

**CITY OF MERIDEN
APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2022**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:05 PM

THOSE PRESENT

Council Members: BJ Whiteman Brian Smith Floyd Cozadd Jackie Cummings

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

APPROVE THE MINUTES

Motion was made by Brian Smith, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to approve December 14, 2021 minutes Motion passed 3-0. Jackie Cummings abstained not at December meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

John Welch, City Auditor was present and presented the 2021 audit report and stated it was a good audit, everything was where it should be.

OATH OF OFFICE

Lee Hendricks, City Attorney, read to newly elected officials the Oath of Office to Dana Boyer, BJ Whiteman, Floyd Cozadd and Jackie Cummings and were all sworn into office.

NEW BUSINESS – CON'T

Motion was made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by Jackie Cummings, to accept the 2021 City Financial Statement. Passed 4-0.

Motion was made by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Brian Smith, to accept Jayhawk Court Software Annual Contract Renewal for April 2022-2021. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by Brian Smith, to empower Mayor Dana Boyer to approve Liquor License for Game Day Bar & Grill upon State Liquor License approval. Motion passed 3-0. Jackie Cummings abstained.

Mammoth Representatives present at the Council Meeting were:

- Nick Olson – Chief Financial Officer
- Melissa Smith – Human Resources Director
- Jason Farrant – Vice-President, Mammoth Sports
- Melissa Wellman - Accounting Director

The representatives were present to speak with Council and explain what Mammoth is about. Their mission is to make the Communities they touch better. Creating an environment where everyone is challenged to find the best in themselves and in each other.

Wooley Farms is a Branch of Mammoth and is non-profit, is just over a year old and they serve individuals with diverse needs and abilities by creating inclusive programs centered around community involvement.

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Mammoth Cont'd

Nick Olson, Chief Operating Officer, Mammoth Sports, spoke on Lacey Ball Field and what they would like to see to help benefit the community.

Melissa Smith, Human Resources Director, was born in Topeka, KS, went to K-State University, moved to Kansas City, KS, and has returned to the Meriden, KS area.

Jason Farrant went to Jeff West, then Washburn University. He worked in Kansas City, KS for family business and ended up coming back after visiting with his cousin, Jake Farrant.

Melissa Wellman, Accounting Director, went to Jeff West, relayed to Council that she and her husband are building a house and moving back to Meriden, she also spoke on Creche Academy.

Nick Olson advised January 29th, 2022 is the target date of soft opening with February 4th, 2022 the Grand Opening of Boone & Bounty. The facilities at 401 S Palmberg.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

SEWER AND TRASH DELINQUENCIES

Council reviewed and will review again next month.

POLICE DEPARTMENT TIME

Jason Boyer, Chief of Police, would like to purchase two (2) new vests for Jared Ice, he does not have a vest and Darren Brown has an old vest.

Motion made by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to spend not to exceed \$3,500 from the General Fund, for the (2) new police vests. Motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Dana Boyer spoke of cameras and relayed they will all be working once one of the camera's that was sent for repairs is returned.

Mayor Dana Boyer relayed the park equipment that was being stored where Police Department vehicle goes will be moved to the Simms Building for now.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Dana Boyer, spoke for Matt Williams, Maintenance Department, and relayed he would like to have blinking stop lights at the intersection of Main Street and Miller Street. The cost would be approximately \$3,400.

Three (3) yield signs running into Owen Street. Matt Williams had asked Lee that these be changed to stop signs.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – CONT'D

Motion made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by Brian Smith, to approve Ordinance #2202-01 to change yield signs to stop signs at Railroad Street, Water Street and Huffman Street running into Owen Street. Motion passed 4-0.

Matt Williams, Maintenance Department, sent out bids on the sidewalk project, east side of Owen from Wyandotte to Palmer, East side of Dawson from Wyandotte to Huffman, East side of Palmberg from Wyandotte to Palmer and sidewalk on south side of Wyandotte from Palmer to the end of the sidewalk improvement. CFS Engineering Bid on Sidewalk was \$19,500, and Mammoth bid was \$20,610. Tabled until February meeting.

ATTORNEY TIME

Lee Hendricks, City Attorney, stated that when the Jeff West Ball Association members attended the meeting a few months ago, the council informed them that the City had not had any conversations with Mammoth regarding status of the future of Lacey Ball Field. Since Mammoth appeared at this meeting, specifically discussed options in the future with Lacey Ball Field and stated they were open to discussions, Lee Hendricks felt it was important to contact the Jeff West Ball Association and inform them of the contact. Lee offered to contact the Board President, Tiffany McCall and inform her of the discussion and see if he can find any common ground between the two (2) Parties. The council agreed to have Lee contact Tiffany on the council's behalf.

MAYOR TIME

Mayor Dana Boyer, spoke on the COLA raises,

Motion made by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to give Jerri Lederer a 4% COLA increase and everyone else a 2% COLA increase for 2022. 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 Brian Smith, seconded by Jackie Cummings, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:


Jerri Lederer, Assistant City Clerk

