

**CITY OF MERIDEN
APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 17, 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, arrived at 8:00pm

NEW BUSINESS

Kim Hasty was present to discuss status of cleanup of the house at 312 South Palmberg Street. Dana Boyer relayed that Lee would need proof when all is completed by June 14, 2016. Kim is to provide proof to Clerk Daniels regarding issues discussed this evening.

Sherry Schnacker was present to discuss drainage issues in ditch behind 421 and 423 Frontier Court. James and Doug will get with Mark Bachamp regarding this issue.

Jerry Bragg addressed council in regards to Mark Ketchums house at 212 South Maple Street. He is concerned, as well as the surrounding neighbors, about the house mold, drainage issues, grass height bringing snakes and rodents, the brush and debris. He relayed a crew had come Saturday and a dead willow tree was cut down and landed on neighbors fence. City Attorney Lee Hendricks, wrote a letter to Bank of America with the concerns discussed this evening. Lee will send another letter informing them of all issues discussed.

Shawn Ball, SM Ball Trash Disposal, was present and is asking for a residential seventy-five cent increase in monthly charges per resident. The last time Shawn asked for a rate increase, was in the year 2011. This increase is due to dumping increases and maintenance.

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to approve a seventy-five cent trash service increase to begin with the August 1, 2016 Utility Billing. Motion passed 4-0.

Council would like notification of the rate change, placed on City Website, Published in Paper and placed on City Utility Bills and draft ordinance if needed.

Angie Feyh with the Meriden Pride Association, was present and spoke to council of projects the MPA has completed and asked council for updated resolutions for the upcoming Meriden Pride Festival to be held on September 17, 2016. Nick Cummings, Owner of Game Day Bar and Grill, will need a copy of these resolutions, to submit along with his Alcoholic Beverage Control Application to the ABC.

Clerk Daniel's will revise the Resolutions and submit to Lee Hendricks for review and present them at the June 2016 City Council Meeting for approval. Angie asked the council if they would supply the Johnnie-on-the-Jobs as in years past for the Festival. The Meriden Pride Association asked if the city would also consider, paying for a game called "Big Splash" in the amount of \$325 and if they would also participate in this event as well. Council thought it was a great idea and fundraiser game as well.

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Zak Surritt, to provide the Johnnie-on-the-Jobs and the purchase of "Big Splash" game. Motion passed 4-0

Council discussed Advantage Computer quotes, the Firework Stand Permit and the quotes received from Premier One regarding monitors in council room and tablets for council member's versus paper copies. Mayor Schneider would like to have the monitors up, so that those attending can follow the meetings and see what the council is discussing.

Motion was made by Karl Dillenbeck, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to approve to Advantage Computer quotes for the JUS Annual Utility Contract and the Email/Website Agreements. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Karl Dillenbeck, to approve of Stars-n-Stripes Firework Stand Permit Application. Motion passed 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS-CON’T

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to approve the Premier One quote of \$5,700, for the Council Chambers upgrade. Motion passed 4-0.

SEWER DELINQUENCIES

Delinquent Utility Accounts were presented to Council. They will talk with Lee Hendricks about the Oasis Saloon and other issues, upon his arrival tonight. Sewer correspondence will be listed under Attorney time.

POLICE DEPARTMENT TIME

Chief Jason informed council, that the graduation at the High School went well. The Phelps protest occurred, but all went well. Chief Boyer stated that Lee Hendricks will speak with Nick Cummings, Owner of Game Day Bar & Grill, regarding fights that have transpired.

City Counselor, Lee Hendricks, arrived at the meeting and council reviewed prior discussion of Mark Ketchum’s, 211 South Maple Street property in great length. Lee relayed that he received a call from Chief Boyer pertaining to this property. Lee informed council, that if someone is in the military, no one can come in and take away your house, whether it is six months or six years. Mayor Schneider asked Lee if the property could be inspected. Lee will get with Charlene and Clerk Daniels to prepare a letter to Bank of America, regarding the Ketchum property.

OLD BUSINESS

Barry White, owner of MER Properties LLC, was present to discuss incentives for building and that he had spoken with Lee Hendricks and Economic Development regarding Tax Abatements. Discussion was held on manufacturing articles of commerce, eligibility of revenue bonds, etc. Mayor Schneider suggested Mr. White to research cost, man hours from another company and look into revenue bonds. Issue tabled until more information is provided.

ATTORNEY TIME

Counselor Lee Hendricks discussed the resolutions needed pertaining to the Meriden Festival on September 17, 2016. He will make changes and send to Clerk Daniels by email.

Council person Dana Boyer, relayed the discussion held with Kim Hasty to Lee and relayed that Kim is to bring proof into Clerk Daniels when complete.

Lee was updated on the Sewer Delinquencies, mainly Oasis Saloon and QB Properties.

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Zac Surrutt, to send filing to Register of Deeds in regards to the Oasis Saloon’s lien for delinquent sewer. Motion passed 4-0.

Lee reviewed with council the November 2017 Elections which will now be the General Elections. He provided council with the new Charter Ordinances that reflect the changes in election procedures and vacancies to be filled.

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Zac Surrutt, to approve Charter Ordinance 2016-1-201. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Zac Surrutt, to approve Charter Ordinance 2016-1-202. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Zac Surrutt, to approve Charter Ordinance 2016-1-203. Motion passed 4-0.

ATTORNEY TIME-CON'T

Lee reviewed with council, the dog bite case that was appealed in Municipal Court and heard at Jefferson County District Court. The city had to appoint our defense attorney to this case and the District Court sided with the Defense on this case, therefore the city had to pay all costs associated with this case. Lee recommendation to council is to not list a defense attorney at this time.

MAYOR TIME

Mayor Schneider made his recommendations to council as seen on Attachment B, attached.

Motion was made by Karl Dillenbeck, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to nominate Dana Boyer, as Council President. Motion passed 4-0. Dana abstained.

Mayor Schneider read off the remaining list of appointments (as attachments read).

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to approve the Mayors appointments as proposed. Motion passed 4-0.

Discussion was held on Joan, the missing lady and Jefferson County has proposed to the Governor a reward for any information leading to her.

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Karl Dillenbeck, to move to executive session to discuss non-elected personnel issues for five minutes. Motion passed 4-0.

Lee asked councils wishes on the Maintenance Departments hours so he can notate in the Personnel Regulation Book for reference. Fall hours will start October 1st to May 31st and will be from 7:30am-3:30pm with a half hour lunch. Summer hours will begin on June 1st to September 30th and will be from 6:00am-2:30pm, with a half hour lunch.

APPROVE THE MINUTES

Motion was made by Zac Surratt, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to approve April 12, 2016 Minutes. Motion passed 4-0. Karl Dillenbeck abstained.

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to approve the April 20, 2016 Minutes. Motion passed 4-0. Zac Surratt abstained.

APPROVE EXPENDITURES

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

CONTINUE OR ADJOURN THE MEETING

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Carrie M. Daniels, City Clerk
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