

**CITY OF MERIDEN  
APPROVED MINUTES  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 12, 2021**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:01 PM**

**THOSE PRESENT**

Council Members:   BJ Whiteman                                   Brian Smith                                   Richard White  
                                  Floyd Cozadd                                   Jackie Cummings

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

Jim McGrath and Lexi Surratt with Planning & Zoning were present and relayed to council that the Planning & Zoning Commission met and would like to ask City Council to Zone-in-Place, the property at 101 W Wyandotte from R-1 to B-1. It is being taxed at commercial rates.

***Motion made by Richard White, seconded by BJ Whiteman, to Zone-in-Place the proper zoning classification of B-1 for the property at 101 W Wyandotte. Motion passed 5-0.***

Heather Williams, Jeannie Loyd, Drew Sams and Chris Welborn, were present to discuss the plans for the New Library Building. Heather Williams informed Council that the building would be a 9,921 square foot building to be built with large community section in it. The library has outgrown space. Almost 12,000 individuals had visited the library in 2020. They are relocating to the adjacent property next to the Fire Station.

The Library has raised about \$176,000. Petesch Trenching, R&S Maintenance and Williams Equipment partnered with Mammoth to help with construction.

\$1,500,000 will be the cost, not including furnishings for the new Library. City has a Community Development Block Grant available. The Library is asking for the City of Meriden to apply for the Grant.

Lee Hendricks, City Attorney relayed he would be concerned that the city would have the time to complete application. Heather Williams relayed they have completed USDA and the Block grant is similar.

***Motion made by Richard White, seconded by Jackie Cummings, the City's sponsorship of said Grant for the Library. Motion passed 5-0.***

Council thanked the Library Board.

Tiffany McCall, with the Jefferson West Ball Association, along with other members of the Ball Association were present. They have made many improvements ie... trees, concession stand, painted bleachers, water meter spigot, rock was replaced along with lights thanks to the City of Meriden.

Eight (8) tee ball teams – eighty-five (85) kids, put sponsor's name on fence. They are allowing church team to play in turn.

Bleacher covers were requested. They would like to have another practice field and would love to have a building with concession stand that includes bathrooms around building.

**NEW BUSINESS – CON’T**

Lee Hendricks relayed to the Jeff West Ball Association about discussing proper ways to do things. Discussion held on Jeff West Ball Association requesting a possible written agreement, so that they aren't putting all their time and effort into making improvements, if the Lacey Ball Field is sold.

Further discussion held on Mammoth Plans and procedures the City Engineer required them to have specifics done on re-plats as well.

Vertical bleacher awnings from Mill Iron-V need to be submitted by November 8, 2021 at a cost of \$3,236 per awning.

Lexi Surrutt said she would talk to Andy Surrutt about making awnings.

***Motion made by Brian Smith, seconded by BJ Whiteman, to empower Mayor Dana Boyer to approve up to \$3,500 in cost with possible increase for the bleachers. Motion to empower Mayor Dana Boyer to approve up to \$3,500 with possible cost increase in the event the Bleacher Awnings are higher.***

***Motion made by Richard White, seconded by Jackie Cummings, to approve Meriden VFW Post 10815 Occupation Tax License for November, 2021 to November, 2022. Motion passed 5-0.***

BlueCross BlueShield premium renewal decrease \$248.01 per month and \$2,976.12 per year.

***BJ Whiteman made motion, seconded by Jackie Cummings, to accept the BlueCross BlueShield Health and Dental Premium for December, 2021 to December, 2022. Motion passed 5=0.***

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mammoth Annexation tabled until further studies can be made. Matt Williams, City Maintenance, will work with county next week to put up traffic study.

**SEWER AND TRASH DELINQUENCIES**

Sewer delinquencies were discussed.

Michael Beale, 213 Railroad – if water meter pulled, billing should be stopped on sewer also.

Travis Hanson, 107 E Palmer

Charles Abrams, 316 N Palmberg,

**POLICE DEPARTMENT TIME**

Chief Jason Boyer, suggested just transferring ATV Permits to new owner. Lee Hendricks made recommendations to keep ATV Permits as previously sold, new ATV's would require a new Permit and Sticker.

***Motion made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by Brian Smith to keep \$25.00 yearly cost the same.***

***Motion passed 5-0.***

Some excitement at JW Junction Friday night. Man on parole with stolen vehicle was causing problems and the situation was handled.

Chief Boyer spoke of two (2) officers coming to work here soon and with incident that was diffused Friday night, he hoped Council understood the additional pay.

**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT**

Matt Williams, Maintenance Department relayed the last easements to be signed were Dona Anderegg and Cottonwood Baptist Church.

Matt relayed he had estimates to remove three (3) dead trees at the Meriden City Park.

*Motion made by Brian Smith, seconded by BJ Whiteman, for Absolute Home Solutions to remove trees at park for \$3,775. Motion passed 4-0. Richard White Abstained.*

After tree removal, concrete pad can be poured for exercise equipment per Mayor Dana Boyer.

**ATTORNEY TIME**

Nothing at this time.

*Richard White made motion, seconded by Brian Smith for 10 minutes Executive Session and Attorney Client Privilege to include the City Attorney. Motion passed 5-0.*

Back in session at 8:34 pm.

*Motion made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by Jackie Cummings stating tomorrow, start doing log books which will be turned in every week on Monday morning for all City Employees. Motion passed 5-0.*

**MAYOR TIME**

Nothing at this time.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES**

Page 2 of September 14, 2021 minutes need corrected, Jackie Cummings to bring up bleacher awnings and since Mammoth as present, she tabled issue for now.

*Motion was made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by Brian Smith, to approve September 14, 2021 minutes after corrections that Jackie Cummings did not state that Mammoth was purchasing Lacey Ball Field. Motion passed 5-0.*

**MOTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES**

*Motion was made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by Brian Smith, to approve current expenditures. Motion passed 5-0.*

**CONTINUE OR ADJOURN THE MEETING**

*Motion made by Richard White, seconded by Jackie Cummings, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 5-0.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Jerri Lederer, Assistant City Clerk

