CITY OF MERIDEN APPROVED MINUTES CITY COUNCIL MEETING MAY 8, 2018

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:10 PM

THOSE PRESENT

Council Members: Richard White

Floyd Cozadd

Ty Buschbom

Jacqueline Cummings

BJ Whiteman

Dana Boyer, Mayor

Carrie Daniels, City Clerk

Lee Hendricks, City Attorney

NOT PRESENT

NEW BUSINESS

Brady Reimer, General Manager with Inland Waste, discussed the proposed contract renewal and rates for waste disposal. He proposed to keep the current price of \$15.00 (resident), \$11.95 (senior), an increase of \$5.00 on the commercial trash services for years one and two. In year three, there will be a three percent increase and subsequent three percent increases on an annual basis thereafter. The proposed new dumpster rates are \$55 for two-yard, \$65 three-yard, \$85 for four-yard and \$105 for six-yard and \$145 for an eight-yard dumpster. No increase for additional carts and \$3.75 for an extra cart. Inland Waste will donate two dumpsters for city-wide cleanup, but the city will need to pay for the disposal rate fees to cover Inland's cost. The dumpsters located at Lacey Ball Park, City Hall, and the City Park are provided by Inland Waste at no charge to the city.

Brady would like to see the commercial prices and donated services formalized into the contract. Inland Waste would like to establish a ten-year contract with an initial five year term and then year to year options thereafter, to justify the company's investment in equipment and operational costs required to provide contracted services. Brady will get the information to Lee Hendricks to draft the contract with a retroactive date of May 1, 2018. Lee Hendricks will bring the agreement to the next city council meeting for approval.

Mike McNary, representing the Knights of Columbus "Stars Stripes Fireworks," discussed the application for sale of fireworks and the benefits to the city. Requested a change of the city code regarding the dates and times fireworks can be sold inside the city limits for 2018. Mike presented a list of-benefits and reasons why a few exemptions are necessary.

Motion made by Richard White, seconded by Ty Buschbom, to empower Mayor Boyer to make an exception to the City Code suspending the timeline for the sale of fireworks for 2018. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion made by Jackie Cummings, seconded by Richard White, to amend previous motion regarding the sale end date from July 5, 2018 to July 4, 2018. Motion passed 5-0.

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John Hansford was present to talk about the Ordinance on Dogs in the city. Chief Jason Boyer informed the council of the situation. He had six calls on the dogs being loose and getting out. Jason told council that the ordinance states that residents can only have three dogs. The Hansford's currently have seven. Jason reviewed the kennel license option so they could keep the dogs but it was not an option.

Richard White said that to allow the dogs would cause more significant problems and he thought the city should keep the ordinance intact. Jacqueline Cummings relayed that the dogs require current shots and licenses in the city. Mr. Hansford has a Boxer, a Lab, a Doberman, two Rottweiler mixes, a Husky, and one other breed.

Ty Buschbom explained the implementation of the new ordinance and personally wanted to uphold the three dog limit. Mayor Boyer explained that she did not want to see him move but the city has to stay with its ordinances. She asked him to keep in touch with Jason and he will come back to the next meeting to update Council on the situation.

Ty Buschbom briefed Council on his meeting with the Chamber of Commerce and would like to see the city partner with the Chamber of Commerce on a Teacher of the Year Appreciation to be awarded every May and have it posted on the city web page. Jacqueline Cummings thought it was a great idea too. This is not something that needs a motion today, but Ty wanted to put it on the table for future consideration.

Council reviewed the yearly contract for the Jayhawk Utility Program and fifteen hours of support from Advantage Computer.

Motion made by Richard White, seconded by BJ Whiteman, to approve Advantage Computer—Jayhawk Utility Program Renewal and Support Contract. Motion passed 5-0.

Council discussed the use of tablets and Matt's need for a tablet or laptop. Richard White was not using his and offered to bring his in for Matt to use to access email.

