

The regular meeting of the Rule City Council was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Dec.7<sup>th</sup>, 2023. In attendance was Mayor Delle Watkins, Kimberly Eaton, Sandy Flores, Marshall Bradford, Kim Stulir and Kyle Kittley. Also in attendance was Hugh Brady, Joyce Ramirez, Mr. Harris (Principal) of Rule ISD, Jason Smart, Emery Dudensing and Kirk Zieseemer.

Kirk led the meeting in prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Harris from Rule ISD came to speak about the boundaries of the streets around the school. With the Haskell CAD maps it isn't clear. The street in front of the gym was closed off to Amity many years ago so it isn't a through street anymore so he wanted confirmation that the parking area from Sunny back west belonged to the school so they could put up signs. The Council agreed that the area from the gym back was the school's and had no problem with them posting signs. Mr. Harris also wanted to know if the city street from the Hwy to Sunny Ave could be blocked off during school hours since kids are crossing the road from the Ag Shop back to the school. This is supposed to be a one-way during school hours but there has been traffic. Sandy wanted to see if TxDot could maybe put up some signs. Installing more speed bumps there was discussed. The council wasn't sure if putting up a gate was the way to go, maybe use some orange cones first to see if that would help with any traffic issues.

Minutes from November were read over. Kim Stulir made the motion to accept the minutes and Marshall Bradford seconded. All in favor.

No Public Comments or Written complaints.

Baseball Field- Jason Smart and Emery Dudensing were here to look over the contract for the baseball field lease and they wanted some of the language clarified. They now have their 501 3C in place. We will have the lawyer give us the language that needs to be stated. They also want the city to pay for the water well electric and the water/sewer for the length of the contract. They wanted this to be stated in the contract.

Financials of Deposits and Bill to pay were looked over. Kim Stulir made the motion to accept the bills and Kyle Kittley seconded. All in favor.

Voting for the Haskell Cad Board of Directors. The city has 37 votes and they cast the 37 votes for Rick Moeller.

Code Enforcer. Hugh spoke about the Haskell PD officer that is a licensed code enforcer and also animal control that he submitted an application to do code enforcement for the city. He has agreed to do the same time and pay that Manuel Ramos was doing for the city. The council wanted to give him a chance. They agreed to 12 hrs. a month (to use in the time that works with his schedule) and the \$25.00 an hr. Kimberly Eaton made the motion and Marshall Bradford seconded. All in favor. Hugh will call him and see when he wants to start.

Holiday schedule for 2024. Mayor Delle Watkins read the schedule for approval. Kyle Kittley made the motion to accept the schedule and Kim Stulir seconded. All in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS- Hugh gave his report. The Shop is finished other than being tied back into main power, lift is cut out. Shredded and weed eaten more at the sewer plant. Had water tower and 2 ground storage tanks inspected. RO people were here from Florida today to calibrate RO unit. Lake line is calibrated. Sewer tap has been done at the laundry mat along with the backflow inspection. TCEQ will be here next Wednesday for our 3-year inspection, so we have been doing a little extra cleaning at the RO unit. Fixed a leak on the lake line. Has submitted the application for Brian to test, now just waiting for TCEQ's approval. Stark's has 2<sup>nd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> street about as good as they can get it. The county has started tearing down 4 houses in the trust. 1 dog to Stamford, 6 animal control citations issued. The Christmas decorations have been put on the telephone poles downtown. Hugh stated the shop needs shelves, 77x48. He found some for \$250.00 a piece and he needs four. They will also need an air compressor and it will run around \$540.00. We will see where in the budget to get these items.

FIRE DEPT. REPORT- 2 EMS calls In Rule, 1 wreck west of Rule on HWY 380, Put up Christmas decoration at the fire dept. and had their Christmas party. They are having Pictures with Santa, hot chocolate and cookies at the depot on the 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm.

Cemetery Report- Jeff wasn't here but Delle said it was getting close to time to put out pre-emergence. At least by late February. Kyle Kittley made the motion to get a quote on the pre-emergence. Marshall Bradford seconded. All in favor.

Municipal Court- No report. Tye was in school.

PERSONNEL- The council ended the regular session at 7:09 pm and went into executive session. The item for this has already been taken care of so they ended the executive session.