

**CITY OF MERIDEN
APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 18, 2015**

ROLL CALL TAKEN AT 7:03PM

THOSE PRESENT

Council Persons: Floyd Cozadd Dana Boyer Karl Dillenbeck

Wade Schneider, Mayor Carrie Daniels, City Clerk Lee Hendricks, City Attorney (Arrived at 7:09pm)

NEW BUSINESS

Council reviewed Mike McNary's Firework Permit for Stars-n-Stripes for the July 4, 2015 holiday.

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Karl Dillenbeck, to accept the submitted Firework Permit request for Stars-n-Stripes. Motion passed 3-0.

Discussion held on the city purchasing park benches for Main Street. Dana Boyer asked the City Counselor Lee Hendricks, if it was okay to place in front of businesses and Lee relayed that the city is protected.

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to give Mayor Schneider authority in the event the store owners agree, for the city to purchase six benches for the Main Street store fronts, in the amount of \$1,043.51. Motion passed 3-0.

Karl Dillenbeck relayed that the City of Ozawkie had discussions pertaining to badges for city employees and the governing body for emergency situations, to identify themselves in an emergency. Councilman Dillenbeck would like to see that implemented in the City of Meriden as well. Chief Boyer will check with Mike Baxter, Jefferson County Emergency Management, to see what can be done.

Karl also asked what a citizen does when a dog attacks another dog in town. Mayor Schneider and Dana Boyer said that if the dog is bitten or attacks someone, to call dispatch at (785)863-2351. If the dog and/or dogs are running at large, call the City Clerk's office with description and location, to possibly verify if the dog has a tag and current license. If they do not have a tag, the owner can be cited for no tag, dog running at large, and vicious dog if it has bitten or attacked someone. If they have a current license or tag, the owners can be contacted to come pick up their dog as long as they have not attacked anyone.

SEWER/TRASH DELINQUENCY LIST

Council reviewed the Sewer/Trash Delinquency's presented. James Wells, Lead City Maintenance, was instructed to flag Morgan Thomes property. All other accounts are either in foreclosure or taken care of.

Lee Hendricks, City Counselor, spoke to council about the County Foreclosure procedures, the cost involved due to State regulations and the fact that Company's from out of town and state, are buying properties up cheap. Jefferson County Commissioner Wayne Ledbetter, discussed the Sheriffs sales on foreclosed property in Jefferson County, the County ownership of some 500 said properties and after the next sale, the County will own 1,500 properties, most within the Improvement Districts in the County. Currently there is nothing the County can do regarding who can purchase these properties.

Commissioner Ledbetter relayed that a Land Bank is a simple resolution that he is working on, that once established, it allows for the County to have more authority and control over these tax sales and a Board of. The properties can be given to people in the Land Bank to renovate and within the revitalization plan can be developed, instead of holding onto properties, with no revenue coming in. They can get land for a little to nothing and be able to produce activity and growth to Jefferson County.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

James Wells, Lead Maintenance presented council with bids from American Asphalt, for the Park area and Pauls Circle. Council signed the purchase order/quote prior to the meeting to allow time to schedule work to be done.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT-CON'T

Motion was made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by Karl Dillenbeck, to accept the quote from All American Asphalt for the Park parking lot at \$17,900 and Pauls Circle at \$2,995. Motion passed 3-0.

Stump removal at the park was discussed and a bid from Barry Wells was presented.

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to accept Barry Wells bid to grind the stumps at the park. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Ledbetter asked about the call from the City to Jefferson County about Condray Street from Miller west to Owen and millings. He said the County could help, but did not want to take over the road. Condray from Miller Street east to Jeff West High School entrances were discussed as well. If the city paid for the materials, the county will come in and help. James asked if there might be something to put on the road to seal as well. James will get a hold of Bill Noll at Jefferson County.

Mayor Schneider relayed thanks and appreciation to James Wells and Doug Scott for their time, effort, work, and dedication at the Sewer Lagoons the past three weeks due to the excessive rain and having to man and pull pumps. Council thanked them as well.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Discussion was held on the abatements. Del White, a Private Detective and EMT, would do abatements for four to six months at \$250 per month. Mayor Schneider had another person that maybe interested too. Karl Dillenbeck asked what the procedure was. Chief Boyer relayed that he waits until someone complains, has them fill out a request for service, gives someone five days for mowing complaints, vehicles they are given 10 days to remove. Chief Boyer would rather hand deliver abatements to property owners. Mayor Schneider asked if a contract would be best rather than payroll. Chief Boyer would rather have someone from out of town handling this as he does not want to create hard feelings as he lives here. After further discussion, council and Lee Hendricks relayed to Chief Boyer, that he has the authority to hire who he chooses, as long as it is within his budget.

ATTORNEY TIME

Council reviewed two resolutions pertaining to the Meriden Street Festival on September 12, 2015.

Motion was made by Karl Dillenbeck, seconded by Dana Boyer, to approve Resolution 2015-03, regarding the closure of the 100 Block of Main Street at 9am on September 12, 2015 to 6 am on September 13, 2015.

Motion passed 3-0.

Discussion held on changes to Resolution #2015-04 in regards to the exact location of alcohol and CMB being served and time frames. Counselor Lee Hendricks will revise and send to Clerk Daniels for the next meeting.

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to go into Executive Session under the Attorney Client privileges exception, for two minutes at 8:02. Motion passed 2-0.

Back into regular Session at 8:04. No binding action taken.

The City's Building Inspector Paul Crawford, was present as Council had asked him to come. He discussed the situation that happened at the park when he had met with some of the members of the Meriden Park Project regarding placement of a swing they had purchased. Paul had thought that he was meeting Jenny Brading and ten people showed up. They did not like the area Paul and James had decided was the best place for the swing, he was met with cursing and anger towards the city and felt intimidated as it was him against all ten of them, so he left and was told he could not leave.

Lee Hendricks and the Governing Body apologized to Paul that he went through that ordeal and relayed that the city did not want to lose him as their inspector. Lee recommended that any and all association with the Meriden Park Project be dissolved.

ATTORNEY TIME-CON'T

Motion was made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by Karl Dillenbeck, for Lee to draft letter to Meriden Park Project, attempting to obtain already purchased equipment and clarify that the City will be in charge of all future park projects. Motion passed 3-0.

The Council and Mayor thanked Paul for staying with the city as the City's Building Inspector.

MAYOR TIME

Mayor Schneider wanted to remind everyone of the Work Session on June 23, 2015 at 7pm. Clerk Daniels made a list of items to discuss.

APPROVE MINUTES

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

APPROVE EXPENDITURES

*Motion was made by Karl Dillenbeck, 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:

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