

**CITY OF MERIDEN  
APPROVED MINUTES  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2021**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:10 PM**

**THOSE PRESENT**

**Council Members:**      Floyd Cozadd              Brian Smith              Richard White  
   BJ Whiteman              Jackie Cummings

Dana Boyer, Mayor              Carrie Daniels, City Clerk  
Lee Hendricks, City Attorney (arrived at 7:46 pm)

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm, No public comments given, so, council moved to the Revenue Neutral Rate Resolution #2021-07 discussion.

***Motion made by Brian Smith, seconded by Floyd Cozadd to pass Resolution #2021-07. Motion passed 5-0.***

Closed Public Hearing at 7:12 pm for Revenue Neutral Rate & Motion for Resolution #2021-07.

Opened Public Hearing for 2022 Proposed Budget at 7:12 pm.

***Motion made by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to adopt the 2022 Proposed Budget. Motion passed 5-0.***

Closed Public Hearing at 7:13 pm.

Moved to Regular Session at 7:13 pm.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Meriden Community Church purchased house next to their church and are remodeling the house that soon will be a Children's Bible School. Since its being renovated, they are requesting the Vacant Lot Sewer Rate of \$22.97.

***Motion made by Richard White, seconded by BJ Whiteman to set at Vacant Lot Rate. Motion passed 5-0.***

Paul Crawford, City Building Inspector, will let clerk know when occupied, so Sewer Rate can be adjusted. Rate of \$22.97 per month.

Kevin Ernzen, 313 E Wyandotte St, was present to discuss his abatement. His car is on jacks due to brakes being fixed. Chief Boyer, suggested he fill out restoration permit and return to Jerri Lederer, Assistant City Clerk. City Council will waive the fee for his six month permit.

Dillon Medlock, Engineer for Mammoth Sports, and Nick Olson, were present to discuss with Council annexing and sewer re-routing cost. They reviewed their site concept with Council for both 101 W. Wyandotte and the new Sports Complex they would like to build. They wish to re-route sewer, and put in roads.

**NEW BUSINESS – CON'T**

Special Olympics Partnership with Mammoth Sports would be a possibility to host in Meriden, Kansas. Mammoth Sports would like (the prior USD #340 Administration Building) annexed into the City Limits if Council would be willing to agree to give them a 20 year Tax Abatement.

The next item discussed briefly before Lee Hendricks arrived was the building at 101 W. Wyandotte Street. They would like a four-way stop at Wyandotte and Palmberg Street. ***Motion made by Richard White, seconded by Brian Smith to have Matt Williams check into completing a traffic study at Wyandotte and Palmberg Street. Motion passed 5-0.***

Dillon Medlock, recommended a survey on the lagoons. Cell #1 needs dredged as it is too high amongst other observations he noticed.

Mayor Dana Boyer reported fitness equipment was delivered and is stored in the City Hall's shop. Mammoth donated a considerable amount of money for the equipment. This will be the first fitness equipment center in Kansas from the BlueCross BlueShield grant.

Resolution #2021-05 in regards to Meriden Fall Festival.

***Motion made by Richard White, seconded by BJ Whiteman, to pass Resolution #2021-05 closing Main Street for Fall Festival. Passed 5-0.***

***Motion made by Richard White, seconded by Brian Smith to pass Resolution #2021-06 to temporarily allow consumption of Alcohol/CMB on designated areas, on October 2, 2021. Motion passed 5-0.***

Jackie Cummings, relayed Tiffany McCall, Jeff West Ball Association, mentioned the awnings for Lacey Ball Field need to be ordered by November 9, 2021. Jeff West Ball Association would like to know if City is willing to donate to help with the purchase of the awnings. Issue tabled until the October 12, 2021 City Council meeting.

***Motion made by Richard White, seconded by Jackie Cummings to go into Executive Session at 8:15 pm, to discuss Attorney-Client privilege matters. Motion passed 5-0.***

Back to Regular Session at 8:31 pm.

8:32 pm – Erica Noffsinger talked about sidewalk issues. She was unhappy with the way communication was handled and was surprised with how the sidewalk turned out. She was also worried about the way the crosswalk is designed and wants the tube changed out and feels the ramp needs to be done differently. She wants her driveway extended and the crosswalk placed differently. Next time, she believes that neighbors should be considered and asked their ideas.

**SEWER AND TRASH DELINQUENCIES**

Sewer and trash delinquencies were discussed. No action was taken at this time.

**POLICE TIME**

Chief Jason Boyer and Attorney Lee Hendricks, drove around and wrote up abatements.

Police Officer, Darren Brown, will be working for Meriden Police Department again soon. Richard White asked about the new cameras and Chief Boyer will check on these. Chief Boyer informed Council of the Dollar General robbery and the juveniles arrested regarding three fires.

**MAINTENANCE TIME**

Matt Williams, gave Council the Sidewalk Project update in regards to Easements and Progress made.

Head unit sewer pump at lagoon went out, and was possibly hit by lightning.

**ATTORNEY TIME**

Nothing at this time.

**MAYOR TIME**

Mayor Dana Boyer relayed that on Thursday night for football session, they are feeding 40-50 kids at the Meriden City Park.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES**

*Motion was made by Richard White, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to approve August 10, 2021 Minutes after change made to remove "in the beer garden." Motion passed 4-0. Jackie Cummings abstained.*

**MOTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES**


*Motion was made by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Jackie Cummings, to approve current expenditures. Motion passed 5-0.*

**CONTINUE OR ADJOURN THE MEETING**

*Motion made by Brian Smith, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 5-0.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Jerri Lederer, Assistant City Clerk

