CITY OF REYNOLDS

JUNE 17, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council convened at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 17, 2024, at the Train Depot with the announcement of a quorum.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Fred Waller, Danny Peed, Timishea Price, Hiram Couch, Brandon Hunter, Tommy Beeland, Hanna Sloan, and Assistant City Clerk Tammy Jones.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: None

INVOCATION: Tommy Beeland

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Hannah Sloan made a motion to adopt the amended agenda. Tommy Beeland seconded the motion. All voted in favor, the motion passed.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Fire Chief Sam McCrary briefed the council:

- Five calls last month, two inside the city and three outside.
- The Fire Department has a new sign, Jamie Whitney installed and also gave a $500 donation towards the cost of the sign.
- The repeater in Butler is going down on June 19th, there is a plan in place to make sure we have coverage.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- April 15, 2024, COUNCIL MEETING – Danny Peed made a motion to accept the minutes. Hiram Couch seconded. All voted in favor, the motion passed

- May 20, 2024, WORK SESSION – Timishea Price made a motion to accept the minutes. Brandon Hunter seconded. All voted in favor, the motion passed

- May 20, 2024, COUNCIL MEETING – Minutes were missing vote on next session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee: - Danny Peed said we only have $3,000 left in ARPA Funds, and we will not be getting any more funds. Starting January 2025 mandate school for officers double the amount of time they are in school. Regarding the budget Sissy has already met with department heads and it is not imperative this is completed by 7/1/24.

Brandon Hunter stated the previous Council and Mayor created a bit of chaos for us and the city. He states his goal is to change the negativity around the city, council and employees and it is already making changes. We are paying off the Police Vehicles. We are trying hard to bring the city into a positive light. We are getting funding that the city is not paying for to improve water, sewage, and drainage.

Property Committee: - Hannah Sloan is discussing putting in a butterfly garden at the library and has obtained sponsors to pay for it. The plan is doing an event with the library to educate children regarding pollinator gardens with the ultimate goal of having a Rosalyn Carter pollinator garden which will be on a state map. Would like to thank Scott and his guys for the amount of work they put into fixing the water pipes when we had the water outages, they did a great job.

Timishea Price – asked Scott regarding a tree on N. Macon St. Scott told the tree man to take it down and also there was another tree on E Harris that fell that Scott requested he take care of it also.

Police Committee: - Not a report at this time Tommy Beeland looks forward to meeting with Chief soon.

TAYLOR COUNTY FAMILY CONNECTIONS REPORT

TCFC Coordinator Yoland Majors briefed the council regarding.

- Hosting peer to peer meeting at Flint.
- Issuing gift cards to third graders who excelled in the A.R. reading program.
- Attending the Legislative Luncheon, the budget meeting, the John Greene annual technology awards program, and the zoom meeting to discuss the upcoming event at the Upper Elementary.
- Purchased supplies to hand out for future activities and rented a storage unit.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Holder reported that he lost five officers last year and it is important to stay competitive. The new mandate starting January 1, 2025, requires mandate to be 24 weeks instead of the current 12 weeks plus 12 weeks for state accreditation that means being without the new officer for 36 weeks. The chief mentioned retention of employees being important as to not go through the training and losing officers for 36 weeks.

Chief Holder mentioned that they were going to be receiving a Tesla donated to the department.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Director Scott Jones - owners of Reynolds Crossing requesting the cleanout of the alley behind their business as there is a tree that is about to fall on their building. Initial quote was $9,000. After the discussion Scott is to get with contractor and see if he can get a deal when he has multiple trees to cut. In the meantime, he will have the tree in question cut and we will revisit the alley cleanout at a later date. The cost of the tree will come out of Scott's funds.

Notified Council that the new dump trailer has arrived, and individuals need to put in work orders to pick up limbs.

Requested the 10% match for the LMIG grant funds that were used for the stormwater projects at the armory and on S. Collins St. Danny Peed made a motion to pay $6,948.13 out of TSplost for our 10% match. Brandon Hunter seconded. All agreed. The motion passed.

Scott notified the council that we will be notified by September on whether or not we will receive the $1,060,000 CDBG grant.

Brandon Hunter reminded everyone that Scott and his guys are not trained tree cutters and there should not be an assumption that they, the department, should handle them.

FINANCE REPORT

Assistant City Clerk (Tammy Jones) provided current financials for review.

OLD BUSINESS

Food Truck Ordinance - Tabled to the next work session regarding discussing prices, wants & wishes.

NEW BUSINESS

- Variance – Hiram Couch made a motion that we allow the variance at 46 E Calhoun St. Tommy Beeland seconded. All agreed. The motion passed.
- GFL (trash) Increase – GFL went up 5% on their trash rates. Danny Peed made a motion to increase the Trash rate $1.00 ($18.50) to appear on the August bill. Timishea Price seconded. All agreed. The motion passed.
- Mosquito Spray - $681.00 for two sprays per month with an airplane, using a combination of cinnamon and cedar oil. Hiram Couch made a motion that we start the mosquito spraying program twice a month at $681.00 a month starting immediately, funding coming out of chemicals in Scott's budget. Brandon Hunter seconded the motion. All voted in favor, the motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

- WILLIE ROSS – Drainage/Sewage – No Show
- VIRGINIA RADFORD – Flooding. Ms. Radford wants to know when the flooding issue will be resolved after she has worked to get us all the surveys we requested. Scott replied the surveys were for the CDBG Grant that we applied to, and we should have an answer by September. Ms. Radford asked what else she could do, Mayor Waller told her to contact our State Representatives and Congressman. Ms. Radford asked if the water was safe, and Scott replied, according to the EPD, yes.
- LINDA MILLER & LEANGA BARBER – flooding at 38 S Crawford St. Both individuals came to the podium at the same time to complain about the flooding. They also were complaining of the mud that gets in their meter box when it floods. Mayor acknowledges the flooding issues and even had the county come down and clean out the ditches. The problem is coming off the state highway, he requested that county come down and dig out the ditches and put in a pipe.
- RUBY WILDER – MIMS ST. – Ms. Wilder complained about two trees that every time the wind blows parts of the trees falls. Ms. Wilder asked about the paperwork she requested. Tammy Jones told her it is printed out and waiting for her at City Hall. Ms. Wilder complained about her meter running 9,000 gallons every 6 months. Ms. Wilder started about her land and Mayor Waller reminded her she had exceeded her 5 minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

Brandon Hunter made a motion at 7:48 p.m. to adjourn. Danny Peed seconded. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned.

Mayor

City Clerk