

**CITY OF MERIDEN  
APPROVED MINUTES  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 12, 2022**

**Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.**

**THOSE PRESENT**

Council Members: Brian Smith Jackie Cummings Floyd Cozadd BJ Whiteman (arrived at 7:25 pm.)

Lee Hendricks, City Attorney

Dana Boyer, Mayor

Carrie Daniels, City Clerk

**OLD BUSINESS**

Lori Ploude was present at the meeting to discuss her ditch drainage issue and was told that the city could not put a tube in that location she suggested due to the elevation.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Jeff West Ball Association was present and would like to be permitted to have alcohol at Lacey Field starting August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to October 23, 2022 from 3 pm to 8 pm for the Adult Fall Softball.

***Motion made by Brian Smith, seconded by Floyd Cozadd to have Resolution #2022-05 to allow alcohol from August 7<sup>th</sup> to October 23rd from 3 pm to 8 pm for Adult Fall Softball. Motion passed 3-0.***

Tiffany McCall, Meriden Pride Committee held discussion on the location of Beer Garden.

Car Show will be moved downtown so the street closure time will change from 9 am to 7 am.

***Motion made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by Jackie Cummings to have Resolution #2022-06 to change street closure from 7 am to 11:59 pm.***

Tentative Schedule of Events was given to Council and rules for BBQ contest as well.

John Welch, City Auditor, was present to go over the Budget with Council Members.

***Motion made by Jackie Cummings, seconded by Floyd Cozadd, to give Notice of Intent to Jefferson County to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate. Motion passed 4-0.***

***Motion made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by BJ Whiteman, to set hearing for September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7 pm, for the combination of Revenue Neutral Rate and Budget Hearing. Motion passed 4-0.***

**SEWER AND TRASH DELINQUENCIES**

Sewer/Trash Utilities were discussed, Brian Smith suggested several property owners should receive letters that were delinquent. Council wanted letters sent to customers as follows:

Michael Beale Property Owner - 213 Railroad St

Charlotte Brown – 608 S Owen St

Brian Vining – 427 Frontier Ct.

Charles Abrams/Breann Roberts – 316 N Palmberg

**POLICE DEPARTMENT TIME**

Jason Boyer, Chief of Police, relayed he assisted with training at school for Active Shooter. They met last month and this Wednesday with meeting at Nortonville for simulation training with live rubber bullets. Bought more ammo. Officers working later at night.

Paul Riggs had some issues with tree so was allotted more time to take care of the situation.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT TIME -CON'T**

Jason Boyer reported several parking violations written. He explained about incorrect time to appear in court on (3) three parking tickets were incorrect and he will notify individual to come at 5 pm to July Court.

**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT**

Matt Williams, Maintenance Department, relayed the progress of Bettis Asphalt on street improvement project.

Please read Attachment A for the reports that summarize the sludge profile of the city's wastewater stabilization ponds that was conducted by Kansas Rural Water Association (KRW) on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Sludge removal is not recommended at this time given the limited amount of sludge accumulation. Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) recommends sludge removal when the amount of sludge accumulation is more than 16 inches in each of the first two (2) cells. Other factors include if your system is consistently meeting discharge permit limits, system design, operation and capacity.

Matt mentioned price now is \$32,000 an acre to dredge and in about 15 years will probably need to dredge 10 acres. Attorney, Lee Hendricks suggested the need to start putting money aside.

Floyd Cozadd asked how mosquito fogger was doing and Matt Williams explained that it was working fine. Matt reported fogger bought direct from manufacturer.

**ATTORNEY TIME**

Lee Hendricks, City Attorney, was asked where the food truck could be parked.

*Motion made by Brian Smith, seconded by Jackie Cummings to allow food truck to park wherever it would be most convenient. Motion passed 4-0.,*

**MAYOR TIME**

Nothing at this time.

**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES**

*Motion made by Brian Smith, seconded by BJ Whiteman, to approve May 10, 2022, minutes. Motion passed 4-0. Jackie Cummings abstained.*

**MOTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES**

*Motion was made by Floyd Cozadd, seconded by BJ Whiteman, 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 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Jerri Lederer, Assistant City Clerk

