

**CITY OF MERIDEN
APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 12, 2016**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:06pm

THOSE PRESENT

Council Members: Floyd Cozadd Dana Boyer Zac Surritt

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

NOT PRESENT

Karl Dillenbeck

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Julie Boyett introduced herself to Council and explained that she would like to hold a 5K Run Amputee Blade Runner Free Will Run/Walk and the Fundraiser Tee-shirts are \$25 as well. They will be using the already marked Tiger 5K Route marked on the City streets for this 5k Fundraiser. Dana relayed that one Meriden Police Car will lead the race as escort. Discussion held on Checking with school for volunteers and how to sign up. Julie relayed that it is posted on Facebook. Mayor Schneider asked the cost of just one prosthetic and Julie relayed they are approximately \$70K a piece. Council supported this event whole heartedly.

Office Assistant Charlene Sams, asked Council to fill out new City T-shirt forms so that she may prepare a quote for cost at the next Council meeting.

Charlene also presented a contract proposal from Swank Movie Company for the 2016 Movies in the park series.

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to purchase four movie licenses in the amount of \$900.00. Motion passed 3-0.

Floyd Cozadd would like to Sycamore Street vacated. The Maintenance Department was advised to get with Mark Bachamp to locate the utility lines and easements, to ensure that this vacate procedure is done correctly. Mark Bachamp may have already surveyed the property and area at 208 Sycamore Street, as the previous owners had issues with the ditch as well. Issue was tabled until next regular city council meeting.

SEWER DELINQUENCIES

Delinquent Utility Accounts were presented to Council. City Attorney Lee Hendricks gave updates on pay agreements that have went out and ongoing correspondence between seriously delinquent accounts. After further discussion, Council relayed that the accounts that have been notified to appear, be flagged and dig letters posted on the doors.

POLICE DEPARTMENT TIME

Chief Jason Boyer relayed that the Jeff West Ball Association Tournament were held without a hitch.

Jason is requesting approval to purchase another exterior bullet proof vest for Officer Lopez. Joe has worked for the City Police Department for 20 years and plans staying for at least another five-six years.

Motion was made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by Zac Surritt, to purchase a bullet proof vest for Officer Lopez. Motion passed 3-0.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT TIME

Doug Scott informed Council there are disc's that are available to help control mosquitos in standing water in a 400 square feet area, for at least thirty days. This will hopefully help slow down the spread of the Zika virus.

Motion made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to purchase mosquito disc's as needed. Motion passed 3-0.

Discussion was held in regards to the border needed for the new swing in the city park and the estimates were presented by Doug Scott. The freight cost for thirty-three pieces of border would be \$217.00, the cost of freight for the only six pieces would be \$197.00 and the fact that eventually the city will need more border for the parks in the future, showed that buying a pallet was more cost effective. The border pieces are plastic but made with galvanized steel as well.

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Zac Surrutt, to purchase a pallet including freight. Motion passed 3-0.

Lee Hendricks read sample purchase policy literature from other Cities to Council and recommended that this be included the City Employee Personnel Regulation Manual.

Council was asked for approval to purchase rip rap for the west side of Palmberg Street, six to seven loads of small rock for the City Park parking lot and a hammer drill to install a type of railing by the parking stalls, in front of the Meriden Barber Shop. Discussion was held on each project.

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, for the purchases of rip rap, smaller gravel and a hammer drill. Motion passed 3-0.

Council discussed the Maintenance Department hours. Normal hours are from 7:00am-3:30pm. Council relayed that summer hours of 6:00am-2:30pm are to be from June 1st to Sept 30th each year, due to the summer time heat.

Dana Boyer proposed that the City Maintenance paint the crosswalks at the Elementary School, Owen & Main and other crosswalks needing paint.

ATTORNEY TIME

Lee discussed with Council the issue of the banners that the City purchased last year. They had been through a severe wind storm and the brackets that were sent with the banners broke as a result of the high winds. Discussion was held on what options the City had to best utilize the banners. A demand letter for a refund was not a feasible option. Council discussed the purchase of a set of hurricane brackets to be tested.

Lee also advised Council on Barry White's (MER Properties, LLC) request as to what the City could do to benefit his proposed development project. Things such as Industrial Revenue Bonds might be an option, but have to be requested by Mr. White and his attorney. We can waive sewer connection fees, but Lee advised Council to take things slowly and only progress, as Mr. White does.

MAYOR TIME

Mayor Schneider asked about the Street Grant deadline and wanted to keep discussion open for application.

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MAYOR TIME-CON'T

Mayor Schneider expressed to City Maintenance if they could check into what could be done about some of the clogged ditch tubes in the City.

Wade reminded Council there is still a need for another Council Members.

Zac Surratt announced that his last meeting will be in July 2016, as he will be moving to Topeka and will no longer be a resident and able to sit on Council. Mayor Schneider thanked him for his service to the City.

APPROVE THE MINUTES

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Zac Surratt, to approve the minutes.

Motion passed 3-0.

APPROVE EXPENDITURES

Motion was made by Zac Surratt, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to approve the city expenditures.

Motion passed 3-0.

CONTINUE OR ADJOURN THE MEETING

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
Carrie M. Daniels, City Clerk