

**CITY OF MERIDEN  
APPROVED MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 11, 2018**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:03 PM**

**THOSE PRESENT**

Council Members: Floyd Cozadd BJ Whiteman Richard White Ken Parker  
Dana Boyer, Mayor Carrie Daniels, City Clerk Lee Hendricks, City Attorney

**NOT PRESENT**

Jacqueline Cummings

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mike McNary spoke to council about changing the resolution dates of sale date of fireworks from July 1, 2019 to June 27, 2019 and ending on July 4, 2019. Richard White asked why the times changed to begin with. Jason Boyer relayed the noise complaints due to people shooting off fireworks early. The Knights of Columbus donate a percentage of their fireworks sales, to the Jefferson West Football Team and the After Prom Party. The general opinion is that fireworks and noise complaints will be an issue regardless of where they are purchased. If they cannot purchase inside the city limits they will just purchase them in the county where there are no limits on selling fireworks. Lee suggested changing the dates temporarily this year to create an equal playing ground for sales and test the effectiveness of notification of city fireworks ordinances posted at purchase point to notify customers of the rules within the city limits.

Lee Hendricks suggested that a temporary motion not to exceed one year was necessary changes to the Ordinance for 2019 changing firework sales from June 27, 2019 thru July 4, 2019 to see how well the notification of shooting restrictions works.

*Motion was made by Ken Parker, and seconded by BJ Whiteman, to allow the 2019 sale of fireworks within the city limits starting June 27, 2019 thru July 4, 2019 with restrictions posted at point of sale. Motion Passed 4-0.*

*Motion was made by Richard White and seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to authorize a \$45,000.00 transfer to the Streets and Highway Fund from the General Fund. Motion Passed 4-0.*

*Motion was made by Richard White and seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to authorize a \$45,000.00 transfer to the Equipment Reserve Fund from the General Fund. Motion Passed 4-0.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

Council discussed the feral cat issues that were tabled last month. Cheryl Swayne was present to discuss Articles 1-3. She listed her findings in comparison to the Ordinance example she presented in October's Council packet. She suggested several ideas.

**OLD BUSINESS CON'T**

Ken Parker asked questions regarding Article 2-212 and how it can be enforced. Lee said the City would have to designate a police officer for enforcement. Lee felt a program could be set up but at some point the city would need to step in and take responsibility. Discussion was held on the City of Columbus's Feral Cat Program and the operating cost for the program. Ken Parker asked if it includes employee wages. Lee relayed that a part-time Animal Control Officer position was set up in Winchester and a few other small town communities but keeping that has been an officer's problem. He suggested Cheryl look into establishing a collaborative agreement with all the cities in Jefferson County where the cost is shared and services consolidated within Jefferson County. This could be done as a sub-contracted employee of the city.

*Motion was made by BJ Whiteman, and seconded by Richard White, to authorize Cheryl Swayne to set up a Facebook page with the assistance of the City Clerk's Office. Motion Passed 4-0.*

Cheryl Swayne will get with the City Clerk's Office to set up her page and the city will add a link on the city's website and Facebook page to her Facebook page.

**PLANNING AND ZONING**

*Motion was made by Ken Parker, and seconded by Richard White, to go into Executive Session to discuss Attorney Client matters that would include City Council members, Jim McGrath and Lee Hendricks. Motion Passed 4-0.*

Mark Abeln, was present as the Dollar General Developer to discuss their concerns over the Meriden Meadows Development commonly known as the Earl and Marla Rice property at the Northwest corner of K-4 Highway and Palmberg Road. He shared his concerns about the cost to run the sewer lines to connect into the project. Currently that cost would be \$100,000 due to the distance of 1,200 linear feet. They are considering "mounding" which is having lateral fields and building up the sidewalls. Storm water run-off is being drawn up by engineer and they will have a detention pond. Ken Parker asked if the developer had any issues with being annexed. Mr. Abeln said other than the cost of running the sewer line they had no issues.

Mark Bachamp relayed that the ditch will need reworked and is not the same as detention pond and will detour big rain.

**BUILDING PERMITS**

Council discussed the status of each permit on the list. Council wants a letter sent to all the permit holders on the list.

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**SEWER/TRASH DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS**

Discussion on delinquent utility accounts. The list of delinquent accounts were annotated for additional action and provided to City Clerk Carrie Daniels for further actions. Council wants a letter sent to Mark Kramer regarding his account.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT TIME**

Police Chief Jason Boyer relayed that a truck driver got fired and he did not like it that our officers were there to "Keep the Peace." Expect to see a letter of complaint.

FedEx and UPS are dropping off packages at the Post Office instead of leaving them on the Porch.

**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT TIME**

Matt Williams, Street Supervisor, advised council on sealed bids received. Snow routes were discussed due to cars blocking the path of snow removal equipment during the last major snow and ice storm. Matt has the signs but needs to post them.

Matt relayed that the Christmas tree was just what the town needed. It was a joint effort project with the local business owners deciding to bring a little Christmas spirit into the town. Jill Tuck, Tara Higgins, Susan Wellborn, Heidi Petesch, Alicia Wittkopp, and Rachel Wilson all helped with the "Christmas Tree" project. Even Westar joined in the fun as they drove by and noticed they were having difficulty stringing the lights. The tree was donated from Rachel Wilson's historic farm. James came up with the idea to use the extra sewer cap as a base for the tree stand. He and Matt helped install the tree.

Discussion was held on the Engineer to be used for the Sidewalk Project across the street from City Hall on the 100 Block of Main Street.

***Motion was made by Richard White, and seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to approve Joseph MacAfee as contractor for sidewalk repair on 100 E Main Street. Motion Passed 4-0.***

Matt relayed that Kings Construction presented a quote to crush rock.

***Motion was made by Floyd Cozadd, and seconded by BJ Whiteman, to authorize no more than \$10,000 on rock crushing. Motion Passed 4-0.***

Nothing new on the Sewer Lagoon issues. Mayor Boyer submitted an Open Records Request from KDHE as well. Issue tabled for further discussion in next month's meeting.

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**ATTORNEY TIME**

*Motion was made by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to pass Ordinance 2018-06.  
Motion Passed 4-0.*

**MAYOR TIME**

Mayor Dana Boyer relayed she thought the Christmas Eve Holiday had been added to list of holidays. Council made a motion just in case.

*Motion made by BJ Whiteman, and seconded by Richard White, to approve the closure of City Hall on Christmas Eve December 24, 2018. Motion Passed 4-0.*

Post on City Hall Door, Website, and Facebook about the closure.

*Motion was made by Ken Parker, was seconded by BJ Whiteman, to approve \$100 dollar Christmas bonus for each full time city employee and the Chief of Police and \$50 dollars for part-time employees. Motion Passed 4-0*

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES**

No Minutes to approve due to office workload.

**MOTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES**

*Motion was made by BJ Whiteman, and seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to approve expenditures.  
Motion passed 4-0.*

**CONTINUE OR ADJOURN THE MEETING**

*Motion was made by Floyd Cozadd, and seconded by BJ Whiteman, to adjourn the meeting.  
Motion passed 4-0.*

Respectfully submitted by:



Jerri Lederer, Assistant City Clerk

