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**PROPOSED AGENDA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2017**

ROLL CALL

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Resolution #2017-03 to Remove Yard Nuisances and Untagged Vehicle at 313 S Palmberg Street Upon Non-Compliance by March 29, 2017-Court Night
- 2) City Wide Clean-up Date Proposal of April 21st and 22nd of 2017
- 3) Advantage Computer-Yearly Contracts for Court April 2017-April 2018
- 4) Two Cedar Bench Swings for Meriden City Park-(On Sale Until Saturday 2/25/17 with 11% Rebate) and ATM Concrete Cost Estimate of \$275 and Possibly Donating Labor Cost, but not Confirmed as of yet
- 5) Agreement-City of Ozawkie sharing Court Location and Court Room with City of Meriden

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Pat Happer-Building School has for Sale off Wyandotte and K-4 Highway

SEWER/TRASH DELINQUENCY REPORT

- 1) Review Delinquent Utility Accounts

POLICE DEPARTMENT TIME

- 1) Police Report

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT TIME

- 1) Hwy 4 Automotive-Cost Estimate of \$701.52-Repair City's 1992 Dump Truck
- 2) Mower Bid Estimates from: Ferris (2), Bishop's (1), and Tarwater Farm & Home Supply (1)

ATTORNEY TIME

Discuss Possible Special Meeting to Finalize Codes for the City of Meriden

MAYOR TIME

APPROVE MINUTES

11-8-16 as Amended; 12-13-16; 12-15-16 & 1-10-17 Minutes as Proposed

APPROVE CURRENT EXPENDITURES

CONTINUE OR ADJOURN MEETING

**CITY OF MERIDEN
APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2017**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:12pm

THOSE PRESENT

Council Members: Floyd Cozadd Dana Boyer Ty Buschbom Karl Dillenbeck arrived at 8:30pm
Wade Schneider, Mayor Carrie Daniels, City Clerk

NOT PRESENT

Lee Hendricks, City Attorney

NEW BUSINESS

Council discussed Resolution 2017-03, in regarding proceedings on property at 313 S Palmberg Street.

Motion was made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by Ty Buschbom, to adopt Resolution 2017-03. Motion passed 3-0.

City Wide Clean up dates and times were discussed.

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to hold City Wide Clean-Up on Friday April 21, 2017 from 7:00am to 3:00pm and Saturday April 22, 2017 from 7:00am to 1:00pm. Motion passed 3-0.

Advantage Computer software agreement was up for renewal.

Motion was made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by Dana Boyer to approve the JCS Software Agreement for court. Motion passed 3-0.

Some options were brought to Councils attention to possibly purchase some benches for the city park. Council would like to see more options at the next meeting besides just wooden benches.

Council was presented with the agreement between City of Meriden and the City of Ozawkie and the sharing of the Meriden Courthouse location and time of court. City of Ozawkie is starting a new police department and would like to split the Judge and City Attorney costs and requested to hold court the same night as the City of Meriden's with Ozawkie court to follow Meriden's court.

Motion was made by Ty Buschbom, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to enter into the agreement with the City of Ozawkie, sharing the City of Meriden's Municipal Court date, location and splitting the cost of both the Judge and Attorney time. Motion passed 3-0.

DELINQUENT UTILITY ACCOUNTS

Sewer delinquencies were discussed. Council is waiting on responses from payment demand letters sent by the City office. Tabled until next regular meeting.

POLICE TIME

Chief Boyer spoke of the concession stand being messed with and relayed he had spoken with Westar about adding new lights with the added cost of \$12.50 a month per light added. Council discussed the need for more lighting in the parking lot and the lagoons also.

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Ty Buschbom to have Westar add additional lights at the ballfield and the city lagoons. Motion passed 3-0.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT TIME

James Wells relayed to Council that the “Country Clipper” mower needs replaced and presented Council with four estimates. This issue was tabled for further review and to be discussed at the March 14th regular council meeting.

The ditch located at 82nd and Meriden Road needs repaired not only to save the street, but was requested by the school and is a safety issue. James talked with Jefferson County about it as the portion that is really bad is on the county side of the road. Jefferson County agreed to pay for the riprap, if the city maintenance installed it. Clay will need to be brought in as well. James assured Council that he was aggressively addressing the issue before the springtime rains begin.

MAYOR TIME

Pat Happer with USD #340 was present to relay to Council all the details in regards to the District Office USD #340 building located on East Wyandotte Street that is for sale, as some had expressed interest in possibly purchasing the now vacated building. Mr. Happer was very honest, relaying all that was in need repair or replaced and the current mold issue.

The Mayor and Council scheduled a walk-through of the building with Mr. Happer on Tuesday evening February 28, 2017, at 5:30pm and will contact Paul Crawford, City Building Inspector to see if he could be present as well. Issue was tabled until after the walk-through was completed.

The City Code Book and changes to be addressed was discussed and issue postponed until either a special meeting is set up or to review the codes at the next regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

Mayor Schneider spoke to Council about the \$500 spending limit set on purchases that keep the City running without a council motion. Mayor Schneider suggested the limit to be raised.

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to increase to the purchase limit to \$750.00, without a council motion upon approval by the Mayor. Motion passed 3-0.

Mayor Schneider spoke to Council about the issue regarding the employee holiday schedule and relayed it needs to be revisited, possibly revised, to eliminate some confusion, especially on Presidents Day this month. Clerk Daniels relayed that the only time she writes in the personnel book, are when council changes or adds something and then she marks the council meeting date it was added. Mayor Schneider asked Clerk Daniels to have the Employee’s Paid Holiday List available for the next month’s council meeting for review.

Mayor Schneider relayed to Council about an email he received from a television production company called “Our House Media” wanting to put forward a proposal to the city council for a new TV show they are making. The theme would be about what it means to be American in this day and age. The show will explore a large-scale cultural exchange, in which a small American town will temporarily host a number of US citizens, from all four corners of the country. They are looking for a thriving, aspirational town that could be the focal point of the show. Issue was tabled for further research by Mayor Schneider. Clerk Daniels made a copy of the email, forwarded the email to councils email accounts. Council person Dana Boyer read the email out loud for the record. (See Attachment A).

MAYOR TIME

Mayor Schneider requested an executive session to discuss personnel issues.

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Ty Buschbom, to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues with only the Mayor and Council members present, for twenty minutes beginning at 8:28pm. Motion passed 3-0. Councilman Karl Dillenbeck arriving at 8:30pm to join the active executive session.

Council out of executive session and back in regular session at 8:48 with no binding action taken.

APPROVE THE MINUTES

Motion made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to approve the amended November 8, 2016 minutes and the December 12, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion passed 4-0. Ty Buschbom abstained from the November 8, 2016 minutes only.

Motion made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Ty Buschbom, to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2016 and the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2017. Motion passed 4-0. Floyd Cozadd abstained from the December 15, 2016. Karl Dillenbeck abstained from the January 10, 2017.

APPROVE EXPENDITURES

Motion was made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by Ty Buschbom, to approve the expenditures. Motion passed 4-0.

CONTINUE OR ADJOURN THE MEETING

Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by: Carrie M. Daniels, City Clerk
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Charlene Sams

From: Carrie Daniels <cdaniels@meridenks.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 8:20 PM
To: csams@meridenks.com; 'James'; Lee Hendricks
Subject: FW: TV inquiry - seeking towns with thriving communities

From: WadeSchneider [mailto:wschneider@meridenks.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 8:16 PM
To: Daniels Carrie <cdaniels@meridenks.com>
Subject: Fwd: TV inquiry - seeking towns with thriving communities

Wade Schneider, CPM
Mayor, City of Meriden

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Cat Hoskin <choskin@ourhousemedia.com>
Date: February 23, 2017 at 7:14:54 PM CST
To: Wade Schneider <wschneider@meridenks.com>
Subject: Re: TV inquiry - seeking towns with thriving communities

Thank you for the update and offering to discuss with the council. I hope the meeting goes well and I look forward to an update in due course.

Cat

On Feb 23, 2017, at 7:22 PM, Wade Schneider <wschneider@meridenks.com> wrote:

Cat, thank you for reaching out to me. We have a city council meeting tonight. If time allows, I will present your proposal to the council. I'll let you know one way or the other if they would like to speak about it further.

Mayor Schneider

From: Cat Hoskin [mailto:choskin@ourhousemedia.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 1:45 PM
To: wschneider@meridenks.com
Subject: TV inquiry - seeking towns with thriving communities

Dear Mayor Schneider,

Hello, my name's Cat Hoskin and I work for a leading television production company called Our House Media. I hope you don't mind me reaching out but I wanted to put forward a proposal to the city council for an exciting new TV show we are making.

We have been developing a series for several years around the theme of what it means to be American in this day and age. In this groundbreaking show we will explore that through a large-scale cultural exchange, in which a small American town will temporarily host a number of US citizens from all four corners of the country, and from all walks of life. We are now at the stage where we are looking for a thriving, aspirational town that could be the focal point of the show. Having researched Meriden it certainly seems like it is a place with a flourishing community and a lot to offer.

The temporary residents would be fully integrated members of the community for the duration of their stay (approx. four weeks), and would reflect the demographics of America as a whole, so would be a range of ethnicities and sexual orientations. They would contribute to the local community, and be fully involved in organizations and businesses which suit their particular expertise. We hope this broad, real-life experience will challenge the perception that America is divided along state lines, and will show that all Americans are united by the same shared values, whichever part of the country they are from. We hope that for both the long-term residents and the visitors, it will be a mutually benefitting experience that will enrich their lives.

We are looking for the right town who would love to take on this opportunity to promote and show their hometown off to the nation. This is an ambitious project, the likes of which has never been done before, and it would need the support and cooperation of a large percentage of the city. However, I must stress that at this early stage I would simply welcome the opportunity to start a dialogue with yourself and the council, and answer any questions, to explore whether this could be a viable opportunity for your city. There is, of course, no obligation to pursue this just by speaking to me. We estimate the filming period would be for four weeks towards the end of 2017, but again, this is all to be confirmed.

Please feel free to look at our website to see more of what we do and who we are: www.ourhousemedia.com. I hope this will be of interest to you and look forward to providing more information and arranging an informal phone call to discuss further. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions at all.

Thanks very much for your time and I hope to hear from you soon,

Cat

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