

Monday, May 13, 2024

6:30PM

The meeting was called to order by the mayor. The clerk was asked to call the roll.

Councilmember George Ragland – Present
Councilmember Casey Whitman-Present
Councilmember Levoneia Ayers-Absent
Councilmember Erica Hopkins-Present
Councilmember Jason Garstka-Present
Mayor Mary Caudle – Present
Members present constitutes a quorum.

Legal counsel Caleb Ballew and the clerk Sharron Humphrey were also present .

Motion by Councilmember Ragland to approve the minutes dated April 8, 2024. Councilmember Garstka second the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Caudle's Report: The Public Hearing was held this evening regarding the bathroom renovation in the park. She stated this was the last remaining item to go in the grant package.

Councilmember Hopkins asked if there were any questions or comments.

Mayor stated the were questions asking out would building look after renovation, no concerns. The people in attendance agreed to it.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Fire & Police: Chairperson Ragland reported Police Officers traveled 2,708 miles, made 13 stops, issued 10 warning citations, 8 traffic citations, 53 calls for service, 2 arrests and 13 reports.

Mayor reported that she has an interview scheduled for Thursday of this week for a policeman.

Mayor reported she did an interview with a great candidate for Fire Chief. She stated he comes with a wealth of experience and certifications. She stated she would like to get the council concurrent for her to offer him the position contingent on background check. This should be in by next week. Motion by Councilmember Whitman to appoint Chad Beddingfield the Fire Chief. Councilmember Ragland second the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor reported that the new patrol car and the maintenance vehicle is schooled to have logos and stripping put on. The maintenance vehicle is scheduled to go at the end of the week and the police car goes next week. She stated the council has already approved the stripping and decals.

Finance: Chairperson Hopkins presented the Bank Reconciliation Statement ending April 30th for approval. Motion by Hopkins to approve the Bank Reconciliation Statement ending April 30, 2024. Councilmember Garstka second the motion. Motion carried.

Councilmember Hopkins reminded council members of the Finance Committee meeting on May 20th at 5:30. She stated she has received the budget information from some council members. She will send email reminders out.

Utility: Chairperson Whitman reported the contractor is back working on phase 2 sewer project, rapping things up with that.

Mr. Whitman stated a couple weeks ago they received a request from Congressman Strong office to submit for community project funds. He stated there were several different areas the town could have applied for that were available. He stated the only one town could have applied for had to do with water sewer infrastructure. They got some quick quotes on what it would cost to install generator backups at the critical lift stations and some remote data monitoring per recommendations made by the engineer in their last report to us. He stated the estimate came out to \$1.4million. They have put in estimate on the cost share would be over a million. If sent through and approved by Congress it would be well used by us, helping the town to upgrade our sewer system more.

Mr. Whitman reported Comcast is currently working to expand the internet in a couple places.

Councilman Whitman stated at last meeting one during public comments, Larry Harris had expressed concern about drainage coming out of the new Foster Place Subdivision. He stated he looked at the drainage plans from that best he can tell is that it's taking the existing flow that's already there continuing it to go under the street. No additional being caused by the development.

Parks & Recreation: Mayor stated the summer camp registration closed as of Friday. Councilmember Ayers is still working on getting the pricing for porta potty has one waiting on the 2nd quote.

Streets & Cemetery: Chairperson Garstka reported speed cushions have been ordered.

The mayor stated the sinkhole in the middle of the road at Fields Pond & Village Springs , Madison Utilities came out and cambered the hole. She stated we wanted to make sure before Madison County came in to repair the hole. That work will begin this week. She stated they are also looking at the drainage on Stone & 6th St. trying to figure out why it keeps sinking. They will be bringing out engineers to look at it.

Mayor stated for the Landess Cir. the County will have to mill that out using a mill machine. She stated that is on the schedule to be done.

Mayor stated the hole in the street on Murphy Lane has been repaired.

Councilmember Ragland stated that Anton Stinson has complained to him about cars speeding on Zierdt Rd he's asking that a speed bump be installed on Zierdt Rd. Mr. Ragland stated he informed Mr. Stinson that we could not install a speed bump on the main road. Mayor stated she will ask police officers to be more vigilant.

Councilman Ragland reported that the large trucks traveling through on Zierdt Rd brought his water line, it has been leaking for 6 months.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor stated she and Councilman Whitman have been getting calls about the fishpond. The callers want to be able to put their canoes into the pond. She stated we do not have an Ordinance stating

canoes are not allowed. Mayor stated she was told when she was on the city council that it was an agreement that the pond would be just for fishing because it was part of the DDT settlement.

Mayor stated we will have to decide whether we will allow canoeing in the pond pass an ordinance or not pass an ordinance. She stated the council will need to have a work session and discuss what they want to do.

Mayor stated there is one gentleman that takes his canoe out and cleans the pond, he does call before he comes out maybe twice a year. Others see this and think it's okay to take a canoe out.

Councilman Ragland asked that we check our liability coverage on the pond to allow canoeing.

Councilmember Hopkins asked who is would the agreement have been with between the town and who.

Mayor stated

Moved and properly seconded to adjourn.

Date approved May 20, 2024

Sharron Humphrey
Sharron Humphrey, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Mary Candler

Mayor or Chair Pro tempore