

**CITY OF MERIDEN
APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2019**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:10 PM

THOSE PRESENT

Council Members: Floyd Cozadd BJ Whiteman Richard White Ken Parker Jackie Cummings

Dana Boyer, Mayor Carrie Daniels, City Clerk Lee Hendricks, City Attorney

NEW BUSINESS

City Auditor John Welch, reviewed the 2018 City Audit he completed and informed council that no issues were found. He also relayed that the city records were impeccable. Council had no questions, so John Welch recommended the following motion be made:

Motion was made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by Richard White, to approve the 2018 Audit and file said audit with the State of Kansas. Motion passed 5-0.

John Welch presented a one and a two year Audit Contract for the years of 2019 and 2020, with discounted yearly totals, if council accepted the two year contract verses one year.

Motion was made by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Richard White, to accept a (2) two year Audit Agreement for 2019 and 2020, in the amount of \$8,500 each year. Motion passed 5-0.

Council reviewed and discussed the applications received in regards to the City Clerk's Assistant position. Discussion led to council forming a sub-committee, consisting of two council members and the city clerk.

Motion was made by Jackie Cummings, seconded by Ken Parker, to form sub-committee to hold interviews and make a decision on City Clerk's Assistant. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion was made by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Richard White, to offer \$13.00 per hour and increase to \$14.00 per hour after ninety days. Motion passed 5-0.

SEWER/TRASH DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

Margaret Higgins, tenant at Mark Kramer's property, was present to discuss her delinquent utility account with council.

Motion was made by Jackie Cummings, seconded by BJ Whiteman, to stop the late fees on Margaret Higgins utility account as she will agree to a payment agreement for \$70.00 per month plus the current billing. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion was also made by Richard White, seconded by Ken Parker to send final disconnect letters and flag for sewer dig up, on so noted delinquent utility accounts. Motion passed 5-0.

Final letters were sent to account's #0445 Phil Hill, #0446 Tammy Gleason, #0447 Lesia Wells, #0533 Jerilyn Boyette, #0525 Nicole Camargo, # 0546 Corine Payne. Jason Hansford made a payment on his payment agreement as well.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT TIME

Chief Jason Boyer relayed that they will purchase new cameras for the Tahoe and Police Department Truck as the camera units that are currently in these vehicles will not be supported. The estimated quote for the cameras is approximately \$5,607.75.

Motion was made by Jackie Cummings, and seconded by Richard White, to take one-half out of the Law Enforcement Fund and one-half out of the Equipment Reserve Fund. Motion passed 5-0.

Jason Boyer relayed City of Meriden is really dark and he would like to have a map to give to Westar Energy, showing locations in need of lighting.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT TIME

Matt Williams presented council with the one time easement letters that were signed by Michael and Cynthia Jewell at 103 N. Palmberg Street and Michael Jenson at 105 N. Palmberg Street for the ditch needing repair and maintenance off Palmberg Street.

Mayor Boyer relayed that she did give Matt Williams authorization to have repairs made to truck prior to meeting as they were estimating the cost at around \$2,000. Matt Williams informed council of maintenance truck repair quote when received totaled around \$5,400 and relayed that he will try to fix what he can to drastically reduce this cost.

Matt also relayed that he wants to get poly-perm salt/sand mix to have on hand as well. Nothing further at this time.

MAYOR TIME

Mayor Dana Boyer requested an executive session with only Mayor, City Attorney and Council Members present.

Motion was made by Ken Parker, seconded by Richard White, to go into Executive Session to discuss Attorney Client matters that would include the Mayor, City Council members, Jim McGrath and Lee Hendricks. Motion Passed 5-0.

APPROVE THE MINUTES

Motion was made by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Richard White, to amend November 14, 2018 minutes, change Jacqueline to Jackie and remove (and delete) on page 2. Motion passed 4-0. Ken abstained.

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APPROVE THE MINUTES – CON'T

Motion was made by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Richard White, to amend December 11, 2018 minutes, change page numbers 2 to 5 and 3 to 5 to 2 to 4 and 3 to 4, and page 4 remove apostrophe on employee's. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion was made by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Richard White, to approve December 18, 2018 special meeting minutes, after amending them by placing commas in the thousands position on the quotes. Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES

Motion was made by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to approve current expenditures. Motion passed 5-0.

CONTINUE OR ADJOURN THE MEETING

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

Respectfully submitted by: Jerri Lederer
Jerri Lederer, Assistant City Clerk

