

CITY OF REYNOLDS
OCTOBER 21, 2024 @ 6:30 pm
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council convened at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 21, 2024, at the Train Depot with the announcement of a quorum.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Fred Waller, Danny Peed, Brandon Hunter, Tommy Beeland, Timishea Price, Hiram Couch, Hannah Sloan and City Clerk Sissy McLaughlin.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

INVOCATION: Mayor Pro-tem Hannah Sloan

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- Brandon Hunter made a motion to adopt the agenda. Tommy Beeland seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

- Fire Dept. received 5 calls this month. The Fire Chief discussed the effects of hurricane Helene and how it affected our community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **SEPTEMBER 2024 – WORK SESSION / COUNCIL MEETING -**
Brandon Hunter made a motion to approve the work session minutes. Danny Peed seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed.
Danny Peed made a motion to approve the council meeting minutes. Brandon Hunter seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.
- **OCTOBER 2024 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING –**
Danny Peed made a motion to approve the special called meeting minutes. Brandon Hunter seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee: - Danny Peed discussed insurance rates, along with raising the rental properties monthly rent and cemetery plots. Brandon Hunter explained that the city is trying its best with the funds.

Property Committee: - no report

Police Committee: - Hiram Couch thanked the police department for all their hard work.

TAYLOR COUNTY FAMILY CONNECTIONS REPORT

TCFC Coordinator Yolanda Majors: Report was handed out to the council. Mrs. Majors was absent from the council meeting.

FINANCE REPORT

- City Clerk reported the finances for the month of September. The tax sale took place and sold for the amount owed on past due amounts - the two Whatley properties (Elephant Hole) were the only properties on the tax sale.
- Tax bills were mailed out and all taxes are due 12/20/24.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Holder reported:

- The Reynolds Police Department is going to be providing a Citizen Academy starting January 23, with applications (to include background checks) beginning October 1st. There are 15 slots available and the applicants are going to be learning about traffic laws, community policing, talking about firearms, current laws, and using a simulator.
- The department will be implementing a new fingerprint system.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Director Scott Jones reported:

- A new employee has been hired as Water Operator in training. They are already certified in water system operations.
- The city removed several trees around grocery store, Macon St., Boundary St., and E Calhoun St.
- The 1st phase of the lead / copper lead service line inventory project is complete. The owners will be notified, and phase 2 may include the city replacing some pipes on the customer's side.

OLD BUSINESS

- **FIRE DEPARTMENT TOOLS –**
Hannah Sloan made a motion to approve \$40,000 from solar and the remaining from SPLOST to purchase extraction tools (jaw of life). Danny Peed seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.
- **NEW POLICE VEHICLE –**
Brandon Hunter made a motion to approve the purchase of new 2024 Chev Tahoe with maximum expenditure of \$73,000.00 from SPLOST. Hiram Couch seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.
- **REPLACEMENT OF FLOORS IN RENTAL PROPERTIES**
Tabled – needing more quotes.

NEW BUSINESS

- **HIRING PROCESS, EXIT INTERVIEWS, TRAINING, COMMUNITY DISCUSSIONS –**
TIMISHEA PRICE – Discussed the following:

- The hiring of the new Water Operator.
 - Wanted to know if the position was offered to current employees. Director told her we have been through that already which Ms. Price denied that we had. Referenced the Good all Boy network in the City of Reynolds. Made a comment that new employee cannot fix water pipes, cut grass or read meters.
 - Time Clocks
 - Stated last year it was voted on to get time clocks and wants the minutes pulled for the November meeting showing the vote.
 - Exit Interviews
 - Wants exit interviews for all employees, referenced Public Works employee that left, says exit interviews should be across board.
 - Training
 - Says there is no funding for training, yet the Mayor, City Clerk and anyone else is going to training, but not Roderick and Bennie who are working with heavy equipment.
 - Other
 - If you feel like you are being retaliated against by the City of Reynolds or any wrongdoing by the City of Reynolds, you can contact any of the City Council or contact the FBI at 304-625-2000.
 - Mentioned the speedometer sign being placed on Mims St. Councilman Hunter said he had received multiple complaints of speeders.
- **CHRISTMAS BONUS** – Tabled to work session.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **CHRIS DANLEY – MIMS ST (SPEEDING)** No report.

ADJOURNMENT

Danny Peed made a motion at 7:20 p.m. to adjourn. Hiram Couch seconded. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned.



Mayor



City Clerk