

The regular meeting of the City Council has been called to order at 5:30 pm. In attendance were Mayor Delle Watkins, Sandy Flores, Kimberly Eaton, Marshall Bradford, Bob Clark, and Kyle Kittley. Also in attendance was Hugh Brady, Joyce Ramirez, Tamara Smart, Jason Smart, Emery Dudensing, Doris Williams, Wade Foreman, Cicily Muniz and Jesse Muniz.

Bob Clark led the meeting in prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**Municipal Court-** Tamara gave her report. There was a fine given to one person and 4 dogs have been vaccinated due to this. This fine was set up on a payment plan. Tamara will only come in when needed and between 7:00 and 7:30. All reports are filed, and all is good.

**Baseball Field-** Jason Smart and Emery Dudensing came to the meeting to discuss the leasing of the baseball field. The City Attorney sent us a sample that was made for another city, and they looked it over. They are asking for a couple of things from the city if we would provide for the first year, like water and a dumpster, and after they give us a list, we will set up a lease for them which will take any liability off the city. They already have materials to rebuild the roofs on the bathrooms and all the plumbing and toilets. Once they get everything in order, they will purchase insurance. They have donors already set up. As of now their players are covered under the league insurance. Sandy Flores made the motion for them to continue doing what they are doing now. We will get water and a dumpster for them and if anything comes up to come by city hall. Kimberly Eaton seconded. All in Favor.

**Public Comments-** Cicily asked who was doing the cemetery and we told her we are opening the bids tonight.

**Written complaints-** Speeding on Cardiff Ave. They wanted speed signs installed. We can not do that at this time, but they were informed to call the Sheriff office and report the speeding.

**Public Works-** Hugh gave his report. He purchased the 60kw generator, Ordered 10 loads road base at \$490 a load. Got the flooring for the depot and have about ½ installed. Hugh and Dean went to an 811-pipeline safety class in Abilene one evening. Hugh will be going to the TWUA Regional School in Abilene on May 9-11. RV plugs at the park will cost \$5000.00 plus to have everything rewired and replaced. We will not be doing this. Processor went out at the RO control box for the well, had Paul Leonard replace it. The weather head at the pump station shorted out at the airport, causing it to blow all fuses. AEP had to come out and unhook everything and Leonard's rewired it then AEP hooked everything back up. Had a leak on the 10in lakeline. Ran sewers multiple times, we seem to have an issue with baby wipes in multiple locations, ordered some chemicals that is supposed to breakdown the wipes to put in the main lines. Replaced 3 manhole rings and lids, 2 of them had to be raised over 2 ft. to get them street level. Started spraying weeds and mowing around town. Worked on the road at the intersection of 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunny. Worked on the road behind the old bank building and still dealing with TCEQ over the old violations.

**Code Enforcement-** Manuel started working this past Saturday (4/1/23) 6 Vehicles were tagged. He created forms for Junked Vehicles and Public Nuisance. Next time he comes he will work on getting tow

truck to pick up the vehicles that are in the city's right of way that have been tagged if they have not been moved, send letters out for other vehicles that have not been taken care of that were previously tagged. Tag more vehicles and send out Public Nuisance letters.

**Fire Dept-** Hugh gave the report. They received the grant reimbursement from the Forestry Service for the new PPE gear. Received their new handheld radios, Easter Egg hunt is this Saturday at 12 noon at the park. They are doing the adult hunt now, Doing a hamburger fundraiser on May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Fire Dept. at 5pm.

Motion to approve the Bills and Financial of Deposits. Kyle Kittley made the motion to approve, and Sandy Flores seconded. All in favor.

City Wide cleanup was discussed. It was decided to have two containers brought. One for tires and one for debris because we have one that the city keeps in the yard. Clean up days will start May 6<sup>th</sup> and go through 15<sup>th</sup>.

New budget- The council went over the new budget. Kyle Kittley made the motion to approve the budget and Kimberly Eaton seconded. All in favor.

RV Electric at the park. Terry Letz said it would cost around \$5000.00 plus because each one would need a 30-amp, 50 amp and 10 amp plus a breaker on each one and a main breaker on the back of the bathroom wall. It was decided not to pursue this at this time.

Increasing water rates. – It was discussed about how all chemicals are continuing to increase in price and we cannot continue at the rates we currently charge. We checked with all the surrounding towns and we are the lowest because they have already made increases. It was discussed to raise the minimum usage from 1000 gal to 2000 and a water increase of \$7.21. This would set a minimum bill with a poly cart at \$87.00. The new water rates will go into effect on the June water bills. Motion made to increase the water rates. Sandy Flores made the motion and Bob Clarke seconded. 4 voted for and 1 sustained. Motion passed.

Opening bids for the Cemetery Contract. We received 3 bids, Rolling Plains Landscaping for \$11,100, Wade Foreman for \$9000 and Jeffrey Phippen for \$11,980. They went into executive session to discuss the contracts and employee raises.

Regular session ended at 7:35 and executive session started.

At 8:21 the executive session ended, and regular session started back at 8:22.

The Cemetery contract was awarded to Rolling Plains Landscaping. Sandy Flores made the motion and Bob Clark seconded. 4 Yes votes and 1 No. Motion passed.

A motion was made to give Hugh Brady and Joyce Ramirez a .50 cent raise. Kyle Kittle made the motion and Kimberly Eaton seconded. 3 votes Yes and 2 votes No. Motion passed.

Sandy Flores made the motion to adjourn, and Kimberly Eaton seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm