

The regular meeting of the Rule City Council was called to order at 5:35 p.m. In attendance were Mayor Delle Watkins, Kimberly Eaton, Sandy Flores, and Bob Clark. Krissy Richards and Kyle Kittley were absent. Also so in attendance were Hugh Brady, Joyce Ramirez, Jeffrey Murray, Tamara Smart and Doris Williams.

Bob Clark led the meeting in prayer.

Minutes from February 10<sup>th</sup> were looked over. Bob Clark made the motion to accept the minutes and Kimberly Eaton seconded. All in Favor.

Amending of the Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> special meeting minutes was discussed to amend the amount that was needed to buy the dog box. It was previously approved for \$776.95 plus shipping, but the actual cost was \$ 1622.82 due to the quote had increased in price along with the shipping and the wait for it would be 6 months, so the city had Jones Trailer company make one. Kimberly Eaton made the motion to approve the amendment and Bob Clark seconded. All in Favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Doris Williams ask when we were going to replace the roof on city hall. The mayor told her we were waiting on the prices to come down some since it doesn't leak at this time

**WRITTEN COMPLAINTS:** No written complaints.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Hugh gave the report. He stated that him and the mayor had gone to the Aspermont's city council meeting to discuss the EPP plan about a generator. They were basically told that they are only going to get one portable generator to supply them water and they are not worried about supplying water to the lake line customers. They want us to back feed our tower all the way to Haskell so the lake line customers would have water. We have been told that Aspermont is our provider but are currently trying to work this out.

Collected the soil samples from the sewer plant

TCEQ sample collector came and collected the quarterly samples. They had good readings.

There was a leak at 605 Sunny Ave, someone had broken the shut off valve, fixed it.

Customer at 400 Sunny had dug up the meter and left it uncovered during the freeze and the meter and line froze, then they started a fire around the meter and lines to try to thaw it out. we had to replace our side and sent them the charges for the replacement parts.

Put in a new shut off valve at 800 Sunny Ave.

The inline chlorine injector at the RO plant went out and had to borrow one from North Central Texas, we need to replace theirs and get a spare for us. The price for both is \$700.00 and they are in Abilene waiting for us to pick them up.

Aztec Dirt Worx will be back in town on Monday to grade and pack the roads. There are 7 areas that are going to need more rock added to them. It had previously been approved for \$5000.00 more to be spent on this but it will be \$5025.00.

2 dogs were picked up and are in the process of going to a rescue.

Put out 3 door hanger warnings for dogs at large.

Dog box is in.

Need to get a new Nitrate pocket colorimeter, the one we have keeps shutting off while trying to run the test. The cost is \$526. Sandy Flores made the motion to order the colorimeter and Bob Clark seconded. All in Favor.

Water Tap fees were discussed. We only charge \$400 for a water tap. Hugh spoke with the water parts supplier and parts are around \$500. Kelly Williams said his labor runs on an average of \$400. We would have to charge \$900 to break even. I was discussed to raise a new water tap to \$1500. Kimberly Eaton made the motion to raise the rate to \$1500 and Bob Clark seconded. All in Favor.

Shop Wall was discussed. Do we want to have Buddy Bolin come and give a quote to fix the walls now that the roof is fixed? I was decided to have Buddy Bolin come give a quote.

This year's regional school in Abilene is coming up on May 3-5. Hugh would like to attend to get CE hours. The fee will be \$380 for an online registration by April. Sandy Flores made a motion to pay for class- Dual Classes, Bob Clark seconded. All in Favor.

**CEMETERY REPORT:** Before freeze, pre-emergence was put out at the park and cemetery. There wasn't enough rain to push it down so hopefully we will get rain on Saturday. Helena said it would still be good until some more rain.

Delle said she went to the bank to see how much money was left in the cemetery CD. We usually take the contract money from this CD to put in the cemetery bank account. We can't draw the money from this until November. We will have to take the money from the General Fund and put the money back in November.

Delle discussed having a meeting about raising the rates on plots and care.

Kyle Kittley made it to the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**FIRE DEPT. REPORT:** Hugh gave the fire dept report. There was an illegal burn west of town, they were asked to put it out by the sheriff, and a case was filed with the EPA office out of Abilene.

Assisted Sagerton with a structure fire East of Sagerton.

Structure fire in Rule on Humble Ave.

Controlled burn South of Rule that got out of control, went out once and put out. Homeowner started burning again and had to go out a second time.

Structure fire in Rochester, fire started as a grass fire but burnt across the yard and caught a lawnmower and a storage building on fire in the backyard, also caught another mower on fire that was setting beside the house which caught the eve of the house on fire.

The fire dept. has been working on the 1-ton pickup they bought awhile back, they finally have all the parts and started building the safety cage around the bed, next steps will be to get the bed and safety cage painted then start mounting all the equipment and get all the emergency lights mounted and wired.

The Fire Dept. will be doing a Easter Egg hunt on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> of April in the park, they will do hot dogs, chips, drink and desert. Times will be set at the business meeting next Monday night.

The insurance claim on the fire dept. The adjuster believes it was a snow pile. The roof leaked and got the computer, radio, camera, thermal, printer and power supply. The adjuster couldn't find the roof leaking but believed the snow made drifts under the eve calling it an ice dam. There is only \$2000 of content coverage on the fire dept. Sandy Flores wanted Hugh to give an estimate of what should be coverage. We will call and get the schedule on rates and coverage.

**MUNICIPAL COURT:** Tamara is leaving for school on Tuesday. The city discussed having Tamara get her schooling to also be the Court Clerk. She will look into this. Tamara and Hugh discussed how long a resident had after a citation was issued and she said 14 days. The city discussed giving Tamara \$50 for gas to go to school. Rochester also gave her \$50. Kimberly Eaton made the motion to pay Tamara \$50 and Bob Clark seconded. All in Favor.

Approving the Bills. Bob Clark made the motion to approve the bills and Kyle Kittley seconded. All in Favor.

Financials of Deposits were looked over.

There was a discussion about giving Hugh the title of City Manager. It was decided to give Hugh the title of City Manager but with no pay raise as of now. Kimberly Eaton made the motion and Kyle Kittley seconded. Approved.

Monitoring Plan with Jacob and Martin company was discussed. Delle will call tomorrow and talk with David Hudson.

Discussed changing the city's street lights over to LED lights for cost saving and better light. It would cost \$136.86 to start this and after a light burns out it will be replaced with an LED at no extra cost. Kimberly Eaton made the motion to change the streetlights and Bob Clark seconded. All in Favor.

Kendell Medford's pay was discussed and when he filled in for Hugh, he only charged \$50 a day but the city has agreed to pay him the \$75 like Hugh receives for weekend pay. We will go back and pay him the difference plus mileage. Sandy Flores made the motion and Kimberly Eaton seconded. All in Favor.

Sandy Flores made the motion to adjourn. Bob Clark seconded. All in Favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.