

**CITY OF MERIDEN
APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2015**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00pm

THOSE PRESENT

Council Members: Karl Dillenbeck Floyd Cozadd Dana Boyer Zac Surritt

Carrie Daniels, City Clerk

Wade Schneider, Mayor

NOT PRESENT

Dicy Albrecht, Council Member

Lee Hendricks, City Attorney

OLD BUSINESS

Zac Surritt informed Council that he and Paul Crawford, Meriden's City Building Inspector, walked around the two vacant buildings at 105 & 105 ½ Main St. The buildings are more of an eye sore but becoming a hazard. The Jefferson County Tax Sale sometime January of 2016, could list these two properties for sale, if the buildings do not sell, Jefferson County will become the new owners.

Wayne Ledbetter, Jefferson County Commissioner, was present and informed Council that the County has been entertaining ideas regarding organizing the Land Bank option, to speed the process up of these unwanted properties in Jefferson County. It could take up to a year after the tax sale is over, before anything can be done with the properties, due to the owners' redemption rights. These issues will be brought up when Lee Hendricks is present and able to advise.

Mayor Schneider updated Council on Randy Zwygart's buildings that were up for sale. The Blacksmith Shop on South Palmberg Street, is the only building for sale now. Randy's father is buying the garage. Zac Surritt researched estimated cost of building a metal & concrete building where the Sims building is located currently. The cost was estimated at \$90K and includes a water meter, concrete floor, labor & material for a 25ft x75ft building 30ftx100ft deep and 16ft tall. The cost of demolishing a portion of the Sims Building, needs further research.

NEW BUSINESS

Wayne Ledbetter was present to inform Council about an upcoming joint meeting with KLMA and Kansas Association of Counties in Topeka at the Capital Plaza, he would like a representative or several from the Governing Body to attend on January 27, 2016 if at all possible.

Wayne also informed Council that there is a position open as District #2 Representative on the Planning & Zoning Board. He would like Council to pass on this information on to possible business owner's or citizens in the Meriden area and urge them to apply.

SEWER DELINQUENCIES

Delinquent Utility Accounts were discussed briefly. James Wells will call for locates and Meriden Police Department was asked to hand deliver final letters to property owners discussed.

POLICE TIME

Chief Boyer reported that at Trunk-or-Treat, the Police Department handed out 450 bags of goodies and ran out of bags to pass out and the night of Halloween went well with no problems too.

Chief Boyer relayed that Jefferson County and the City of Meriden received \$1K in confiscated drug money which was used to purchase "crisis kits" for the daycares in town including Creche Academy. The kits contained reflective vests, flashlights and coloring items.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT TIME

James informed Council that the park is moving along and the gravel for the alleyway should be delivered next week. The new swing will be installed soon with the compliant amount of border & mulch.

MAYOR TIME

Mayor Schneider presented cost of living increases to Council. Clerk Daniels prepared a worksheet that showed what the proposed percentage increases would be.

Motion was made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by Zac Surritt, for a 2% Cost of Living increase across the board. Motion passed 4-0. Dana abstained.

APPROVE THE MINUTES

*Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Zac Surritt, to approve the minutes.
Motion passed 4-0.*

APPROVE EXPENDITURES

*Motion was made by Zac Surritt, seconded by Karl Dilenbeck, to approve the expenditures.
Motion passed 4-0.*

CONTINUE OR ADJOURN THE MEETING

*Motion was made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by Zac Surritt, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion passed 4-0.*

Respectfully Submitted by: Carrie M. Daniels, City Clerk
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