

The regular meeting of the Rule City Council was called to order at 5:30 P.M. All council members were present. Also in attendance was Hugh, Joyce, Tamara, Sheriff Keith, Luis Ramirez, Doris Williams, Jerry Cannon and Mary Belle Olson.

Mayor Delle Watkins led the meeting with the Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MUNICIPAL COURT- Tamara had nothing to report.

Approving of the minutes from last months meeting. Kyle Kittley made the motion to approve, and Marshall Bradford seconded. All in favor.

GENERAL- HASKELL HOSPITAL- Mary Belle Olson and Jerry Cannon from the hospital came by to make a presentation about the possible Bond election for a new hospital. The hospital is 80 yrs. old. They are grandfathered in but the rooms are so outdated. They are considered a Critical Access facility. The land needed will be donated by the DCOH of Haskell. It is located by the prison and will have access off Hwy 277. The reason for the new hospital would be to offer better rooms with bathrooms for Physical Therapy patients that need to stay there. As of now they have a figure of 42 million but this is only for the structure. It does not include any equipment of furnishings. They are just now starting to have meeting and get public input. With the quote of 42 million it would raise the taxes, tentatively, on a house worth \$55,000 over \$200.00 a year. The hospital will have there regular meeting on Jan. 24th at 6:00 at the Education Building. They will have public meetings and they will be publicized.

If this happens it would be 2 years down the road and would have to have a bond election and by then they should have the total cost projection for this. Any questions can be directed to Mary Belle Olson or Jerry Cannon.

PUBLIC WORKS- Hugh gave his report. We purchased the generators and the air compressor. Received the new water tester. Yield signs and poles have been ordered. 2004 Chevy pickup is at Neal's waiting on him to finish working on it. Everything is supposed to be done and it was decided to have him put the hood back on and bring it back to the shop. If we need to replace the pickup it was discussed to look at a cab and chassis and maybe a flatbed to put on it. The water tank inspection has shown some of the holes are showing back up but we have a 3 yr. warranty on the work and he will come back out to make any repairs. The old Christmas decorations were put up downtown on the poles. Water leak at 7th and Loup. Had to relay 15ft of line. 2 water meters froze and busted and worked on the first block of 15th st. to smooth out some dips.

No CEMETERY REPORT.

FIRE DEPT.- Hugh gave the fire dept. report. They had 2 grass fires, 3 EMS assists, 1 wreck. They lost one member and will vote a new member on tonight. They will be doing training with EMS on the 18th. Going to have to buy some held hand radios. Would like to get 2 to 4 @\$2500.00 apiece. Sandy Flores made the motion to buy 2 hand held radios and take the money from the Fire Dept Saving that the city has. Bob Clark seconded. All in favor.

Financial of Deposits were looked over. Sandy Flores made the motion to accept, and Marshall Bradford seconded. All in favor.

Approve the Bills. Kyle Kittley made the motion to accept the bills and Kimberly Eaton seconded. All in favor.

Appraisal District Properties (Reboot Texas). This will be put on Feb. agenda. We will have them come out to speak to the council.

Next Year projects. Delle ask the members to be thinking about projects they want to see next year and when we start the budget we will see what can be done.

Sandy Flores made the motion to adjourn and Bob Clark seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.