The council discussed its limited role in Emergency Management involving the church shelter. If Chief Jason Boyer is in town, he has the key to the church and the use of the church shelter is listed as an option for shelter during bad weather on the city website. The church ladies who live by the church and have the keys do not want to be responsible should it not be open. The city will send a letter to the United Methodist Church regarding the use of the basement for shelter. Mayor Boyer asked if Lee Hendricks could prepare the letter and send it to the clerk to mail. Additional discussion regarding the sirens are to warn people, but the city cannot be responsible if basements are not available for everyone.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to discuss at this meeting.

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SEWER/TRASH DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

Council discussed Sewer and Trash delinquent accounts. Joanne Weddle contacted property managers for Mark Ketchum's Property on South Maple Street. She informed them that the property needs to be mowed and cleaned up and is waiting to hear back from them. Griff Swanks House – Jackie will check status tomorrow. All other remaining delinquents, if still delinquent next month have police deliver notices.

POLICE DEPARTMENT TIME

All is good. Jason Boyer relayed the School Carnival is coming up, the football field is done, and will bring many more people as it is utilized for more activities. The camera was moved to a different location.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT TIME

James Wells informed Council they fogged for mosquitos and replaced a sewer main on the 300 block of Palmberg Street last week. They were not able to work on the ballfield or lagoon. Mayor Boyer asked if they might do those fields too. James relayed that mowing is going on but behind on spraying.

Matt Williams spoke with Bettis Asphalt about starting at the end of June as James will be taking a week off in June, and Matt will be taking his time in July.

Andy's Surritt's ditch fix is coming up. Owen and Main Street need new tube replacement. Wyandotte on the other side of K-4 is currently half city and half county.

Council discussed milling usage and who it benefits. Matt spoke on the drainage area at Jefferson West Elementary School's South side where the buses pick up students.

He also relayed that the street project and that Bettis Asphalt will have two days of millwork and two days of paving.

Wayne Ledbetter, County Commissioner, was present to let the city know the county will help where they can and relayed that he would like to figure out what areas need to be maintained.

Discussion on annexed properties in the city was held. Clerk Daniels relayed that the city boundaries were produced on a map, along with ordinances numbers related to each boundary annexation. She also relayed some of the houses on East Main Street are still not annexed due to an agreement made when the sewer improvements in Phase II of the Sewer Grant began and when the city had to acquire easements behind said properties in question, for the new Sewer Main. The city and property owners agreed that once their septic system failed according to the Jefferson County Health Department, they would voluntarily annex into the city. City would waive their \$750 hook-up fee and they would tie into the City Sewer Main upon annexation.

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ATTORNEY TIME

Nothing further to discuss at this time.

MAYOR TIME

Mayor Boyer made the recommendation to retain building Insurance City Building Inspector Paul Crawford and City Engineer Mark Bachamp.

Motion was made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by Richard White, to retain City Building Inspector Paul Crawford and City Engineer Mark Bachamp. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Boyer recommended council retain City Attorney Lee Hendricks and Judge Dennis Reiling.

Motion was made by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Ty Buschbom, to retain City Attorney Lee Hendricks and Judge Dennis Reiling. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Boyer recommended council retain Denison State Bank and the Valley Falls Vindicator for official city business.

Motion was made by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Ty Buschbom, to retain Denison State Bank and the Valley Falls Vindicator for official city business. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Boyer recommended Council keep BJ Whiteman as the City Treasurer.

Motion was made by Richard White, seconded by Jacqueline Cummings, to retain BJ Whiteman as the City Treasurer. Motion passed 5-0. BJ Whiteman Abstained.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES

Motion by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Richard White, to approve the April 11, 2018 Minutes. Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES

Motion was made by Ty Buschbom, seconded by BJ Whiteman, to approve expenditures. Motion passed 5-0.

CONTINUE OR ADJOURN THE MEETING

Motion was made by Richard White, seconded by Jacqueline Cummings, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by:

Joanne M. Weddle, Assistant City Clerk

