

The regular council meeting was called to order on May 2nd, 2016 at 7:00pm by the Mayor Larry Ryff. Roll call showed the following present: Jared Morgan, Carol Lauxman, Gordon Hunnicutt, David Wendt and David VanHook.

Mayor Ryff led the council in the pledge of alliance.

Jared Morgan made a motion to dispense with reading the previous meeting minutes and approve the minutes the way they were written. Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

The Council had a couple of questions about the Appropriation Ordinance #1058 one was asked by Gordon Hunnicutt he was concerned about leaks at the new bathrooms the Mayor explained that someone had went and had cut the water lines and the water heater was pulled. Then Jared Morgan asked about the two checks to Berkley Insurance Mayor Ryff explained that the audit that had been done at the first of the year had generated an additional bill because of the way it had been analyzed. He said that he was going to try and be present for next year's Berkley audit.

The Financial Statement was figured by Heather Stackley who was unable to attend the meeting so Mayor Ryff said he would attempt to answer any question. The Mayor stated that there was a CD that would be mature on the 10th. Jared Morgan made a motion to not renew the CD and move it to the savings account in the event the monies would be needed for the water project. Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0

Dickinson County Sheriff officer explained the police report he stated that the contracted hours are 60 hours and the report showed them in town 65.75 hour and a total of 22 calls in the month of April. The officer explained a few of the calls and asks if there were any question or concerns for him to take back to the Sheriff. The Mayor commented that he was happy with the job that the Sheriff's department was doing and thanked them.

New Business:

Denise Hull came to visit with the council about the 2017 Library budget proposal and the new Library board. Jared Morgan motioned to accept the new Library board and David VanHook seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

Next under new business the Mayor introduced Doug McKinney with the North Central Regional Planning Committee. Jared Morgan asks Doug if he had an update on how the surveys were coming along. He explained that as of April 29th we are at 40% and the goal is to get to 51%. That is a requirement for the CDBG application. Then Jared asked what the next step would be once we complete the survey. Doug said that we would want to look at the PER report from BG Consultants and prioritize according to the report. Next we would need to secure the match funds that would be needed for the water project. Doug went on to say that match fund is a significant part of the process. Then there was a discussion about the city's water rates being

lower than the average around the state. Doug explained that the application has a total of 50 point and that with the city's water rates being low it could cost the city 10 points. He suggested that the city adjust the water rates this spring or summer to help the city to be comparable to the states average. Mayor Ryff then mentioned that the last time the water rates had been raised was about 3 years ago. Herington had raised the cost of water to the city and so the city had to adjust the rates accordingly. Doug continued to explain that some time during this process that it is required that we meet with the KIAC. This meeting consent of funding agencies including Rural Development, KDHE, CDBG, and Water Office. During this meeting we will present our project and try to convince them of the need for improvement for the community. Another suggestion that Doug made was that we document water issues over the last five years. He's example was if the hydrants had been flushed, painted and or replaced. Anything that has been done to try and help fix the existing problem. After that it will be necessary to hold a public hearing sometime in early September and you have to publish when the hearing will be held in the city's official newspaper a week before the hearing. He then stated that there is a lot of steps to this process especially when apply for a block grant.

The new bathrooms were turned over to the city to do the up keep and any maintenance necessary. So Mayor Ryff went and visited with Gary Coup about insurance and now the new bathrooms have been added to the city's insurance policy. Jared Morgan made a motion to approve the insurance for the bathrooms and Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Next there was a discussion about an article that was in the Abilene Reflector regarding Nuisances. The council decided that I should follow up on the article to see if it was adopted and to look for the publication in the newspaper and suggested we could copy the language that was used and for me to check into it and then present it to the council at the next meeting.

Standing and Special Committee Reports Gordon Hunnicutt with Equipment and Streets. Gordon presented four price quotes for a new tractor that would be capable of running a loader, bush hog, spraying and able to run the city's generator as well. The city's current tractor is only used to run the city's generator. After a lengthy discussion Jared Morgan motioned to table the idea until next month's meeting and Gordon Hunnicutt seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Maintenance Report: Phil said that he had spoke to a County worker and that he said the State has equipment to clean up the loose rock on Main Street instead of the city paying him to cleaning it up. He said that it would be a big help if the Mayor could speak to them. Jared Morgan then asked if the fan motor for the mower was in yet, Phil said it was ordered and should be in anytime. Gordon then asked about pump #2 out at the pump house and if anything was ever figured out about it. Phil said had tried to get a hold of Com-Tronic's but had not been able to reach them. Phil said it is a power issue that it is communicating to the pump for it to come on but causes the reset button to trip.

Phil then explained that a the apartment duplex at 114 W 2nd Ave is vacant and suggested it would be a good time to get the meters out of the basement and into the yard. The Mayor said that he didn't feel like it was a pressing matter. Mayor Ryff then asked about the 107 N Park and if Phil could check to see if the water had been turned on. Phil said that he would check to see if it was on and let him know.

Clerks report is self explanatory I was not in attendance.

David Wendt made a motion to adjourn David VanHook seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

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Larry Ryff, Mayor

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Joni Rikard, City Clerk