

**CITY OF MERIDEN
APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 12, 2016**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:02pm

THOSE PRESENT

Council Members: Karl Dillenbeck Floyd Cozadd Dana Boyer Zac Surritt

Wade Schneider, Mayor Carrie Daniels, City Clerk Lee Hendricks, City Attorney

NOT PRESENT

NEW BUSINESS

Lisa Buerman, Jefferson County's Treasurer, was present to inform Council of their new driver's license services being offered. The "Grand Opening" will be July 19, 2016, at the Jefferson County Treasures office. Services will include driver's license renewals, duplicate license, address changes and I.D. cards as well. They will not be able to renew Commercial Drivers Licenses (CDL's) or conceal and carry permits. The hours of operation will be Monday–Thursday from 8:00am to 4:00pm.

John Welch, City Auditor, presented the 2017 Proposed Budget with council. All funds were reviewed and some line items in detail, so council could more clearly see where money is being spent. A two percent salary increase was also added. John explained the remaining capital outlay of \$250k will be reviewed at 2016 end of year and possible transfer of only \$100K to Streets/Highway & Equipment Reserve Funds for the 2017 Budget of Transfers In.

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to publish the 2017 Proposed Budget Hearing at City Hall on August 9, 2016 beginning at 7:00pm. Motion passed 4-0

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to empower Clerk Daniels to research the refinancing of the city bonds and bring council the best available options. Motion passed 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion was held on the Jefferson County's Economic Development proposal that was presented last month by Director Brittney Chaplin.

Motion made by Zac Surritt, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to allocate .007 percent of this year's General Fund Budget for Jefferson County Economic Development Fund. Motion passed 4-0.

Clerk Daniels is to get with John Welch to set aside an appropriations line item, for the Economic Development distribution.

Council discussed drainage issue and tube replacement project at the Jefferson West Elementary school. Mr. Happer was not present, so Lee suggested Council hold a special meeting with Mr. Happer. Issue was tabled.

Barry White updated Council on his discussions with Lee Hendricks and Mark Bachamp in regards to the property tax abatement procedures and guidelines. Mr. White presented Council copies of the property tax abatement application for their review. A special meeting will be set for July 19, 2016 at City Hall, beginning at 6pm.

ATTORNEY TIME

The prior submitted and published rezoning ordinance in regards to the MER Properties, LLC, was discussed. The rezoning description submitted to the clerk and Counselor Lee Hendricks had to be amended as the township & range, were not included. Lee will submit the correction to Clerk Daniels, for Mayors signature.

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Karl Dillenbeck, to give Mayor Schneider, the authority to sign the new Ordinance 16-668-2016, rezoning the 11.63 acres of MER Property, LLC. Motion passed 4-0.

Lee updated council on prior issues at 211 Maple Street. Safe Guard is supposed send pictures of the property, confirming the mold was cut out, keeping the yard clean and not diverting water onto the neighbor's property.

POLICE DEPARTMENT TIME

Jason Boyer relayed to Council the issue of a noise complaint he got at 10:30pm on a Friday, that Game Day Bar & Grill was having an outdoor band. Council discussed possible options such as a special event permits and maybe limiting the outdoor bands to a certain amount of times per year since it is located in a residential area. After further discussion, Council agreed to send letters to the neighbors and owners to invite them all to the next August 9, 2016 Council meeting to discuss the issue of outside entertainment in their beer garden.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT TIME

Doug Scott updated Council on the new swing at the park and the ongoing repairs on the generator at the ponds from the hail storm. Informed them about the vandalism at the k-4 generator and that it has been turned into insurance as well. Council informed James that since baseball season was almost over, to just hang the banners next season.

SEWER DELIQUINCIES

Sewer delinquencies were briefly discussed and touched on some foreclosed properties.

MAYOR TIME

Motion was made by Karl Dillenbeck, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to go into executive session for fifteen minutes, at 8:34pm, for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel issues. Motion passed 4-0.

Came out of executive session at 8:49pm.

Motion was made by Zac Surrutt, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, recommending that maintenance department crew begin to thoroughly document their daily routine, so the public and council know the tasks that they do on a daily basis and report them to Council, once a month, as to provide answers to the public, on their daily whereabouts and projects. Motion passes 4-0.

Mayor Schneider also asked Chief Boyer if he could present monthly police reports which were delegated to the Co-Police Commissioner, Karl Dillenbeck. Office personnel will also continue to keep their logs as well.

APPROVED THE MINUTES

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Zac Surrutt, to approve May 5, 2016 and June 14, 2016 minutes. Motion passed 4-0.

APPROVE EXPENDITURES

Motion was made by Zac Surrutt, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to approve the city expenditures. Motion passed 4-0.

Zac Surrutt's resignation letter was presented to council by Mayor Schneider. He will be moving to Topeka, so can no longer remain on the council. Everyone wished him well and thanked him for his time served, *Motion was made by Karl Dillenbeck, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to accept Zac Surrutt's resignation. Motion passed 3-0.*

CONTINUE OR ADJOURN THE MEETING

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted by: Carrie M. Daniels, City Clerk
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