

**CITY OF MERIDEN
APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2015**

ROLL CALL TAKEN AT 7:00PM

THOSE PRESENT

Council Persons: Floyd Cozadd Dana Boyer Karl Dillenbeck

Wade Schneider, Mayor Carrie Daniels, City Clerk Lee Hendricks, City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING-2016 PROPOSED BUDGET

John Welch, City Auditor with Sink Gordon and Associates, opened the Public Hearing regarding the 2016 Proposed Budget. No public comment was given.

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to approve the 2016 Proposed Budget as presented. Motion passed 3-0.

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Karl Dillenbeck, to close the Public Hearing. Motion passed 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Richard White was not present so issue was tabled.

Councilman Floyd Cozadd relayed to council that he thought a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony would be nice to do for the Meriden Park Project for what they did start at the park. Mayor Schneider, Council and Lee Hendricks, City Counselor discussed this and relayed that anyone could have a ribbon cutting ceremony whenever they choose. It would be best should those on the governing body choose to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony at the park, do so as private citizens and will be noted on the door at City Hall as well. Floyd Cozadd just wanted to make sure this was brought before council.

Kimberly Hockings was present to ask council if they could change the city ordinance regarding general nuisance, to include maintaining trees and shrubs that grow onto other property causing the other property owner damage and heartache, in having to constantly cut down said trees and shrubs growing onto their property. Lee Hendricks, City Attorney informed her that she can cut down whatever crosses onto her property and that the city cannot do anything as it is not effecting the city. Lee did relay that the person in question is in court regarding other matters, so hopefully it gets resolved. He apologized for her hardship.

The Meriden Pride Association requested Johnny-on-the-jobs from the City, for the Meriden Street Festival on September 12, 2015. A quote was presented to council.

Motion was made by Karl Dillenbeck, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to provide Johnny-on-the-Job's for the Street Festival in the amount of \$320. Motion passed 3-0.

Andy and Alexia Surrutt were present to ask where council was at on the ditch tube issue that they requested a few months ago. Alexia relayed that they would pay for the tubes, have them installed by Vince Petesch, as he installs water lines for Rural Water District No. 1 and there is a six inch water main on the west side that Vince is aware of as well. Alexia also relayed that a box culvert needs to be placed in the intersection as well and feels that is the city's responsibility as it is in the street.

Council relayed that a survey needs to be done to determine the size of ditch tube needed in that location. Mark Bachamp, City Engineer had emailed a rough estimate of survey costs, of which Dana Boyer read aloud to everyone. Dana Boyer suggested waiting on the Box Culvert until the Street Grant is applied for once again in October of 2016, to see if this could be included as a part of the grant project.

NEW BUSINESS-CON'T

After further discussion regarding ditch tubes supporting the streets, survey costs, the water flow study done in the Storm Drainage and Street Rehabilitation Report, Andy thought that maybe Mark could review the Storm Drainage report and possibly bring some of the costs down on the survey estimates, to make it cost effective for homeowners needing surveys.

Mayor Schneider would like Clerk Daniels to gather information for Mark Bachamp and Lee said to ask that in relation to the cost estimates he gave this evening, would the survey answer some of these questions and could he attend the Work Session on August 26, 2015 at 6:00pm as well, to discuss this. Clerk Daniels was instructed to list all matters to discuss at the regular city council meeting on the work session notice. Andy also will be cutting down a few trees on the property as well.

The Surritt's would like to request at this time, a 24ft driveway tube and add another ten foot onto it to reach the neighbor, Charlie Starr's driveway as well. After further discussion on this, Mayor Schneider thinks that Paul Crawford, City's Building Inspector needs to come look at the driveways and give his opinion. At that point, it will be requested that Paul contact Mike Elliot and get with him to discuss what he can do.

SEWER/TRASH DELINQUENCY LIST

LeAnna Snavely appeared in court last month and at that time was given her balance on her delinquent utility account was discussed. Lee's assistant will keep calling her for payment. Clerk Daniels relayed that if a homeowner brings in a receipt that they have paid their taxes on amounts we have assessed, then their account is credited, unless they ask us to keep the credit on their account to use towards payments. Carol Palmer is the only account that has the credit as she requested we do it that way.

Only one utility account will be assessed at this time and it is the Dickey property in the amount of \$800.43. All other accounts are being taken care of.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Boyer relayed that he is trying to contact Police Officer's to work the evening of the Meriden Street Festival. Council discussed the amount to be paid to each officer that will be working and compared to other towns. Chief Boyer would like to hire out at least six officers to work this event.

Motion was made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by Karl Dillenbeck, to pay Police Officer's \$25.00 per hour on contract if not employed with city and those employed with the city, will be ran through payroll. Motion passed 3-0.

Abatements are going well and several came to court last month. Discussion was held on speed zones and football starting. Dana Boyer relayed that the kids that are 15 can only drive to and from school, and those in football or track, have to find other means of travel to the football field until the age of 16. At that time they can drive to practice or work. If a ticket is received by a kid at the age of 15 years of age, it can suspend them until they are 18. The parents will also have an increase in the insurance they provide for their kids as well.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Pauls Circle entrance is finished and the Park parking lot is to be completed at the end of August.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT-CON'T

Doug and James gathered estimates on cutting a vent on one side in the shop due to the carbon monoxide issue. It was well over \$2K for an exhaust system and a blow fan was only \$260, so a lot cheaper. Doug also brought up the work boot allowance for rubber steel boots or composite shoes.

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to purchase choreboots for the maintenance employees and a work fan for the shop. Motion passed 3-0.

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Karl Dillenbeck, for a boot allowance every two years for the maintenance employees in the amount of \$125 each. Motion passed 3-0.

Doug relayed they will be working on Floyd and Karl's ditch on Thursday and Friday of this week if at all possible. Floyd asked if they keep a daily log and would like to look at it. Doug informed him that he has not written in it all week as they have been extremely SALES TAX-AUG 15 busy.

ATTORNEY TIME

Lee Hendricks informed Council that he received an email from League of Municipalities regarding code placement. He relayed that the League updated and re-codified and sent it back to the city to review. He is working on this and will get back with them.

Dana Boyer discussed the charges being implemented by the Meriden Pride Association for the booths at the Meriden Festival. She did not understand why the charge included electricity, as it is paid for by the city. The council was okay with the late fee they want to charge, just would like to see the fee be revised to not include the electricity charge. Mayor Schneider will call Tim at Denison State Bank to discuss the Council's concerns. The council appreciates what the Meriden Pride Association is doing.

MAYOR TIME

Mayor Schneider wanted to remind Council of the work session on August 26th at 5:30pm.

Discussion was held on the two buildings Randy Zwygart has for sale, but the costs to renovate for city purposes, was too high. Issue tabled at this time.

APPROVE MINUTES

*Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Karl Dillenbeck, to approve minutes.
Motion passed 3-0.*

APPROVE EXPENDITURES

*Motion was made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by Dana Boyer, to approve the current expenditures.
Motion passed 3-0.*

CONTINUE OR ADJOURN THE MEETING

*Motion made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Karl Dillenbeck, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion passed 3-0.*

Respectfully submitted by:

Carrie M. Daniels, City Clerk
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