

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:03 PM

THOSE PRESENT

Council Members: Floyd Cozadd Richard White (Was on Zoom)
 BJ Whiteman Megan Steele
 Dana Boyer, Mayor Carrie Daniels, City Clerk

NOT PRESENT

Lee Hendricks, City Attorney Jackie Cummings

NEW BUSINESS

Mitch Walter, Bond Council, reviewed the 2020 Bond Refinancing with Council. City had a 17% savings by refinancing the current GO Bonds. July 30, 2020 is closing on new bond.

State Treasurer is paying agent same as in prior years.

Debt Service goes until 2041 on GO Bond Series 2020.

***Motion made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by Megan Steele to approve Ordinance 2020-001.
Motion passed 4-0.***

***Motion made by Megan Steele, seconded by Floyd Cozadd to pass Resolution 2020-03.
Motion passed 4-0.***

David Christy was present to introduce himself and to discuss the reason he is running for County Commissioner office. He feels there is a massive amount of corruption and it needs to stop.

Wayne Ledbetter, County Commissioner, relayed to check covid.ks.com website for information about CARES Act and SPARKS Funding. Mayor Dana Boyer said CARES Act information had been handed out to Meriden Businesses.

From CARES Act, State of Kansas has \$1.03 billion, most money to counties around Kansas City and the rest to the state.

NEW BUSINESS – CON'T

Jefferson County received \$3.9 million to distribute to cities and James Tweed, Emergency Service Director, Jefferson County to distribute. Biggest portion of money, about \$1.6 million to schools in (3) three implemented distributions already put aside. Meriden to receive \$60,000 and Meriden City's plan has to be in states hands by August 15, 2020. If state rejects our proposal, hope money can be reallocated.

Associate Administration will be key contacts at Jefferson County.

Expenditures:

- 1) Reimbursements
- 2) Direct Aide – Has to be in states hands August 15, 2020. Any expenditures has to be made and implemented by December 31, 2020.

Hoping for encumbered cost:

One/half million set aside for Cities

\$60,000 – Meriden would get by August 1, 2020.

Collect all expenses incurred from Businesses, Community and City along with receipts.

PRIORITIES

Health

Connectivity

Economic Development

Education

OPEN:

Cannot replace lost income. If a business had to hire someone to clean or take temperatures, it is a covered expense.

ASSESS:

Community need

Categorize

Cost

Prevent homelessness is covered:

Help with homes, food banks, and etc.

Next meeting for County Commissioners is scheduled for July 20, 2020.

Jefferson County Sales Tax Revenues are exactly where they were before pandemic.

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NEW BUSINESS – CON'T

John Welch, City Auditor, and Carrie Daniels, City Clerk, prepared and presented to Meriden Council 2021 Proposed Budget.

Motion made by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Megan Steel to hold Public Budget Hearing on August 11, 2020 at 7 pm. Motion passed 4-0

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

ATTORNEY TIME

Resolution 2020-04 pertains to Leanna Snavely who was present. Mayor Dana Boyer relayed several violations for the same nuisances. Jason Boyer, Chief of Police and Lee Hendricks, City Attorney, will meet with her. She asked about if vehicles tagged and licensed. She was informed vehicles also have to run, be insured, and driven and moved once a month

Motion made by Richard White, seconded by Megan Steele to pass Resolution 2020-04. Motion passed 4-0.

Resolution 2020-05 pertains to Participation in the Cares Act and SPARKS Funding.

Motion made by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to accept Resolution 2020-05. Motion passed 4-0.

Wayne Ledbetter, County Commissioner, relayed our resolution needs to be sent to Jefferson County and won't give to State. Carrie Daniels needs to submit to: Keith Jeffers.

SEWER AND TRASH DELINQUENCIES

Sewer delinquencies were discussed.

Motion made by Megan Steele, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to have Jason Boyer, Chief of Police, serve letters to the (3) three accounts, Hammond, Gleason, and Snavely with no effort to paying statement amounts. Motion passed 4-0.

POLICE DEPARTMENT TIME

Nothing at this time.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

No maintenance personnel present. Last Grant of Easement was received for Sidewalk Project. Mayor Dana Boyer relayed that Penry had signed and sidewalk project to be started by ATM Concrete, Inc.

MAYOR TIME

Mayor Dana Boyer, relayed Megan Steele will be resigning after this evening. Megan thanked Council for all of the knowledge she had received.

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MAYOR TIME –CON'T

Brian Smith would like to be on Council.

Motion made by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Floyd Cozadd to accept Brian Smith as City Council member. Motion passed 4-0.

APPROVE THE MINUTES

Motion made by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Megan Steel, to approve March 10, 2020, April 14, 2020, May 12, 2020 and June 9, 2020 minutes. Motion passed 4-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES

Motion made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by Megan Steele, to approve expenditures. Motion passed 4-0.

CONTINUE OR ADJOURN THE MEETING

Motion made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by BJ Whiteman, to adjourn meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:



Jerri Lederer, Assistant City Clerk

