

**CITY OF MERIDEN
APPROVED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 14, 2019**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM

THOSE PRESENT

Council Members: Floyd Cozadd BJ Whiteman Ken Parker Jackie Cummings

Councilman Richard White arrived at 7:06 P.M.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Planning and Zoning recommendations were given to Council by Jim McGrath, Planning and Zoning Secretary. Mark Bachamp, City Engineer from Olsson Associates, could not be at the meeting, but agreed with Planning and Zoning's recommendations presented and to have City Council approve the Diamond Meadows Final Plat as presented.

Motion was made by Ken Parker, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to approve the Diamond Meadows Final Plat as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

The Planning and Zoning Commission has scheduled a meeting for Monday night May 20, 2019 at 6 P.M. to review the Earl and Marla Rice rezoning application for Meriden Meadows, from AG-1 to B-1 and to become familiar with all the paperwork associated with the application, prior to the public hearing set for June 5, 2019 at 6:00PM.

Jim McGrath as Secretary of Planning and Zoning, informed council that there are two vacant positions on the Planning and Zoning Commission, one position to be filled from person inside the city limits and one from outside the city limits. Lexi Surrutt who lives inside the city limits and Donelle Sage who lives outside the city limits, would like to be appointed this evening.

Motion was made by Jackie Cummings, seconded by Richard White, to approve new Planning and Zoning Commission members. Motion passed 5-0.

Planning and Zoning Committee members are as follows: Vance Collins, President; Jim McGrath, Secretary; Bob Bowser, Lexi Surrutt and Donelle Sage.

Firework Stand Permit Application was presented by Mike McNary for approval. Dates presented were June 27, 2019 through July 4, 2019 with the hours of 8:00AM through Midnight.

Motion was made by Ken Parker, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to empower Mayor Dana Boyer to sign Ordinance changing dates and time frame for firework sales. Motion passed 5-0.

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NEW BUSINESS – CON'T

Shelbi Swacker, Engineer with McAfee, Henderson Solution, presented Council with blueprints of the Meriden Sidewalk Improvements Bid Alternate 2 with sidewalk Wall Detail at 100 Block of E. Main St. (See Attachment A). Council discussed the blueprint designs presented.

Motion was made by Richard White, seconded by Jackie Cummings, to go forward with Meriden Sidewalk Improvement Project, Alternate 2 Plan, with Sidewalk Wall Detail.

Motion passed 5-0.

Matt Williams, Street Maintenance Department presented Council with 2019 Street Project Bids for Street Improvements in front of Jefferson West Elementary School and other locations off of Palmberg Street in front of School Bus Barn area, and in front of the Meriden United Methodist Church. Bids have been received from Bettis Asphalt and Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$50,744 and Hamm Asphalt, Inc. in the amount of \$46,344.

Motion was made by Richard White, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to go with Bettis Asphalt, Inc. in the amount of \$50,744.00 and monies to come from the Street and Highway Fund.

Motion passed 5-0.

John Welch, City Auditor was asked to come and inform Council where money can come from for bathrooms at Lacey Ball Field. Park Fund can be used for either Meriden Park, but \$3,000 is allocated in the General Fund for Lacey Ball Field for repair and maintenance. Infrastructure Fund is being used for Sidewalk Project and Street Projects, what money is left can be used for any existing City Improvement.

John Welch, City Auditor spoke of the Annexation and added costs unforeseen at this point.

Barry White was present to discuss with Council the Management of Lacey Ball Field. He met with Kylee Skahan, Jefferson West Ball Association President. Usage of Lacey Ball Field and maintenance thereof. Dana Boyer, Mayor talked with Barry White to see if he was interested in purchasing Lacey Ball Field. Dana Boyer, Mayor relayed the lights are left on every night during the summer and the city has no money coming in to offset costs to maintain Lacey Ball Field.

Former Mayor, Andy Surritt said city paid \$12,000 and Jeff West Ball Association paid \$13,000 to purchase Lacey Ball Field from Meriden Fun Fair. This sale occurred on February 25, 2009. Council spoke of leasing the field or drawing up usage agreement. Barry White asked if there was a way to structure the agreement. If it was to be sold, how would it be zoned?

Wayne Ledbetter suggested the City implementing a "Recreation Commission." They are a Legal Entity, they raise revenue, usually consist of five member Board. It has to be voted in and usually use at least one mill. Perry, Kansas is doing this through the school. You would hire someone full-time to handle all these activities.

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NEW BUSINESS – CON'T

Advantage Computer Website, Hosting and Annual E-mail quote was presented to Council.
Motion was made by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Jackie Cummings, to pay Advantage Computer Software premium in the amount of \$923. Motion passed 5-0

OLD BUSINESS

Kansas Turf Proposal was tabled for additional 30 days.

Countryside Square Sewer Lagoon still waiting on a response from Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE).

BUILDING PERMIT ISSUES

Nothing at the time

SEWER AND TRASH DELINQUENCIES

Council reviewed delinquent list and it looked great. They will discuss next month.

POLICE DEPARTMENT TIME

Sirens were installed. The Siren on top of City Hall is going to be moved to the Jefferson West High School.

Jason Boyer, Chief of Police discussed with Council the Tornado Shelter situation and at this point letting people know they need to take care of themselves until something is available.

Jason Boyer, Chief of Police informed Council that abatements will be starting. The abatements with yards, then the cars not tagged and then junk. The officers will be running school zones and when school is out, Police Department will be working at night, doing foot traffic.

Chief Boyer discussed moving Police Department truck to the City's building (the old car wash behind city hall off South Palmberg Street) to have room for the City's new Dump Truck. Richard White will donate time for electrical hook up in old car wash building.

Track meet was held and parking had to be watched as parking space is limited.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

James Wells, Wastewater and Parks Department, relayed all the sewer lines at the ponds were jetted out.

Matt Williams, Street and Ditch Department, relayed Kings Construction is ready to crush rock at lagoon. He also informed Council that the Jefferson West Elementary School is wanting to replace culverts and are willing to pay for them if the city installed.

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MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – CON'T

Matt Williams, Street Maintenance Department, would like to check into putting a sidewalk from Main Street to K-4 Highway on South Miller Street.

ATTORNEY TIME

Lee Hendricks, City Attorney, discussed the City Personnel Book and it was decided that Ken Parker, Jackie Cummings, and Lee Hendricks will get together and revise, then present to Council when completed.

Lee Hendricks also advised Mayor Dana Boyer, to make her appointments for May, 2019 for the one year session.

Judge - Dennis Reiling
City Attorney – Lee Hendricks
Chief of Police – Jason Boyer
Council President – BJ Whiteman
Official Newspaper – The Vindicator
Official Bank – Denison State Bank

Motion was made by Richard White, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to accept appointments as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

MAYOR TIME

Nothing at this time.

APPROVE THE MINUTES

Motion was made by Ken Parker, seconded by BJ Whiteman, to approve April 9, 2019 Minutes. Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES

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

CONTINUE OR ADJOURN THE MEETING

Motion was made by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

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

