

**CITY OF MERIDEN
APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 14, 2022**

PUBLIC HEARING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:11 PM

THOSE PRESENT

Council Members: Brian Smith Jackie Cummings BJ Whiteman Floyd Cozadd

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim McGrath, Planning & Zoning Commissioner and Danny Hittle

Jim McGrath spoke of Request for Service he and Vance Collings submitted last year, in regard to the house at 315 S Palmberg St and its condition. No other comments were made.

Public Hearing closed at 7:15 pm.

Regular City Council Meeting opened at 7:15 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Meriden Pride Committee – Matthew Williams spoke of their request to the council regarding street closure and alcohol for the 150th Anniversary of Meriden Celebration.

Motion made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by Jackie Cummings, to close the 100 block of Main St from 9 am to midnight on October 1, 2022, Resolution #2022-03. Motion passed 4-0.

Council relayed the process for permitting alcohol, state application needed, areas to be taped off etc.

Tiffany McCall was present and relayed the festival timeline. Discussion regarding the Barbeque Cook-Off to take place at WF Leonard, 111 W Main St. Mayor Boyer and Chief Boyer asked who would be responsible for patrolling private property? It would be better if cook off was to be within 100 block of E Main St. The Meriden Pride will submit their application to the state and come back to the city on July 12, 2022, City Council Meeting.

Lori Ploude was present and handed out the City's Ordinance along with a picture of her property. She is dealing with a drainage issue. Mayor Boyer asked Lori if we could take this under advisement. The City Engineer, Mark Bachamp, City Engineer, will be contacted to look at the drainage issue and council will have an answer at the July 12, 2022, City Council Meeting.

Unifirst Corporation Five-Year Contract for rugs and floor mats was presented.

Motion made by Jackie Cummings, seconded by BJ Whiteman, to accept Unifirst Corporation contract. Motion passed 4-0.

Lee Hendricks, City Attorney, spoke of the property at 315 S Palmberg St. The cost associated with demolition can be costly.

Resolution #2022-02 is the home and garage at 315 S Palmberg. Danny Hittle spoke with Thomas's, whom Jim McGrath said moved out because of garbage on property. Danny said they moved because they were bought out by Mammoth and had received enough money to build a new house, not because of Danny's house or property at 315 S Palmberg St. The house will be remodeled and garage will be removed by the fall.

NEW BUSINESS – CON’T

Jackie and Dana asked Danny what is the time frame? Does council want to go with 2nd Resolution allotting time to complete work. Floyd Cozadd asked how long Danny Hittle would need and he said outside should be completed by fall, within six (6) months.

Motion made by Jackie Cummings, seconded by Brian Smith, to approve Resolution #2022-04 to allow six (6) months to complete outside of house. Motion passed 3-0. BJ Whiteman abstained.

Alexia and Andy Surritt were present and relayed they own two (2) of the oldest homes in town. They purchased Chmidling’s house 514 E Main St which was built in 1865 and will be restored. Garage on property, which was set on fire by vandals last year, will be demolished. Alexia and Andy Surritt are also in the process of purchasing the Hammerly’s property at 215 E Huffman St. and would like to tear it down and build a nice little retirement home.

Tiffany McCall and Rori Chapman on the Meriden Pride Committee presented council with a picture of Banners for the 150th Anniversary they would like to place on the Main St poles.

Danny Hittle asked what Mammoth is going to do with the three (3) properties they purchased. BJ Whiteman stated that the two (2) properties west of Boone and Bounty is being used for parking, Attorney mentioned the house directly west of Boone and Bounty is used for storage. Someone mentioned second house west of Boone and Bounty is being rented to a tenant.

Alexia Surritt asked about the meeting Mark Bachamp and Lee Hendricks had with Mammoth. Lee explained what they discussed, and that they will have further discussions on the matter of the sewer system later. BJ Whiteman asked if Mammoth would have to sign something on Sewer Study and council said yes.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

SEWER AND TRASH DELINQUENCIES

Council reviewed sewer and trash accounts and decided to let things ride this month.

POLICE DEPARTMENT TIME

Jason Boyer has an instructor to come and have sessions on the School Safety, making schools harder to get into and instructing staff on safety protocol, plus wax bullet training.

Ammunition is going up in price and should be purchased to have on hand.

Jason Boyer relayed the city has an artist in town who likes to paint graffiti on the Meriden City Park Building. Foot traffic is up in Meriden.

The cameras have paid for themselves and captured a \$3,500 vandalism incident that has been taken care of.

Jason Boyer relayed he had bearings fixed on Police Department Vehicle, at Mammoth Mechanics and bill was submitted.

Jason Boyer spoke of people parking in the alleyway and they will continue to receive tickets.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

The Correctional Facility built frames for picnic tables and Matt Williams purchased wood. The 7th Grade Class stained them for a project.

Matt Williams presented quote for Northern Tool and Equipment for \$4,252.00 for mosquito fogger.
Motion made by Brian Smith, seconded by BJ Whiteman to go with Northern Tool and Equipment to purchase Mosquito Fogger as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

Matt Williams requested four (4) time clocks for school beacons from Mid-American Signal.
Motion made by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to purchase four (4) time clocks for school beacons. Motion passed 4-0.

ATTORNEY TIME

Lee Hendricks relayed to BJ Whiteman that he would never play favorites, and nothing was directed to no one in particular. He would just like to say he just wants the situation fixed.

MAYOR TIME

Mayor Dana Boyer called for Executive Session to discuss non-elected personnel issues including Lee Hendricks, City Attorney for 5 minutes at 8:50 pm.

Came out of Executive Meeting and called for additional 5 minutes out of Executive Session at 9:00 pm. No binding action taken.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Motion made by Brian Smith, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to approve May 10, 2022, minutes. Motion passed 3-0. Jackie Cummings abstained.

MOTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES

Motion was made by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Jackie Cummings, to approve current expenditures. Motion passed 4-0.

CONTINUE OR ADJOURN THE MEETING

Motion made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by Brian Smith, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:


Jerri Lederer, Assistant City Clerk

