

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order at 5:27 PM. In attendance were Mayor Delle Watkins, Kimberly Eaton, Sandy Flores, Kyle Kittley, Marshall Bradford, and Bob Clark. Also in attendance were Hugh Brady, Joyce Ramirez, Tamara Smart was absent. Manuel Ramos was here for code enforcement.

Mayor Delle Watkins led the meeting in prayer.

Approving the minutes from last months minutes. The minutes were looked over and Kyle Kittley made the motion to accept the minutes and Bob Clark seconded. All in Favor.

No public comments or written complaints.

Manuel Ramos spoke about Code Enforcement. He is a licensed code enforcer and works for the City of Stamford. He would like to help us out with our ordinances and codes. He has been a Code Enforcer for the City of Stamford for 8 years. He would work in Rule every other Saturday for 6 hrs. This would 12 hours a month at \$25.00 an hour. On the Saturday that he is here he would like to use the city truck, more official that way. He would do all the paperwork and leave the letters for Joyce to certify mail the next Monday. The city would also need to purchase a Citation book, Red Warning door tags and red parking violation tags (peel and stick) for vehicles.

For junked vehicle-(dismantled, no registration, not operatable) this takes about 51 days to resolve this violation. This is for any vehicle that is on the property in public view and on our easement.

Abandon houses- He tries to locate the owner(s). If an owner is found, they will be issued a warning. If they do not comply, then a citation can be issued with a fine. If not paid, they could go to jail. If they do not comply the City could demolish the house and a lien be put on the property.

Bob Clark thought we should give him a try long enough to see results and Marshall wanted to do a 6-month trial period. Manuel had no problem with a trial run. Bob Clark made the motion for 6 months to start with and Marshall Bradford seconded, Kyle, Bob, and Marshall in favor- Kimberly and Sandy against. Motion passed.

MUNICIPAL COURT- There was no report.

PUBLIC WORKS- Hugh gave his report. They have been working on the Depot floor, got a new pickup and order Decals, Got the new sprayer in, got the mower serviced and have it back. Talked to county commissioner about city streets and they are going to start helping us grade the roads when they have time. They put some milling down on 13th St from Union to Pawnee and they bladed Cardiff and Gladstone. He is asking us to supply the fuel. Jacob and Martin have put us in for a Texas water development grant like they do every year, this is just to see if we qualify for a grant process at this time. Have been replacing some old broken meter cans around town. 2 dogs taken to Stamford. Have been working on sewer lines for Gladstone and 8th to 2nd and Gladstone. Dean is eligible to test. Anson has a class for \$25.00. This would be a refresher course and then he could be scheduled to test. Kyle Kittley

said to send him. Kimberly Eaton made the motion and Marshall Bradford seconded. This is for a Tues.,Wed.,Thurs. We would give him money for lunch.

Hugh said he would go to a Regional School in Abilene in May

CEMETERY REPORT- Jeffrey came over to make sure all was good before the funeral and will trim up trees when they are marked.

FIRE DEPT. REPORT- Had EMS training, they brought over 2 ambulances and showed us how the new auto load cots work and where everything is on the ambulances, and went over different things to do at medical calls and wrecks. Went to storm watcher class in Haskell with the national weather service. Finally got in all our new wild land gear "grass fire" that we brought with grant money, the grant paid for \$20,000.00 our part that we have to pay is \$2,350.00. We are going to try and have a fundraiser soon to help recover some of that. 2 wrecks ,one west on 380 and one south at the intersection to turn back to Stamford.

Financial of Deposit and Approve the Bills. Kyle Kittley made the motion and Kimberly seconded. All in Favor.

Community Bldg (Depot) – All of the council members went to the Depot before the meeting to look at the floor. Flooring was discussed. Tongue and Groove, waterproof was discussed. Marshall said he would go by Lowes to see if they have any discontinued flooring.

Doris Williams came to the meeting at 6:36 PM

Joint Election with the school was discussed. The early voting will be held at city hall on Apr 24th to May 2nd. May 6th is the general election. All council members agreed to the Joint Election. Approved.

Jacob & Martin sewer permit, they have renewed our permit in the past. This should be good for 10 years and the cost is \$7500.00. Kimberly Eaton made the motion to have Jacob and Martin do the permit and Sandy Flores seconded. All in favor.

Opened the sealed bid on the 2004 Chevy pickup. One bid was submitted. It was awarded to B.J. Dockins for \$550.00. Sandy Flores made the motion to award the bid and Bob Clark seconded. All in favor.

We need to change the wording on the ordinances. It needs to read City Council, City Manager or a designee. Kyle Kittley made the motion to change the wording and Bob Clark seconded. Bob, Kyle and Marshall voted for Sandy and Kimberly voted against. Motion passed.

TDA Sewer Line Bid. The bid came in way over the budget amount so it will go back up for Re-Bid.

Sandy Flores made the motion to adjourn and Bob Clark seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM