

**CITY OF MERIDEN  
APPROVED MINUTES  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 20, 2017**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:03 PM**

**THOSE PRESENT**

Council Members:      Floyd Cozadd              Dana Boyer      Ty Buschbom  
                                 Wade Schneider, Mayor      Carrie Daniels, City Clerk      Lee Hendricks, City Attorney

**OLD BUSINESS**

Karl Dillenbeck

**NEW BUSINESS**

John Welch, City Auditor, was present to review the 2018 Proposed Budget with council. He relayed to council that they may publish the budget the way it is and no election would be required. The city would have to have an election notice sent to Jefferson County, if changes are made to the budget. The city could however raise the budget two mills without an election.

*Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to publish the 2018 Proposed Budget Public Hearing. Motion passed 3-0.*

*Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to change the July 11, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting to July 18, 2017 and change the date as well, on the 2018 Proposed Budget Public Hearing Notice. Motion passed 3-0.*

The Jeff West Ball Association and Lacey field was discussed regarding the dragging of the ball field and who actually has key access to the facilities. Kelly Midgley was made aware that the initial agreement made, was that the city maintenance crew would drag the ball field on days they were mowing and the Jeff West ball Association field manager, would do it the rest of the time. It was made clear to the council that there were six new keys made for the new locks to the facilities at Lacey Park. Four keys were given to the Ball Association Board members. Dana and Jason Boyer each have one as well. Wade requested names of all who have keys at this point.

Jeff West Ball Association representative Dave Jensen was present and expressed the need for new fencing at Lacey Ball Park practice field. He presented council with estimated costs for the fencing and that he could possibly get the fencing for \$8K to \$12K.

Jefferson County Commissioner Wayne Ledbetter brought up the idea of possibly forming a "Recreation Commission" and all the positive aspects as a result of schools and cities joining forces. The question was brought up if it needed to be put to a vote. Discussion was tabled until Dana Boyer talks with Jerry at Valley Falls and enquires on how to go about forming a "Recreation Commission".

Barry White with K-4 Sports was present to request his sewer connection fee be waived at the new K4 Sports Complex.

*Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Ty Buschbom, to award an economical grant in the amount of \$750.00 from the City's General Fund to Sewer Fund for K-4 Sport's Complex. Motion passed 3-0.*

### **NEW BUSINESS-CON'T**

The Meriden Pride Association is once again asking for the city's support and resolution's for street closure & alcohol to be allowed in a beer garden on the 100 block of Main for the annual 2017 Meriden Pride Festival & Street Dance.

Chief Boyer expressed his concerns in regards to safety on the streets and wanting the streets barricaded again with vehicles. He will check on secure barricades to have in place and inform council next month.

***Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to pay for four Johnny on the Jobs and The Big Splash game. Motion passed 3-0.***

The ditch on North Palmberg and 82<sup>nd</sup> Street was discussed. Jefferson County confirmed that they will supply the rip rap. James Wells expressed that the ditch needs cleared so he can get the checks installed. Wayne Ledbetter said he would talk to Bill Noll about this, but could not promise county could get it done.

### **REQUEST FOR SERVICE**

Betty Jean "BJ" Whiteman was present and presented council the request for service she prepared. The request pertains to the forced water due to alleyway drainage elevation behind 304 South Washington Street and the concrete culvert too. (See attachment A) James Wells will go by BJ's, to see what can be done.

### **DELINQUENT UTILITY ACCOUNTS**

Council reviewed and discussed the utility delinquency list. All severely delinquent accounts, will be assessed by August 19, 2017, if payments to make them current are not received.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT TIME**

Chief Boyer relayed to council, the need for new tires for the Police truck.

***Motion was made by Ty Buschbom, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to purchase four new tires for the Police truck, in the amount of \$800.00. Motion passed 3-0.***

### **MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT TIME**

Discussion was made regarding whether to publish the open maintenance position in the paper, since we have already posted it on the city website and received three applications. Lee Hendricks advised Council that they could go forward with the three interviews and publish later if there was still a need.

***Motion was made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded, by Dana Boyer, for Mayor Schneider, James Wells and Floyd Cozadd, to move forward with the interviews with the three applicants for the maintenance position, with interview times be determined later. Motion passed 3-0.***

James brought three quotes in for the mosquito foggers for Council to review.

***Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Ty Buschbom, to purchase Longray Truck ULV fogger for \$6,499 with funds coming from the Equipment Fund. Motion passed 3-0.***

### **ATTORNEY TIME**

Lee Hendricks relayed that he will bring the revised City Personnel book to the next meeting to review. Lee expressed to Council his opinion in the city's engineering necessity in all relevant matters.

**ATTORNEY TIME-CON'T**

County Commissioner Wayne Ledbetter was present and had some issues to go over with Council. The County has hired Janet Allen as a permean County Appraiser and wanted it on the record. Mr. Ledbetter also expressed that the county had all the sudden been having issues with KDHE regarding lagoons and sewers and wanted to know if the city had been having issues with them. Clerk Daniels relayed that she knew that KDHE didn't renew with Environmental Labs and we are going to need to find a new lab now.

**MAYOR TIME**

Mayor Schneider asked if anyone else in the audience had any questions, then requested Council go into executive session.

*Motion was made by Dana Boyer, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to go into executive session for non-elected personnel for 15 minutes beginning at 8:57pm. Motion passed 3-0.*

**Back into regular session 9:12pm. No binding action was taken.**

**APPROVE THE MINUTES**

*Motion was made by Ty Buschbom, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to approve the May 2017 Minutes. Motion passed 3-0.*

**APPROVE EXPENDITURES**

*Motion was made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to approve the 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  
Carrie M. Daniels, City Clerk



Attachment "A"

**REQUEST FOR SERVICE**

Date: June 20, 2017  
Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rec. By: Presented at the Meriden City Council Meeting on 06/20/2017  
 Verbal       Telephone       Other

Made By: BJ (Betty Jean) Whiteman  
Address: 304 S. Washington Street; Meriden, Kansas 66512-0353

**SERVICE REQUEST DESCRIPTION:**

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The alley behind my home runs north and south.

The alley elevation to the south is higher and the water runs down the alley to the north. The alley area over the concrete culvert is higher than the alley behind my home near the light pole. This forces water over onto my property near the light pole and water does not drain properly. Have had three butterfly bushes die in this area due to poor water drainage. Plus, two evergreen trees appear to be dying in the same area.

The area between my fence and the edge of the gravel alley, from the south corner of my fence to the area around the light pole, is lower and does not drain to the creek because ground is higher to the north.

Next month, I will have lived at this residence for ten years. In the past, I have spoken to a couple of different maintenance men about this issue.

I am formally requesting an improvement with water drainage from the area around the light pole to the creek that runs east and west.

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*BJ Whiteman*  
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For:  
 Street Dept.       Sewer Dept.       P.D.       Council  
 Main. Dept.       Clerks Office       Other

**DUE TO LACK OF  
QUORUM  
ON JUNE 13, 2017,  
THE REGULAR CITY  
COUNCIL MEETING FOR  
THAT EVENING, HAD  
TO BE RESCHEDULED  
TO TUESDAY,  
JUNE 20, 2017  
HERE AT CITY HALL  
BEGINNING AT 7:00PM**