

**CITY OF MERIDEN
APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 4, 2022**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:05 PM

THOSE PRESENT

Council Members: Brian Smith Jackie Cummings BJ Whiteman
Lee Hendricks, City Attorney Dana Boyer, Mayor Carrie Daniels, City Clerk

NOT PRESENT: Floyd Cozadd

NEW BUSINESS

Lee Hendricks, informed council of meeting with Planning & Zoning last night, regarding Boone & Bounty variance at 401 S Palmberg St. He stated it does not require a council motion.

Motion made by Brian Smith, seconded by Jackie Cummings, to publish in Topeka Capital Journal and Valley Falls Vindicator, garage sales will be June 3rd and June 4th from 7 am through 5 pm. Motion passed 3-0.

City Wide Clean-Up will be June 10th and June 11th. The week before the City-Wide Clean-up, city will have two (2) 40-yard dumpsters at the burn pile site. Hours for use of dumpster will be from 6 am to 2 pm Monday through Friday, and 6 am through 12 pm Saturday.

Motion made by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Brian Smith, to pay for tonnage in dumpsters to LRS Waste. Motion passed 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

SEWER AND TRASH DELINQUENCIES

Utilities were discussed.

Motion made by Jackie Cummings, seconded by Brian Smith, to have Lee Hendricks send letter of payment needed or be disconnected to Charles Abrams, 316 N Palmberg St and have Chief Jason Boyer, post letter on their front door. Motion passed 3-0.

POLICE DEPARTMENT TIME

Since Friday Night basketball is over, Police Officer's hours will go down. Officers have been working school zones.

Old rifle that was not being used, was traded for a silencer. It muffles the sound so if used, everyone can still hear after it is shot.

Chief Boyer reported all vehicles are running well. He is also dealing with parking issues.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Matt Williams spoke to council about a preliminary survey study on the 2022 sidewalk project before we get this grant. Mark Bachamp, City Engineer, declined to do the study. Matt is looking into two (2) other companies to do the study.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – CON'T

Asphalt is going up in price, streets will cost more for repairs. Matt Williams relayed he and James Wells have started mowing.

Matt Williams also relayed what was requested from Mr. Melvin Keller at 504 E Main St: Matt and James will pull concrete out and fix the problem areas Mr. Keller has requested.

The city received formal Pay application #3 from Kings Construction for 2021 Sidewalk Project.
Motion made by Brian Smith, seconded by Jackie Cummings to pay Kings Construction \$19,625.00, final Pay Application #3. Motion passed 3-0.

Matt Williams asked council if they came to a decision on Employee Holiday “Days Off.” Matt Williams relayed he will bring a schedule with descriptions to next meeting for Council to review. After further discussion, issue of holidays was tabled for now.

Matt Williams spoke about trying to get back with Mark Bachamp. Clerk Daniels relayed that Mark Bachamp did call and did not know if he was needed and had other engagements this evening. Matt Williams has been taking flow readings at Lagoon.

ATTORNEY TIME

City Attorney Lee Hendricks, spoke to Council about what was discussed at the Planning and Zoning meeting on April 11, 2022.

Lee relayed he had drafted Resolution #2022-02 for 315 S Palmberg St that will notify property owners, Danny and Sherri Hittle, of a Public Hearing to be held on June 14, 2022. Resolution will notify the property owners of the Public Hearing so they may appear and show cause as to why the structures at the above location, should not be condemned or demolished.

Motion made by Jackie Cummings, seconded by Brian Smith to pass Resolution #2022-02 regarding 315 S Palmberg. BJ Whiteman abstained. Motion passed 2-1.

MAYOR TIME

Mayor Boyer relayed the city now owns the property east of City Hall. She relayed it was purchased for \$25,000.00 and city will eventually build something on the property. Mayor Boyer was approached about selling the Simms Building, 108 E Main St, and she stated not at this time.

Call for Executive Session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel issues to include Lee Hendricks at 7:52 pm.

Motion made by Brian Smith, seconded by Jackie Cummings, to go into Executive Session, exception Lee Hendricks for 15 minutes until 8:07. Motion passed 3-0.

Motion made by Brian Smith, seconded by Jackie Cummings, to go into Executive Session, exception Lee Hendricks for an additional 5 minutes until 8:12. Motion passed 3-0.

Motion made by Brian Smith, seconded by Jackie Cummings, to go into Executive Session, exception Lee Hendricks and Carrie Daniels for an additional 20 minutes until 8:32. Motion passed 3-0.

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Approved Minutes
Regular City Council Meeting
April 12, 2022

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

*Motion made by Jackie Cummings, seconded by Brian Smith, to approve March 17, 2022, minutes.
Motion passed 3-0.*

MOTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES

*Motion was made by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Jackie Cummings, to approve current expenditures.
Motion passed 3-0.*

CONTINUE OR ADJOURN THE MEETING

*Motion made by Brian Smith, seconded by BJ Whiteman, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion passed 3-0.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:


Jerri Lederer, Assistant City Clerk

