

**CITY OF MERIDEN
APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 17, 2022**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM

THOSE PRESENT

Council Members: Floyd Cozadd Brian Smith BJ Whiteman Jackie Cummings

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

NEW BUSINESS

A discussion on the Letter Agreement for Professional Services received from Mark Bachamp from Olsson Associates. The services included in this bid were a sanitary sewer peak flow management program, a pump station analysis and preliminary engineering report. Matt Williams informed the council that Mark Bachamp was unable to attend the meeting due to a prior commitment and recommended that the matter be tabled until the April meeting.

Lee Hendricks informed the council that he had spoken to Bachamp that day and felt it was important to discuss the matter as time is of the essence on this project. Hendricks stated that he understood that the estimated cost of these services is significant at \$112,000.00, and that it is almost undoubtedly an amount the City of Meriden cannot cover on its own. That said, in order for the discussed expansions at Mammoth to occur, and for the City to be able to deal with growth of any kind in the future, it is a necessity for the City Council to know how future expansion will affect its sewer system, and what improvements have to be made to accommodate such growth. Hendricks stated that this can only be accomplished through a study of this nature.

Hendricks said that in his conversations with Bachamp he was informed that the most time sensitive item in this process is the flow monitoring. Bachamp informed him that the monitoring must be done in the peak rain season between May and July. If the City of Meriden fails to do the monitoring during that period of time, it will have to wait until that period in 2023 and push this project off for another year. Hendricks stated that he asked Bachamp if he could provide an “a la carte” cost for just the monitoring to keep the project moving. Bachamp said he would provide those figures but had yet to do so as of the meeting. Hendricks’ recommendation was to receive those figures and have a conversation with Mammoth about the possibility of a cost share for the monitoring and the study as a whole.

If the City could find a way to conduct the monitoring that would provide the information the City needs to proceed with the study while not having to come up with the funds for the entire study at this time. Hendricks could then discuss with Mammoth the possibility of sharing the cost of a study of this nature. The council agreed to wait for the cost of the monitoring to be provided and then discuss options at its’ April meeting.

Motion made by BJ Whiteman, seconded by Jackie Cummings, to approve the 2022 premium proposal from Bolz Insurance. Motion passed 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS – CON'T

Motion made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by BJ Whiteman, to approve the increases for 2022 Inspection Fees for Paul Crawford, City Building Inspector. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion made by Brian Smith, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to approve Jayhawk Utility Software Annual Software Assurance plus 15 Support Hours for \$825.00. Motion passed 4-0.

Jackie Cummings brought up the signage at the city park, because Mammoth was not paying what we understood they were donating. Lee Hendricks, met with Mammoth's Attorney regarding contribution to the City Park Equipment. Mammoth's Attorney was aware of this and was taking it back to Mammoth. Lee told him that R&S Maintenance would be the signage due to their contributions. They were checking to see if the city has to pay for signage to have redone. Call will be next Tuesday or Wednesday. Lee Hendricks relayed the City got lucky that ARPA Funds could be used for miscellaneous expenses. Lee expressed with Mammoth's Attorney, that very clearly this has to be avoided in the future and need a single point of contact because this was a \$70,000.00 oops.

SEWER AND TRASH DELINQUENCIES

Utilities were discussed. Jack Brakenhoff was brought up and Lee Hendricks will send letter of payment needed or be disconnected. They were marked last month to receive letter; Lee overlooked on accident and will email letter to Jason Boyer tomorrow, and he will place letter on door.

POLICE TIME

Basketball is over so less officers are needed. Jared Ice going through academy in August, Shawnee County Deputy is looking for night time work. This will be good to have someone on duty to pop in at 2:00 am or 3:00 am to patrol Meriden.

Tires have been purchased and replaced on the Tahoe in the last few months.

MAINTENANCE TIME

Matt Williams stated that Kansas Department of Labor showed up unexpected. Inspection passed with no infractions.

Sunflower Asphalt and Bettis Asphalt sent in bids for street work to finish pavement on Palmberg Street, Wyandotte Street, Sycamore Street and Main Street. Bettis Asphalt had a lower bid.

Motion made by Brian Smith, seconded by Jackie Cummings, to accept Bettis Asphalt bid for \$101,210.00 for street project. Motion passed 4-0.

Matt stated there will also be added expense on the sidewalk project.

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MAINTENANCE TIME – CON’T

KDHE went to Lagoons and the only things the city had to take care of were to put up “KEEP OUT” signs for fencing at sewer lagoons and the tree stump/roots need to be removed.

Motion made by Brian Smith, seconded by Floyd Cozadd to rent equipment from Foley Industries for \$3,412.33 and pay Matt Williams \$500.00 for use of skid loader for a total of \$3,912.33. Motion passed 4-0.

Matt Williams informed council about weed killer from Jefferson County, City can only get a certain amount every two (2) weeks.

Matt Williams spoke to council about digging out a bigger area for sand/salt storage.

ATTORNEY TIME

Call for Executive Session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel issues to include Lee Hendricks at 7:36 pm,

Motion made by Jackie Cummings, seconded by Brian Smith, to go into Executive Session, exception plus Lee Hendricks for 15 minutes until 7.51pm. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion made by Jackie Cummings, seconded by Brian Smith, to go into Executive Session, exception plus Lee Hendricks for 10 minutes until 8:02 pm. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion made by Jackie Cummings, seconded by Brian Smith, to go into Executive Session, exception plus Lee Hendricks for 5 minutes until 8:08 pm. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion made by Jackie Cummings, seconded by Brian Smith, to go into Executive Session, exception plus Lee Hendricks under the purchase of real estate. for 5 minutes until 8:14 pm. Motion passed 4-0.

MAYOR TIME

Motion made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by Brian Smith, to empower Mayor to make offer to owner of 105 E Main to purchase property at discretion of the Mayor. Jackie Cummings abstained. Motion passed 3-0.

APPROVE THE MINUTES

Motion was made by Brian Smith, seconded by Jackie Cummings, to approve February 8, 2022 minutes. BJ Whiteman abstained since she was absent from last meeting. Motion passed 3-0.

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MOTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES

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

CONTINUE OR ADJOURN THE MEETING

Motion made by Jackie Cummings, seconded by Brian Smith, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:



Jerri Lederer, Assistant City Clerk

