

**CITY OF MERIDEN
APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 14, 2015**

ROLL CALL TAKEN AT 7:00PM

THOSE PRESENT

Council Persons: Floyd Cozadd Dana Boyer Karl Dillenbeck

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

NEW BUSINESS

John Welch, City Auditor with Sink, Gordon and Associates, was present to review the 2016 Proposed Budget with council. He explained the different Funds, the changes that were made this year. The Summary page will be the page that is published in the paper. John explained the different ways real estate transfers to dollars and informed council that one estimates the transfer's low, to allow more spending authority in 2016. There will be a shortfall in employee benefits due to the overtime needed in the Sewer Fund for the pump situation this year and that can be corrected by taking that overage from the area it was used in. John and Clerk Daniels reviewed payroll and included at least a 2% COLA Increase for 2016. There is a cushion for health benefits in place and all should even out.

In the Consolidated Street and Highway Fund the city has spent about \$38K in street repairs and if the city does not do any big projects in 2015, the city will have enough to apply for the Street Grant in 2017. In Parks and Rec it is a non-budgeted fund and was kept the same as 2015. Court Fund is about the same in 2016 as it was in 2015. The Sewer Fund was discussed as well and John relayed that it should be at \$395K and the capital outlay becomes the plug number to get the maximum plug number for the 2016, thus allowing for some improvements to possibly get some water diverted and off the lagoons. He informed them of the Sales Tax revenue to be used for Infrastructure and carried this over for 2016 as it will not be received until November of this year. This cannot be for a new building or such, but for repair and replacement of a deteriorating structure inside and out. The Sales Tax won't be recognized until 2016 as it won't be seen until at least November. He placed our Mill Levy at the maximum allowed without an increase publication. John asked if there were any other questions and council said no.

Motion was made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by Karl Dillenbeck, to approve for publication, the Notice of Public Hearing for the 2016 Proposed Budget on August 11, 2015, beginning at 7pm, at City Hall. Motion passed 3-0.

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to approve of Resolution 1-901-2015 to enable the ½ cent sales tax. Motion passed 3-0.

Council discussed Advantage Computer's Quotes for the Card Reader, Online Program which allows users to either swipe their debit or credit card when in City Hall or pay online via the City Website. Clerk Daniels also relayed to council, the Consolidated Utility Account Module in which it consolidates sewer/trash customers that have more than one account to pay, to be able to receive a consolidated statement showing one statement with all account numbers and amounts listed separately. The quotes are based off of a buy one program, get one half off.

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to purchase the Online and Card Reader Programs, and the Consolidated Utility Program, with the purchase price of the Card Reader and Online Software being split between Court and Utility accounts for the total amount of \$1,650 and \$385 for the JUS Consolidated System Module for utility accounts. Motion passed 3-0.

Clerk Daniels presented council with the Ordinance's for the new 2015 STO and UPOC books.

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Karl Dillenbeck, to repeal prior 14-2014 STO and 10-2014 UPOC Ordinances and replace with 10-2015 UPOC and 14-2015 STO. Motion passed 3-0.

Motion was made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by Dana Boyer, to purchase seven UPOC and STO Books. Motion passed 3-0.

SEWER/TRASH DELINQUENCY LIST

Council discussed the Sewer and Trash Delinquencies presented. Morgan Thomes was flagged and sent letter to pay or appear this evening. Dana Boyer suggested having Chief Boyer serve him a pay or appear letter in person. Annalise Newlin, Danny Hittle and LeAnna Snavelly properties will be receiving pay or appear letter's as well. If no action is taken, the balances will be submitted as tax assessments.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Travis Mumma will be taking care of all the abatements as he works for Meriden Police Department anyway. People will be given five days to mow their yards and ten days to take care of inoperable vehicles.

Chief Boyer relayed that all the Police Vehicles are running great at this time. Mayor Schneider asked if the Police Department had received the Body Cams. Chief Boyer relayed that two have been received and they are ordering another.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Doug Scott, Maintenance Department, relayed the James Wells will be off with Doctors Orders until Monday with injuries to his back. They are gathering bids for mulch and boarders for the playground equipment at the City Park and will bring back to the next meeting.

Karl Dillenbeck spoke about the lights at the lift station and relayed there are three light boxes on top, two on the side and discussion regarding the amps, wattage and switches were discussed. He would like to have a water proof switch box and would do the electrical work if the city paid for the materials needed. He presented a list of the needed materials from Lowe's in Topeka and Mayor Schneider asked when this work could be done, Karl relayed that he could do it next week.

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to purchase at Lowe's in the amount of \$360.38, for the electrical equipment for the pump house. Motion passed 3-0.

ATTORNEY TIME

Lee reviewed Resolution #2015-04 regarding alcohol designated areas and cross streets that were addressed.

Motion was made by Floyd Cozadd, Karl Dillenbeck, to approve Resolution #2015-04.

Motion passed 3-0.

Lee informed council of the letter that he sent to the Meriden Park Project and relayed his conversation with Mr. Pat Happer regarding the swing. He just advised council to just remain neutral and do not respond or get involved with any negative comments that may arise from the letter.

Jefferson County Commissioner Wayne Ledbetter was present and asked Doug Scott if Bill Noll had called either he or James. Doug relayed that he had and informed him the County is so far behind at this point, but will try to help them when time allows.

MAYOR TIME

Council and Mayor Schneider set up a work session on August 26, 2015 at 6:00pm at City Hall. The work session will begin right after court.

Mayor Schneider informed council that Randy Zwuygart might be interested in selling his two buildings next to his house on Palmberg Street for \$50K. One of the buildings is the old Blacksmith Shop and the other is a Morton Building. He was thinking about them being a great building possibly for the backhoe, dump truck, etc. He will check on this more and possibly bring to next meeting.

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MAYOR TIME

Mayor Schneider spoke of the Center of Disease Control letter he had received regarding a survey they are doing in Jefferson County. Jefferson County Commissioner Wayne Ledbetter said there would be 5,000 people across the country, 477 from Jefferson County, Kansas, that will be doing the assessments. They are trying to gather this information to provide a health policy for the nation. They will be here from July 17, 2015 to September 21, 2015 to gather this information. They will bring in four to five mobile trailers to test people and participation is needed.

Karl Dillenbeck asked Lee about the legality of Mayor Schneider and himself being commissioned as officers, as they were not working as Sheriff's, to help work security at the Meriden Festival and Lee said that they would not be able to help in that capacity.

Mayor Schneider informed Council that he appreciated the Flyer that he will try to hand out to citizens, pertaining to the open council seats.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Karl Dillenbeck, to approve minutes.
Motion passed 3-0.

APPROVE EXPENDITURES

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to approve the current expenditures.
Motion passed 3-0.

CONTINUE OR ADJOURN THE MEETING

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Carrie M. Daniels, City Clerk
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