

The regular meeting of the Rule City Council was held Oct. 5th, 2022. Mayor Delle Watkins called the meeting to order at 5:39 P.M.

In attendance were Mayor Delle Watkins, Kimberly Eaton, Sandy Flores, Kyle Kittley, Bob Clark and Marshall Bradford. Also in attendance were Hugh Brady, Joyce Ramirez, Doris Williams, Patti Wilson and El Prebble.

Bob Clark led the meeting with a Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approving of the previous month meeting and the amendment to July minutes. July minutes were amended to say stop sign also installed at Loup and 8th. Kyle Kittley made the motion to approve, and Marshall Bradford seconded. All in Favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- Doris Williams said John Diers's Pit Bull is attacking people.

WRITTEN COMPALINTS- None.

PUBLIC WORKS- Trimmed trees on Sunny, Amity, and Cardiff. Put rock on the 200,300 & 400 block of Amity. Sprayed cattails at the sewer plant, mowed and shredded. Sprayed the park for weeds and stickers. Put new rope and Texas flag at the park. 2 sprinkler heads at the park had been broken, replaced them. Rebuilt 2 picnic tables at the park. Installed the 2 stop signs, one at 8th and Loup and 8th and McCarty. Replaced yield sign and pole on NE side of 6th and Adams. Fixed leak on 500 block of Elm and 600 block of Loup. North pump at the airport broke a bolt on the impeller, pump had to be pulled and worked on, also had to replace the check valve. The PH meter went out and had to get a new one. Had the city wide clean up week and only filled 2 out of the 4 dumpsters. ISO inspection. Harn RO came from Florida and calibrated the RO unit and done yearly inspection. Did a lot of flushing due to temperatures cooling down. Plan on doing a lot more this week. Hugh and Dean are both signed up for the Lubbock school on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of Nov. Kendall is going to cover. Picked up one dog and took it to Stamford. It was reclaimed. The water meter that was sent to be check came back good. A 97.6 percent. There was a dangerous dog situation, but the Sheriff was involved, and the owners are paying the bills.

CEMETERY REPORT- The Cemetery has been mowed and weedeated 2 times. Pippen was out there last Saturday and mowed around the wall and sprayed, sprayed the roads and around the pump house. Killed one rattlesnake.

FIRE DEPT- The fire dept. had 4 grass fires, 1 gas leak, 1 flatbed trailer on fire hauling a backhoe. They did the Bonfire for the school and drove the football boys and cheerleaders around for homecoming. The fire dept is doing a fundraiser October 29th at the park. Halloween at the Park. They will do Burgers and show a movie or two.

Financials of Deposits and pay the bills were looked over. Sandy Flores made the motion to approve the bills and Kyle Kittley seconded. All in favor.

Speed Bumps for Sunny Street were discussed. The Council was presented with the cost of buying the speed bumps. It was discussed to lay them 3 wide in order to take up the road and no one can drive around. The Speed Bump signs will be placed on the North end of Whorton's yard and between the school's greenhouse and Coach's house. It was also discussed about buying the reflective poles for the speed bump on 8th St. to stop people from driving around the speed bump. Sandy Flores made the motion to buy the speed bumps and poles and Bob Clark seconded. All in favor.

Contacting the Attorney- Marshall wanted the attorney to write a letter and get them on the agenda at the school. He was told a board member had to put you on so they will talk to some members and try to be put on. He also wanted a copy of the agreement between the school and Vista Bank on the building that was given to the school. He decided to go to the courthouse and see if he could obtain a copy.

Fixing the Cameras- Marshall will look into a new camera system and have some quotes for the next meeting.

Open Bids for the City Lots- We have 4 city lots with old houses that need to be demolished. We received 2 bids. One was for all 4 lots with the intention of clearing the lots off and building small homes on them. 1 Bid was for 1 lot with the intention of clearing off to make a small park on it. The council went into Executive Session to discuss this at 7:05. Executive Session ended at 7:16 and back to regular session. It was decided to give the bid to the person offering to buy all 4 to put houses on them for rental property and tax revenue values. The block is not zoned for a park. This was awarded to Hunter Blackman. Kimberly Eaton made the motion to accept his bid proposal and Kyle Kittley seconded. All in favor.

Covering for the Secretary- When the Secretary needs to be gone it was decided that Hugh being City Manager could stay at the office and in case there was a water emergency during that time Hugh could assign someone to fill in. We will advertise for a fill in person. It was revealed that it is not legal for a council member or the mayor to do this. Kyle asks what we would pay this person if they had to fill in. It was said they would be paid what Joyce gets an hour. This will be presented at next month's meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 P.M.