sale. The contract would state a time frame for which the lot would have to be clear or existing structure to be put back to code, if this time frame is not meet the lots would default back to the city and no money would be refunded. When we are ready it would be posted in the paper, Facebook, post office and in city hall.

Sandy Flores made the motion to adjourn, and Kimberly Eaton seconded the motion. All in Favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M. April 7th, 2022