

**CITY OF MERIDEN
APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 23, 2018**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:14 PM

THOSE PRESENT

Council Members: Floyd Cozadd BJ Whiteman Jacqueline Cummings Richard White

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

NOT PRESENT

NEW BUSINESS

Allison Salisbury was present to discuss the Proclamation to recognize November as “Color the World Orange” a month long campaign to increase awareness of Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS). She also obtained permission from the Council to place orange ribbons and promotion information on the light poles around town, to increase awareness.

Motion was made by Richard White, seconded by BJ Whiteman, to recognize November 5, 2018 by Proclamation, as Color the World Orange Day. Motion Passed 4-0.

Motion was made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by Jacqueline Cummings, to recognize the month of November as Complex Regional Pain Syndrome month and to authorize the placement of orange ribbons on the poles in downtown Meriden, in support of the “Color the World Orange” campaign. Motion Passed 4-0.

Cheryl Swayne was present to inform the council about the benefits of establishing a Feral Cat program in the City of Meriden. Cheryl took the time to review the City of Columbus’s Feral Cat Program and Ordinance. She brought informational handouts for Council Member’s to review in depth. She has volunteered to head up the Feral Cat Program in Meriden should the city decide to implement the program. She would like the city to set up a “link referral” to a website where citizens could make donations to support the program and report colonies of feral cats to incorporate into the program. She would like to link the Sewer and Trash Utility Account Number to the reporting form to make sure we are only addressing feral cats within the city limits. There may be an opportunity to partner with Kansas State University’s Mobile Veterinary Clinic to provide Spay and Neuter services to the City. Council will discuss the program further at the next City Council Meeting.

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Council discussed some scheduling conflicts with the next Regular City Council Meeting and it was rescheduled accordingly.

Motion was made by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Richard White, to reschedule the Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 2018, to Wednesday, November 14, 2018, beginning at 7:00pm. Motion passed 4-0.

Council discussed potential replacements for Ty Buschbom's vacant Council Member position. Ken Parker, Pastor for the United Methodist Church and Jeri White, long time citizen and council member Richard White's wife, have expressed their interests in the open council position. Council discussed a variety of issues and concerns they had.

Council decided to advertise the vacancy on Facebook and the City's Website. Anyone wishing to fill the position is welcome to show up at the next Council Meeting on November 14, 2018 to discuss their desire to fill the position and why they are interested in the position as well. It is the Mayor's responsibility to recommend appointments to fill vacant seats and the council approves or disapproves the person recommended by the Mayor.

Jerry Bragg had requested to be placed on the Agenda to discuss the number of stop signs inside the City of Meriden, but was not present this evening. He felt the city has too many stop signs inside the city limits. Council discussed the stop sign near the Post Office as well. County Commissioner Wayne Ledbetter was present and relayed that being from out of town, that it is hard to notice the stop signs on the corners of Palmberg and Main Street.

Clerk Daniels presented the Blue Cross Blue Shield Premium Renewal to council. The Premium actually decreased by two dollars a person.

Motion was made by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Jacqueline Cummings, to approve the proposed Blue Cross Blue Shield Premium Renewal beginning December 1, 2018. Motion Passed 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

City Attorney Lee Hendricks discussed possible ordinances regarding "All Terrain Vehicles" and Permit Applications. Richard White said he can get the books and stickers for Vehicles. Jacqueline asked if warnings would be given prior to being ticketed. Lee agreed with Jacqueline Cummings point that if anyone wants to operate an ATV inside the city limits, the city would require a permit to do so, even if they live outside the city limits. Lee will tweak the application and ordinance to meet the needs of the city. Mayor Boyer suggested using colored stickers for each year and a running spreadsheet with a list of names and sticker numbers awarded just in case they forget their stickers at home. Final vote will be delayed till November 14, 2018 meeting, so Police Chief Boyer has a chance to provide his input.

SEWER/TRASH DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

Discussion was held on delinquent utility accounts. The list of delinquent accounts were annotated for additional action and provided to Clerk Daniels for further actions. Council discussed referring eight accounts to the City Attorney to address.

POLICE DEPARTMENT TIME

Police Chief Jason Boyer was unable to attend the meeting but relayed information concerning an incident that occurred at Jefferson West Middle School. They had to open up City Hall after hours to take statements as well. Meriden Police Department provided additional surveillance on a house related to this incident, until the issue was resolved. Everything else in town seems to be Running smoothly.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT TIME

A turtle and moss clogged the lines at the sewer lagoon and “P1 Group” is coming to Jett lines at the clogged cell.

The Maintenance Department painted City Hall’s exterior wall that was exposed after the demolition of the building next door. Matt also relayed the arm of the backhoe had to be fixed too.

Matt Williams briefed the council on his conversation with the City Engineer, Mark Bachamp in regards to the sidewalk, curbs and gutters on the 100 block of East Main Street storefronts. Mark would like to attend the November meeting to discuss any questions regarding this issue and other issues related to a possible development project next to the city boundaries.

Matt Williams relayed that the ditch behind the Post Office needs to be cleaned out and he asked Michael Jennings at Environmental Mediations, if the City could clean out the ditch, as it is not on city property. Lee Hendricks relayed that the Council would need to make a motion that included how cleaning out the ditch would benefit the city. Mayor Boyer suggested we invite Mike and his wife to the next meeting to discuss the ditch issue.

Mayor Boyer relayed that if Meriden Barber Shop would like to use some of the City’s parking lot in the back of the City Hall. Mayor Boyer wondered if the Clerks could park somewhere else. She asked Matt to give her a wish list with estimates to put building out back or to address other parking issues downtown.

ATTORNEY TIME

Lee Hendricks briefed the Council on the issue with the Countryside Square Retail Strip Mall pumping raw sewer waste, into a county ditch that drains directly into the city ditches. James Wells obtain pictures and videos of this occurring a second time over a period of three days. Mayor Boyer relayed she, Lee, and Mark Bachamp have been talking about this issue and requested various open records from Kansas Department of Health (KDHE) and on requirements.

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MAYOR TIME

Nothing further to discuss.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES

Motion was by Richard White, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to approve the minutes.

Motion Passed 4-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES

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

CONTINUE OR ADJOURN THE MEETING

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

Respectfully submitted by: Carrie M. Daniels, City Clerk
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