

City Council Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2021

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger called the regular City Council Meeting to order. Council members present were Jason Booker, Keith Wessel, Mark Brooks and Sharon Haun, Mark Berner, Larry Siegrist. City Attorney Bill Halvorsen and City Administrator Nick Jones were also present. Others attending were Mindy Andres, Marcus Hernandez, Susan Harris, Aron Doty, Cody Catlin

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD I

N/A

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilperson Mark Berner made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented in the packet. Councilperson Jason Booker seconded the motion. The consent agenda consisted of:

- March 2, 2021 Minutes
- March 2, 2021, to Current Appropriations.
- Cabin Transfer: B-10 and B-8 Lawton, B-8 McNeal Trust

Motion carried 6 – 0

OLD BUSINESS

• **CTS Group – Update**

City Administrator Nick Jones reported the CTS Group and Services Unlimited have completed install of the LED lighting in City Facility's. City Administrator Nick Jones also reported the RTS group is working on replacing water meters and have under a hundred left to install. The project is scheduled to be complete by the end of March.

North Riverwalk Extension – Update

City Administrator Nick Jones reported that BG Consultants has completed the redesign of the North Riverwalk Extension and submitted the plans to KDOT and Bryant and Bryant Construction. Bryant and Bryant are awaiting a start date from KDOT.

Neighbor Hood Revitalization Plan – Resolution

City Administrator Nick Jones presented the City Council the resolution to opt into the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. City Administrator Nick Jones noted that the County Commissioners made amendments to the plan, which now provide 5 years a hundred percent rebate but did not change the minimum increase of \$25,000 in appraised valuation. A motion was made by Councilperson Keith Wessel to participate in the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion Carried 6 – 0

NEW BUSINESS

• **Street and Parks Committee Recommendation**

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger presented to the Council the recommendation from the Streets and Parks Committee to appoint Dale Everett to Maintenance Worker at a pay rate of \$14.25 an hour and the appointment is contingent on passing a physical and drug and alcohol screening. Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger ask for a motion to approve her appointment. A motion was made by Councilperson Sharon Haun to approve the appointment. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Larry Siegrist. Motion Carried 6 – 0

• **Street and Parks Committee Recommendation**

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger presented to the Council the recommendation from the Streets and Parks Committee to appoint Rodney Yowell from Mechanic to Foreman at a pay rate of \$18.00 an hour and Allen Blosser from Maintenance Worker to Mechanic at a pay rate of \$16.50 an hour. Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger ask for a motion to approve her appointments. A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Booker to approve the appointments. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Berner. Motion Carried 6 – 0

• **Utilities Committee Recommendation**

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger presented to the Council the recommendation from the Utilities Committee to appoint Michael Stover to Water Department Apprentice at a pay rate of \$14.00 an hour and the appointment is contingent on passing a background check,

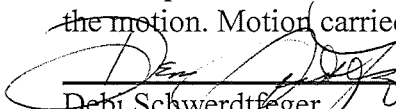
physical, and drug and alcohol screening. A motion was made by Councilperson Keith Wessel to approve the appointment. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Brooks. Motion Carried 6 – 0

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

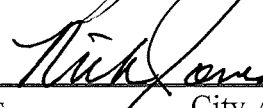
- **Councilperson Jason Booker** – None
- **Councilperson Mark Berner** – None
- **Councilperson Keith Wessel** – None
- **Councilperson Mark Brooks** – inquired about installing cameras at Riverwalk Park to cut down on vandalization of City property. City Administrator Nick Jones let the Council know that it has been looked into and was going to be apart of the Riverwalk Amphitheater project.
- **Councilperson Larry Siegrist** – asked about the Morris County Sheriff trailer behind the Fire Station and had concerns with it having flat tires and not being ready to use in case it is needed. City Administrator Nick Jones said he would follow up with the Sheriff department.
- **Councilperson Sharon Haun** – presented to the City Council the contract from Ken Zimmerman for the Architecture work for the Riverwalk Amphitheater project. Councilperson Sharon Haun let the Council know that Ken Zimmerman’s bid was considerably less than the other bids the City received. A motion was made by Councilperson Mark Brooks to accept the contract. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Berner. Motion Carried 6 - 0
- **City Attorney Bill Halvorsen** – None
- **City Administrator Nick Jones** – let the Council know that the Water Department would start work Friday morning to repair a water leak on 8th and Donnon and the affected areas will be South 7th street, 8th street and Donnon. It will also affect the Grade School, Quality Profile, and the Rural Water District. The water will be off sometime between 12.00 and 2.00pm. Everyone affected by has been notified of the service interruption. City Administrator Nick Jones also asked the City Council if the would still like to submit an application for funding to KDOT for HWY56 resurfacing.
- **Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger** – asked that a Blighted Structure Committee get together to meet. City Administrator Nick Jones said he would get the with everyone and get a meeting set. The Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger also inquired about moving the camera that is located on the Riverwalk to the High School, so it is utilized more. The camera is owner by the PRIDE committee. The Mayor will follow up with the School and the PRIDE Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Sharon Huan seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 – 0



Debi Schwerdtfeger Mayor

ATTEST:


Nick Jones City Administrator

