

**CITY OF MERIDEN
APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 17, 2021**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM

THOSE PRESENT

Council Members: Floyd Cozadd Brian Smith Richard White

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

NOT PRESENT: BJ Whiteman Jackie Cummings (Arrived at 7:18 pm)

NEW BUSINESS

John Welch, who is assisting with the budget, reviewed the Revenue Neutral Rate with City Council in relation to the 2022 Proposed Budget. John informed Council that increasing One Mill would equal \$6,000. The Revenue Neutral Rate provided by the County is 55.020, so the Proposed Tax Rate for the Public Hearing on September 14, 2021 would be 56.020.

Lee Hendricks, City Attorney, advised Council it is in their best interest to proceed with preparing a budget that will exceed the Reserve Neutral Rate. The Council directed the City Clerk to notify Jefferson County Clerk of their intention to exceed Reserve Neutral Rate by One Mill and give notice of the Revenue Rate Hearing by Publication of a Public Hearing Notice in late August to occur on September 14, 2021 at 7 pm.

Motion made by Richard White, seconded by Brian Smith, to give notice to the County of the City's intent to exceed Tax Revenue Neutral Rate by One Mill and hold the Revenue Neutral Rate Public Hearing, September 14, 2021 at 7 pm. Motion passed 4-0.

The 2022 Proposed Budget will be prepared showing One Mill above the Revenue Neutral Rate levy.

Motion made by Richard White, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to have John Welch and the City Clerk prepare the 2022 Proposed Budget based on the One Mill increase. Motion passed 4-0.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Matt Williams, Maintenance Department, received cost estimate for the 2021 Sidewalk Project at a cost of \$194,000. He will put this out for bid. He is going to get with ATM Concrete, Inc. and Mammoth, as they wanted to place bids on the sidewalk project. Matt asked Council if they could meet on June 30, 2021, to review and accept bids received.

Special Meeting set for June 30, 2021 at 6:30 pm to discuss any and all matters that would be discussed in a Regular Meeting.

SEWER AND TRASH DELINQUENCIES

Motion made by Richard White, seconded by Jackie Cummings, to let Sewer/Trash delinquencies ride for this month. Motion passed 4-0.

SEWER AND TRASH DELINQUENCIES – CON'T

Mayor Dana Boyer, relayed that there was a house that caught on fire on Main Street. Discussion held on utilities and possible rate reduction until the party could move back into house.

Motion made by Richard White, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to allow vacant lot rate for now and if the Hansford's end up on delinquency list, council can waive the late charge.

Motion passed 4-0.

Lee Hendricks, City Attorney, relayed we have to ask them if they know their insurance company is to send the City of Meriden 10% of the insurance paid out. The city holds until repairs are completed and then returns money at that point to them.

POLICE TIME

Chief Jason Boyer, relayed that Kevin Gibson works every other Monday. Ryan Smidt works in the winter, but summer he works in Kansas City as he makes more money.

Requirement to work at Meriden Police Department is that out of 8 days worked, you work a weekend. Chief Jason Boyer informed the council the need to hire good quality officers that know what they are doing.

John Welch, City Auditor, relayed he thought \$25.00 per hour, was the average rate.

Motion made by Richard White, seconded by Jackie Cummings, to authorize Chief Jason Boyer to spend up to \$40,000 on Police Salaries. Motion passed 4-0.

MAINTENANCE TIME

Matt Williams, Maintenance Department, informed Council they have been spraying for mosquitoes and what areas they still have left to complete.

The Maintenance Department, will mow a property in town that was abated when time is up on the said abatement.

Matt Williams and Mark Bachamp discussed the Sewer Improvement Project for Mammoth.

ATTORNEY TIME

City Attorney, Lee Hendricks and Mayor Dana Boyer, spoke to Council about the grant for the "Outdoor Fitness Park". The grant is for \$50,000 with \$50,000 coming from Community and City for a total of \$100,000. Resolution simply allows the City of Meriden to Adopt and Allocate Funds for an Outdoor Fitness Park.

Motion made by Jackie Cummings, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to pass Resolution #2021-03 for the Outdoor Fitness Park. Motion passed 4-0.

ATTORNEY TIME – CON'T

Motion made by Richard White, seconded by Brian Smith, to join the National Fitness Campaign for \$145.00. Motion passed 4-0.

MAYOR TIME

Mayor Dana Boyer, and Matt Williams met with Garrett Nordstrom, City's Grant Writer, about grants for Sewer and Streets Infrastructure. Garrett would be willing to do LMI Survey and the actual grant at a cost of \$8,700 for the Low to Moderate Income Survey or LMI.

Application deadline is November 1, 2021. He could have the LMI Survey done by August, 2021.

Motion made by Brian Smith, seconded by Richard White to accept Garrett Nordstrom's bid of up to \$8,700. Motion passed 4-0.

Discussion was held on adding a splash park to the park project. Nothing further at this time.

Discussion was held on the Fire Hydrants in town and who was responsible for maintenance on said hydrants. Clerk Carrie Daniels, will get last known agreement and send to Matt Williams, Maintenance Department and Lee Hendricks, City Attorney.

APPROVE THE MINUTES

Motion was made by Richard White, seconded by Jackie Cummings, to approve May 11, 2021 Minutes after the following corrections are made: Change to Susie Zwygart, instead of Suzie Petesch and under Attorney Time, change Dennison to Denison. Motion passed 4-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES

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

CONTINUE OR ADJOURN THE MEETING

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:



Jerri Lederer, Assistant City Clerk

