

**CITY OF MERIDEN
APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2017**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:03PM

THOSE PRESENT

Council Members: Richard White Jacqueline Cummings BJ Whiteman Ty Buschbom

Dana Boyer, Mayor Carrie Daniels, City Clerk Lee Hendricks, City Attorney

NOT PRESENT

NEW BUSINESS

Garett Nordstrom, Governmental Assistance Services (GAS), reviewed the Street Grant Application that is offered thru Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Streets, Facilities, Water and Sewer Projects. Successful Grants are those matching 50/50 with point rating 0-20 pts. Cities are required to only match twenty-five percent of total funds, thus receiving five points versus a fifty percent matching of funds providing ten points. The more the city matches, the better chance to be awarded the grant.

Another qualifying factor is that the city must meet at least 51% Low to Moderate Income (LMI) and at the last completed survey, the city of Meriden was at 53% (LMI). This survey is still valid at this time.

Mayor Dana Boyer asked what the city would need to do and Garett relayed the options. Grant submission are due November 1, 2018, so no decision on specific projects need to be made now as priorities may change between now and grant submission time, but the city does need to detail the project plan in the grant. Most approved projects include complete tear down and rebuild. Mark Bachamp informed the new council of the current projects, priorities and options for street improvements. The things that seem to hurt the city streets the most is not having paved shoulders or curbs and enclosed sewer drains.

Matt Williams voiced some concerns with the cost versus the area impacted. Mark Bachamp, City Engineer, stated that if the city stays with same project designed, there is no extra cost to his engineering services. If the city changes and starts all over it would cost more. The city can either increase the sub-base or the base, but asphalt is not an option on Palmberg Street, due to it being the city's truck route and the traffic pattern involved. Matt will look into the cost of the streets and he will get with Hamm's Thursday when they come out to do patching. We will meet again after the first of the year.

Oasis Saloon has been sold to Great Life Fitness and they requested to be hooked up to the city sewer. Owner, Linda Farrant is willing to grant easement in lieu of the city allowing a free sewer hookup. Lee Hendricks recommended that the council give the mayor the permission to review easement access to lift station issue.

Motion was made by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Richard White, to empower the mayor to work with Linda Farrant, Owner of Great Life Fitness, on lien and the easement issues to clean up any potential conflicts with the property. Motion passed 4-0.

Matt Williams relayed that Jefferson West is installing artificial turf to the Football Field and will have excess dirt. Matt Williams will use his personal vehicles and equipment to transfer excess dirt to Lacey Parks' second ball field, to build it up. Mayor Boyer asked approximate cost and Matt said it would be around \$600. The field has a little artificial turf already and Jefferson West Ball Association purchased a ball diamond back stop.

Motion was made by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Ty Buschbom, to allot \$500 for the fuel cost to move the dirt to the diamonds. Motion passed 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS-CON'T

Motion made by Jackie Cummings, seconded by Richard White, to approve the Occupational License renewal for the VFW as presented. Motion Passed 4-0

Motion was made by Jackie Cummings, seconded by Richard White, to approve the Corporate Authorization Resolution 2017-09 for Denison State Bank regarding authorized signers for the city. Motion Passed 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

None

SEWER/TRASH DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

Report not available just too many things going on and there is a large amount of things to process that came in at last minute. A lot of payments on accounts have come in, but we did not want to penalize anyone unfairly.

POLICE DEPARTMENT TIME

All our officers are part-time and are working a total of 45-50 hours a week. Chief Boyer informed council of the Police Officers working. Council member Jackie Cummings thanked them all for work and service to the community.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT TIME

Matt Williams informed the council that the new sander truck is setup and he installed a wireless remote as well. Matt also received the Hydraulic Thumb for the Backhoe as the previous one received was not the right one. God's Storehouses' driveway is installed and completed. Matt is wanting the signs in town that are bad, replaced. He will get estimates at some point. He also informed council that the sander on the dump truck works too.

ATTORNEY TIME

Lee Hendricks advised that the City Code Book needs reviewed to identify any additional errors that need to be corrected. He recommended a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-01 and further explained that filing of any amendment would be filed behind the ordination.

Motion was made by Ty Buschbom, seconded by BJ Whiteman, to accept Ordinance No. 2017-01, An Ordinance Adopting the Codification of Ordinances for the City of Meriden, KS, with roll call approval as follows: Jackie Cummings (Approved), Ty Buschbom (Approved), Richard White (Approved), BJ Whiteman (Approved), and Dana Boyer (Approved). Motion passed 4-0.

Carrie Daniels will publish Ordinance 2017-01 in the Valley Falls Vindicator.

Lee discussed some of the questions he has received from communities regarding personnel supervision and any perceived conflicts of interest. There is no legal conflict of interest with Dana Boyer being Mayor, but to avoid the perceived conflict of interest, his recommendation is that the role of the Police Commissioner be handed over to the Council as a whole. From his experience, the supervision of all city staff is best served by Council supervision as a whole. It may cause decision delays, but ensures the council, the city departments, and the city's interests, are protected.

Motion was made by Ty Buschbom, seconded by BJ Whiteman, that the City Council assumes the advisory role as the Police Commission. Motion Passed 4-0.

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MAYOR TIME

Introduced our auditor John Welch, City Auditor to the council members who had not been introduced.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES

*Motion was made by Ty Buschbom, seconded by BJ Whiteman, to approve the minutes of the last meeting.
Motion passed 4-0.*

MOTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES

*Motion was made by Ty Buschbom, seconded by Jackie Cummings, to approve the current expenditures.
Motion passed 4-0.*

CONTINUE OR ADJOURN THE MEETING

*Motion was made by Ty Buschbom, seconded by BJ Whiteman, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion passed 4-0.*

Respectfully submitted by: Carrie M. Daniels, City Clerk
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