

**CITY OF MERIDEN  
APPROVED MINUTES  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 14, 2020**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM**

**THOSE PRESENT**

Council Members:   BJ Whiteman           Jackie Cummings           Floyd Cozadd  
                                  Megan Steele                   Richard White  
Dana Boyer, Mayor    Carrie Daniels, City Clerk    Lee Hendricks, City Attorney

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Dana Boyer recommended Megan Steele be appointed as new Council Member to replace Ken Parker.

***Motion made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by Jackie Cummings, to approve the appointment of Megan Steele as new council member. Motion passed 5-0.***

Megan Steele, Richard White and Dana Boyer were all sworn into office.

Mayor Dana Boyer asked for motion to keep BJ Whiteman as Council President.

***Motion made by Richard White, seconded by Floyd Cozadd to keep BJ Whiteman as Council President. Motion passed 5-0.***

John Welch, City Auditor reviewed the 2019 Audit with City Council.

John relayed to Council the independent Auditor's Report in regards to the Standard of Accounting Procedures.

Each Fund has different rules. City of Meriden spent \$140,000 more than what it brought in. He reviewed page 5, Basis of Accounting and Departure from Accounting Principles.

Page 7 – City of Meriden is still limited as to where they can invest money. John stated it depends on how many banks you want to use to set up security.

John relayed the City of Meriden is in total compliance.

Call the man that gave City of Meriden quote on refinancing. John reviewed transfers made as passed by Resolution was passed for transfers at that time, \$145,000 was transferred.

City of Meriden Streets - \$160,000 can be spent on streets.

Law Enforcement – Law Enforcement Equipment and the needs of Law Enforcement

Infrastructure – Pays for Repair or Replacement of streets, sewer and buildings

Court – Diversion money funds this and has to be used for Home and Safety Items

Special Parks and Recreation Fund – Utility for Park or Recreational Park Equipment

Equipment Reserve – Has to be used for Equipment i.e. Backhoes, Service Trucks, Computers

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### **NEW BUSINESS – CON'T**

Sewer Fund – Large Reserve for Repair on Lagoon Systems or Pump Repair or Replacement  
*Motion made by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Jackie Cummings, to submit Financial Statement as presented. Motion passed 5-0.*

*Motion made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by Richard White to continue with John Welch as City Auditor. Motion passed 5-0.*

*Motion made by Richard White, seconded by Megan Steele, to approve Occupation License for Meriden V.F.W. Post 10815. Motion passed 5-0*

*Motion made by Megan Steele, seconded by Richard White, to approve Occupation License for Game Gay. Jackie Cummings abstained from voting. Motion passed 4-0*

*Motion made by Richard White, seconded by BJ Whiteman to approve Occupation License for Feyh Liquor. Motion passed 5-0.*

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Building Permit fees for 2020 tabled until next meeting.

### **SEWER AND TRASH DELINQUENCIES**

Council reviewed delinquencies. Megan Steele asked if there is a standard of procedure to follow. It was stated that usually there is a three (3) letter process.

*Motion made by Richard White, seconded by Jackie Cummings, to send Dig Letter to Brian Vining. Motion passed 5-0.*

*Discussion held on 313 S. Palmberg regarding no water service at this property, that a notice be served that the house is inhabitable.*

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT TIME**

Jason Boyer, Chief of Police, relayed that the new cameras have been installed at City Hall.

He informed council he purchased another rifle with scope so now each vehicle will have one. Jason spoke of the Dollar General “Trash” issue that he spoke with Manager of Store about. Lee Hendricks, City Attorney, relayed City Clerk, Carrie Daniels, City Clerk unaware that Jason Boyer, contacted Manager of Store, she contacted the Engineering/Construction Crew and was sent to Corporate Office. The District Manager will be investigating this problem.

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**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT**

Matt Williams, Maintenance Department informed council about the rock salt and sand purchased.

New updated cameras are set up in the police vehicles.

Matt Williams relayed the concrete at Lagoon area has been smashed and piled up.

Richard White, informed council that cell #1 may have sludge that might need to be reviewed.

**ATTORNEY TIME**

Nothing at this time.

**MAYOR TIME**

Jason Boyer, Chief of Police, let council know about Fish Fry and Silent Auction on March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Meriden Methodist Church to raise money for Rich Tinsley's daughter who is 4 years old as she has been diagnosed with Leukemia.

Mayor Dana Boyer, requested approximately 10 minutes of executive time at the end of the agenda.

Commissioner Wayne Ledbetter, wants to let Council know about Community Development Department Dustin Parks who is GIS Department Supervisor will also be in charge of the Community Economic Development Department.

Quarterly or semiannually, he would like to see a member of council come to their meeting to discuss anything the city would like to see developed.

He also stated that Jefferson County Planning & Zoning will be looking for 2 to 3 members, meeting once a month.

Lee Hendricks, City Attorney, informed Wayne Ledbetter about gentleman that came to council meeting last month.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES**

*Motion was made by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Jackie Cummings, to approve December 10, 2020 minutes, Megan Steele abstaining. Motion passed 4-0.*

**MOTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES**

*Motion was made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by Richard White, to approve current expenditures. Motion passed 5-0.*

