

**CITY OF MERIDEN
APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2015**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:03

THOSE PRESENT

Council: Karl Dillenbeck Floyd Cozadd Dana Boyer Zac Surritt Dicey Albrecht

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

OLD BUSINESS

Issues tabled until further notice.

NEW BUSINESS

Council was presented with a list of proposed sewer increases based on percentages. It would be cost effective to get information out via City newsletter about the new online payment option and to inform the residents about the needed sewer increase at the same time.

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Floyd Cozadd to approve the expenditure of a City newsletter and publication in the newspaper. Motion passed 5-0.

Occupational License renewal for The Watering Hole was presented.

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Karl Dillenbeck, to approve the Occupational License for the Watering Hole. Motion passed 5-0.

Council discussed the procedures and transferring of funds at year end.

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Karl Dillenbeck, to approve the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Consolidated Street/Highway & Equipment Reserve Funds, subject to available cash in the General Fund on December 31, 2015. Motion passed 5-0.

John Welch, City Auditor informed Council procedures in the past that can be diverted from being amended, if the Council motioned to transfer the amount needed to cover Employee Benefits, to the General Fund.

Motion made by Karl Dillenbeck, seconded by Zac Surritt, to transfer Employee Benefits balance to the General Fund if need be at year end December 31, 2015. Motion Passed 5-0.

SEWER DELINQUENCIES

Delinquent utility accounts were discussed briefly with no action taken at this time. Council discussed the proposed sewer rate increases as presented. The last time the city sewer rates were changed was in 2010.

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Dicey Albright, to implement a fifteen percent increase of all the current sewer rates, effective February 2016 Billing. Motion passed 5-0.

POLICE TIME

Chief Boyer discussed the pros and cons of the bullet proof vests and that he would like to get at least one of the new style vests, that can be worn on the outside clothing as opposed to under, with of the cost coming from the Law Enforcement Fund. Mayor Schneider agreed the new style is much more comfortable and convenient too.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT TIME

James informed Council he attended an information meeting regarding the fact that Jefferson County now has confirmed the find of Emerald Ash Borer larva. There is not much able to done to stop them from killing off the ash trees in the City Park. Jefferson County is included in a quarantine to prevent further spread in Kansas.

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ATTORNEY TIME

Nothing at this time

MAYOR TIME

Christmas Bonuses were discussed and the following motion was then made:

Motion was made by Karl Dillenbeck, seconded by Zac Surritt, to give the full time employees and supervisor, hundred dollar bonuses and all part time employees, fifty dollar bonuses.

Motion passed 5-0. Dana Boyer abstained.

Discussion was held upon the request to close City Hall on Christmas Eve day.

Motion made by Karl Dillenbeck, seconded by Zac Surritt, to close City Hall on Christmas Eve Day as a Holiday. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Dicey Albright, to go into Executive Session for ten minutes at 8:08 for purchase of real estate. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Zac Surritt, to come out of Executive Session at 8:18 and back in for five minutes. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Dicey Albright, for Lee Hendricks to send the Schultz's, a letter offering \$100.00 for the property in question, located next to the City Ball Park. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion was held on the Maintenance Department hours of 6am to 2:30pm and effective daylight savings time, they are to go back to 7am to 3:30.

APPROVE THE MINUTES

Motion made by Zac Surritt, seconded by Karl Dillenbeck, to approve the minutes. Motion passed 5-0.

APPROVE EXPENDITURES

Motion made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by Zac Surritt, to approve the expenditures. Motion passed 5-0.

CONTINUE OR ADJOURN THE MEETING

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Karl Dillenbeck, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Carrie M. Daniels, City Clerk

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