

**CITY OF MERIDEN  
APPROVED MINUTES  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:05**

**THOSE PRESENT**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Schneider made his recommendation to council to appoint Zac Surrutt as a Council Member, to fill one of the vacant seats.

*Motion was made by Karl Dillenbeck, seconded by Floyd Cozadd to appoint Zac Surrutt as a new Council member, to fill the vacant seat until 2019. Motion passed 3-0.*

Mayor Schneider read the Oath of Office. Zac Surrutt repeated after the Mayor and was sworn into office.

Mark Bachamp was present and relayed to Council his ditch concerns and his willingness to work with the property owner's on cost related surveys. If the homeowners want ditch tubes installed, they would be done on a case by case bases as requested. The issue was tabled until a work session could be rescheduled.

City resident Steve Lolley was present to discuss with council his water drainage issues that have been going on since the city sewer project was started ten years ago. Mr. Lolley wanted help resolving the issue of water flowing into his garage. James assured Mr. Lolley that he was on his to do list. James will go over to shoot grade and will get with the fire department about blowing his tube free from debris.

Floyd Cozad expressed his frustration and requested that the rest of the ditch by his house be rip rapped all the way to the end of the ditch. Discussion was held whether or not Sycamore Street was ever vacated. Clerk Daniels was asked by council to verify this and find out who the actual property owners were on each side of the remaining ditch way. The property owner would be the person responsible for maintaining that part of the ditch and if need be, could be done through the abatement process.

Tim Benyshek, President of the Meriden Pride Association, updated council on the upcoming Meriden Festival and Street Dance events. The ABC license was approved for the Watering Hole and Crooked Post Winery. He relayed also that the Pride Association had also purchased general liability event insurance. Kimber Budden, also with the Pride Association, passed out event maps of vendors and requested the city maintenance crew check all outside the electrical outlets. The council was assured that the Pride had been in contact with Chief Boyer regarding all police matters and everyone was in agreement with the times the Police Officer's presence was needed at the parade and other events.

City resident Jeff Hewitt was present and asked council if they would consider repairing Condray St. to help eliminate the dust coming off the road. The city has chip and sealed that road several times and the only real solution, which is not cost effective for the city, is to repave the whole street and make it wider. A possible consideration would be that the homeowners purchase calcium chloride and have it sprayed on top of the road, but this would only last for about two months. , Mayor Schneider suggested that the issue needed to be discussed at a city work Session.

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**NEW BUSINESS-CON”T**

Richard White informed council of some ditch maintenance work he is wanting to start at 312 N. Palmberg St, owned by his fiancé, Jerri Boyd. Mark Bachamp relayed to council that he met with Mr. White at the property and the only suggestion he had was that Richard not put any concrete on the easement of the sewer line. Mr. White also relayed to council, he had already meet with Paul Crawford, City Building Inspector and had approval to pour a concrete lean to the garage. Council had a question as to whether he needed a permit for the concrete ditch trough.

After further discussion it was determined that the property pins shared between Jerri Boyd and Kurt Moore were lost during the City’s 2012 Storm Water Project, which is creating concern between the two neighbors as far as the property lines and the correct procedure of this project.

*Motion made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Karl Dillenbeck for City Engineer Mark Bachamp to locate the property pins. Motion passed 4-0.*

Brief discussion was held regarding the renewal of Feyh Liquor Occupational License.

*Motion was made by Karl Dillenbeck, seconded by Dana Boyer to renew Feyh Liquor’s Occupational License. Motion passed 4-0.*

Clerk Daniels informed Council about scheduled office training and software installation from Advantage Computer for the Jayhawk Utility and Court Card Reader and Convenient Payment Setup on the city website. She requested that the office door be closed during this time.

*Motion was made by Karl Dillenbeck, and seconded by Zac Surrutt, for the City office to close its doors to the public during the time needed, after posting on the City’s web page and front door. Motion passed 4-0.*

Clerk Daniels informed council that the city’s email domain had been changed from Network Technology to Advantage Computer. She asked the mayor and council if they wished to have city email accounts setup and will need to adjust settings on email accounts on Outlook for all who are wanting a city email account.

**SEWER DELINQUENCIES**

Delinquent utility accounts were discussed briefly. No action was taken.

**POLICE TIME**

Chief Boyer expressed how he would like to see the north side of Main Street by the elementary school, a “no parking zone” and the same on the south side of the street, for various reasons. City Attorney Lee Hendricks, will write an ordinance pertaining to the 100 block of Main Street and bring to the next City Council meeting for action.

Chief Boyer informed council that several of Jefferson County’s Law Enforcement Vehicles, will have extenders installed at Meriden City Hall by TBS Electronics over the next months’ time period. Thanks to Jefferson County Substance Abuse Program’s monies received. Other than getting patrol ready for the street dance, Chief Boyer had nothing else to report.

**MAINTENEANCE TIME**

James Wells reported to council, when cleaning out the Simms Building, that three old wet well pumps were found. Council felt that since they are so old, not working, and scrap prices are down, the city will just keep them in the city scrap pile at this time.

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**MAINTENEANCE TIME-CON'T**

James Wells relayed that the windings went out of the city's number four sewer pump at the lift station. The estimated cost for a rebuild kit plus freight, would be about \$4166.12. James informed council that a new sewer pump would be approximately \$6,305.40, with city maintenance installing. Discussion was held regarding rebuilding the non-working sewer pump verses buying a new one commenced.

*Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Zac Surritt, to purchase a new sewer pump and have the old one rebuilt next year, with the cost to come out of the Capital Outlay in the Sewer Fund.*

*Motion passed 4-0.*

James updated council on the progress being made at the city park. They will need 150 tons of rock and will be ordered soon, for the new parking lot and alleyway. He will be ordering the appropriate traffic signs for the new parking lot as well.

Mayor Schneider asked James about the installation of the new swing for the park. James relayed that they are still in the process of pricing the proper edging and mulch for the existing and newly installed equipment, to bring it up to code. He and Doug Scott will start installing the swing after the above is completed.

**ATTORNEY TIME**

Nothing to report at this time.

**MAYOR TIME**

Cox Communications sent the city the option of having the City of Meriden's name on the billings to customers, showing franchise fees that are being collected, or to have it removed. City Attorney advised council to leave it as is and they choose to let it stay on the bill as is.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES**

*Motion was made by Karl Dillenbeck, seconded by Dana Boyer, to approve the August 11, 2015 minutes.*

*Motion passed 4-0.*

**APPROVE EXPENDITURES**

*Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded Karl Dillenbeck, to approve the city expenditures.*

*Motion passed 4-0.*

**CONTINUE OR ADJOURN THE MEETING**

*Motion was made by Zac Surritt, seconded by Karl Dillenbeck, to adjourn the meeting.*

*Motion passed 4-0.*

Respectfully Submitted by:

*Carrie M Daniels, City Clerk*  
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