

**CITY OF MERIDEN
APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2015**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00

THOSE PRESENT

Council: Karl Dillenbeck Floyd Cozadd Dana Boyer Zac Surritt Dicy Albrecht, Newly Appointed
Carrie Daniels, City Clerk Wade Schneider, Mayor Lee Hendricks, City Attorney

Mayor Schneider recommended Dicy Albrecht to serve on Council and to fill the last vacant seat.

Motion was made by Karl Dillenbeck, seconded by Dana Boyer, to appoint Dicy Albrecht as a new Council member. Motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Schneider read the Oath of Office aloud and Dicy repeated after him and was sworn into office.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held on the Blue Cross Blue Shield Premium Renewal for December 2015–2016. Coverage only increased 16% overall. Discussion was held on the city helping with some or all of the cost of the Employee/Children portion of the Premium.

Motion was made by Karl Dillenbeck, seconded by Zac Surritt, for the city to pick up all of the cost related to Employee/Children insurance coverage. Motion passed 4-1. Dicy Albrecht opposed.

Motion was made by Karl Dillenbeck, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to accept the Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance Premium Renewal as proposed for December 2015-2016. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion was made about the City possibly purchasing the old blacksmith shop and garage that was built on the property at 103 South Palmberg Street from Randy Zwygart. The cost related to move the Police office were discussed and council wished to look into costs and issue was tabled until the next regular council meeting.

Zac Surritt brought up the deteriorating buildings at 105 & 105 1/2 E. Main Street. His concern is that they are a liability to the city and ultimately will be the city's responsibility if they are not sold in a tax sell. Council suggest Paul Crawford, the City's Building Inspector, take a look at the outside of the buildings to see if they are an immediate threat and possibly proceed with condemnation procedures.

Carrie updated Council on last months scheduled software installations and training from Advantage Computer and the training had to be rescheduled because of unforeseen update issues on office computers. The training is rescheduled for 2:00pm on Thursday, October 15, 2015.

Motion was made by Karl Dillenbeck, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to close the doors at City Hall on October 15, 2015 at 2:00pm, for training with Advantage Computer. Motion passed 5-0.

Wayne Ledbetter, Jefferson County Commissioner, informed council, that Keith Jeffers will be the new Jefferson County Emergency Management Director. He relayed also, that no new signage regulations and restrictions were added to the signage at Jefferson County. The language in the regulations were cleaned up, costs associated with the signs have always been in place, and some setbacks were changed as well. In development areas, to harbor chickens, a property owner must have at least three lots to meet requirements.

POLICE TIME

Randy Zwygart was present and informed Council, that he will be putting his two garages across from City Hall, up for sell soon. Jason informed Council that the doors were not tall enough for the City Maintenance Equipment to fit over there, but the option of moving the Police Department there, would free up all of City Hall for the Maintenance Department's heavy equipment. The cost to make it an actual working office

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facility, the different options available and the Sims Building's disrepair, were all discussed.

Motion was made by Karl Dillenbeck, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to bring these issues back up at the next meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

Chief Boyer relayed to Council, that the Meriden Police Department will be handing out novelty bags again this year at Trunk or Treat and that Homecoming went smooth as well.

SEWER DELINQUENCIES

Delinquent Utility Accounts were discussed briefly. Council was informed, that the property at 3415 82nd Street, is still registered at Jefferson County Register of Deeds, under the previous owner's name and has not been sold. Council was given a copy of the "Final" letter that goes out to all serious delinquent residents, for their information. No action taken at this time.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT TIME

Doug Scott informed Council that he and James will be attending a free Wastewater Class in Carbondale. He then updated Council on the progress at the City Park.

Motion by Dana Boyer, seconded by Karl Dillenbeck, to approve purchase of playground border, in the amount of \$1443.05. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Karl Dillenbeck, to approve the purchase of mulch, in the amount of \$100.00. Motion passed 5-0.

ATTORNEY TIME

Lee presented Council with the no parking ordinance pertaining to East Main Street by Elementary School.

Motion made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Floyd Cozadd to approve Ordinance #14-308-2015, relating to no parking on the North or South side of E Main Street. Motion passed 5-0.

Lee informed Council regarding new election requirements and how they will be effecting cities in Kansas. Lee and Clerk Daniels will be working on a new nomination ordinance and the code book.

MAYOR TIME

Mayor Schneider had nothing at this time and he thanked everyone.

APPROVE THE MINUTES

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Karl Dillenbeck, to approve the minutes. Motion passed 5-0.

APPROVE EXPENDITURES

Motion was made by Karl Dillenbeck, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to approve the city expenditures. Motion passed 5-0.

CONTINUE OR ADJOURN THE MEETING

Motion was made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by Dana Boyer, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Carrie Daniels, City Clerk
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