CITY OF MERIDEN APPROVED MINUTES REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 8, 2020

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:07 PM

THOSE PRESENT

Council Members: BJ Whiteman Brian Smith

Richard White Floyd Cozadd

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

NOT PRESENT: Jackie Cummings

NEW BUSINESS

Sharon Blankenship – Grass roots project in conjunction with Kansas State University. Sharon Blankenship and Lori Henderson will trap, neuter or spay, vaccinate and release. The cats will be vaccinated, neutered or spayed at their cost and that is why they rely on donations. Their plan is to try to pick-up 30 cats a month in Jefferson County. Sharon has been working with Critter Care throughout Jefferson County. Kanas State University is willing to neuter or spay and vaccinate (30) thirty cats from Jefferson County a month. Valley Falls donated \$500 and Sharon Blankenship is asking other cities to pitch in.

Motion made by Richard White, seconded by BJ Whiteman to allocate \$500 to Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return program. Motion passed 4-0.

Sharon Blankenship will come back to the January 12, 2021 meeting so the check can be presented and photo taken for the paper.

John Welch presented (3) year audit proposal to council.

Motion made by Brian Smith, seconded by Richard White to accept John Welch's Audit Contract for the next (3) years. Motion passed 4-0.

Occupational License renewal request for VFW was presented and Clerk Carrie Daniels relayed that they are waiting on Liquor License.

Motion made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by BJ Whiteman to approve VFW Occupational License upon proof of State Liquor License. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion made by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Richard White to allow Lee Hendricks, City Attorney to review Jefferson County Planning & Zoning notification paperwork on Prairie Villas area prior to approval. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion made by Richard White, seconded by Brian Smith to empower Mayor Dana Boyer to sign ordinance allowing transfer of \$45,000 from General Fund to the Equipment Reserve Fund. Motion passed 4-0.

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NEW BUSINESS – CON'T

Motion made by Brian Smith, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to empower Mayor Dana Boyer to sign Ordinance allowing the transfer of \$45,000 from General Fund to the Equipment Reserve Fund. Motion passed 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Dana Boyer, relayed January 12th, 2021 meeting, Mr. Wolfly's request for petition to vacate off Washington Street between Lawrence Street and Palmer Street will be handled at the Public Hearing. Mayor Dana Boyer thanked him for coming.

Richard White explained what the issues are with the ditch off Washington Street. Matt Williams, Maintenance Department will go through ditch off Palmberg and Palmer Street and possibly place new culvert off Washington Street.

SEWER AND TRASH DELINQUENCIES

Mayor Dana Boyer relayed that large dumpsters for recyclables have been removed because of abuse.

POLICE DEPARTMENT TIME

Jason Boyer, Chief of Police, relayed they have been very busy. They had an armed robbery and suspects were caught.

Lee Hendricks, City Attorney, spoke of abatements, he and Chief Boyer went around to see if they were taken care of and discussed Building Permits too.

Motion made by Richard White, seconded by Floyd Cozadd to give Lee Hendricks authorization to send Danny Hittle letter, RE: Building Permit issues. Motion passed 3-0. BJ Whiteman abstained.

Chief Boyer relayed that in regards to sporting events or programs, (2) two family members of the same party, are allowed per child to games and programs. Meriden Police Department will escort those who do not wear masks, out of the building.

Jason Boyer relayed new street lights are being put up in town too.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Brian Smith brought up the creek at the VFW that trees were cut down. He asked if they could be removed. Brian Smith and Matt Williams will clean out trees, Mayor Dana Boyer approved and council members were OK with that.

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ATTORNEY TIME

Lee Hendricks, City Attorney, relayed his son is in sports and at times he would be going to his games. Lee said he would send someone in his place or do a call in if there were any questions. He did want to be there for his son.

MAYOR TIME

Motion made by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Brian Smith to do Christmas Bonuses same as last year, \$100 for fulltime employees (5) @ \$100=\$500 and \$50 for part-time employees (5) @ \$50=\$250, totaling \$750. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion made by Richard White, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, that at this time Council does a 2% increase for employees and then re-evaluate in the 2nd Quarter of 2021. Motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Dana Boyer thanked Richard White for completing touchless bathroom improvements over Thanksgiving. Brian Smith asked about list of purchases for SPARKS Program. Two (2) computers for school signals and wastewater were purchased. Police Department has two (2) computers for their vehicles, temp takers, sanitizers, and outside temp.

Mammoth Sports asked for a Grant for Sanitation of turf.

APPROVE THE MINUTES

Motion was made by Brian Smith, seconded by BJ Whiteman, to approve November 10, 2020 minutes. Motion passed 4-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES

Motion was made by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to approve current expenditures. Motion passed 4-0.

CONTINUE OR ADJOURN THE MEETING

Motion made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by Richard White, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jerri Lederer, Assistant City Clerk