WARD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
August 8, 2016
6:30 P.M.

Call to Order

Mayor Brooke called the meeting to order. Mike Sipe led the meeting in prayer. Attorney Clint McGue led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Roll Call

Mayor Brooke asked for roll call. William Moon-present, Jim Wier-present, Jeff Shaver-present, Gary Matheny-present, Ron Bissett-present, Don Howard-present, Mayor Brooke-present, and Clerk Barclay-present. A quorum was present.

Minutes

Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to approve the July 11, 2016 regular meeting minutes. Don Howard motioned; Ron Bissett seconded. On voice vote all approved. The mayor then asked for a motion to approve the Special called Council Meeting of July 27, 2016. Jim Wier motioned; Gary Matheny seconded. On voice vote all approved.

Department Reports

Mayor Brooke then asked for a motion to approve the department reports for July 11, 2016. Don Howard motioned; Ron Bissett seconded. On voice vote all approved. The Fire Department has a request for 8 (eight) PPE Personal Protective Equipment Sets. Chief Staley was asked to come and address the council as to the need of these suits. He informed the council that the suits requested are for the suits that are currently out of date and need to be replaced. Each suit is approximately $2675.00 and the total would come to $21,392.00. However upon talking with the city’s accountant he was informed that he has enough funds to purchase 10 (ten) sets. These sets have a shelf life of 10 (ten) years and are past that time. The additional 2(two) suits will increase the request for approximately $5,500.00 and Chief Staley is asking for the council’s approval to purchase 10 (ten) sets. Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to approve the purchase of 10 (ten) sets. Ron Bissett motioned; Bill Moon seconded. On voice vote all approved.

Commission Reports

The Planning Commission had no business to conduct therefore no meeting. Next meeting will be held August 22, 2016.

Mayor’s Report

Lemon’s Engineering had no representative nor a hard copy report for the council. The mayor informed the council that Mr. Lemons said he would have a report by August 9, 2016. Ha! Ha! Mayor Brooke called Chief Benton up to explain to the council the status of the grant/reimbursement for the police vehicle that was awarded to the city over a year ago. The chief has finally received the paperwork necessary to go forward with the purchase of said vehicle. Each council member has a copy of the contract which must be completed and returned. The finances required to proceed are above the chiefs sending level and also above the mayors without approval from the council. The contract authorizes the chief to spend $40,000.00. The way this works is that the
city purchases the vehicle and sends all the required paperwork in, and then the city is reimbursed for what was spent. The chief has the bid price on the vehicle and is waiting for the bid price on the necessary equipment and decals. The vehicle the chief wants is a Ford with the police interceptor engine. The mayor asked for a motion to allow the parties responsible to go forward namely he and the mayor to press on. Jeff Shaver motioned; Ron Bissett seconded. On voice vote all approved. Mayor Brooke informed the council the city has a piece of equipment which is no longer serviceable and needs to be removed from our inventory. This is a 15 foot Batwing mower. The mayor is asking permission to cannibalize parts from it and salvage any remaining usable body parts then sell what is left for salvage. Jeff Shaver motioned; Ron Bissett seconded. On voice vote all approved. And finally FYI the Financial audit and report for the Ward Water and Sewer System has been finalized and forwarded to each council member. Happy reading!

Old Business

New Business

Mayor Brooke introduced Resolution R-2016-08 (A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS ABANDONING A PORTION OF SPENCER STREET BETWEEN CAMPBELL STREET AND MILAM STREET) and asked for a motion with conditions to place it on its first and final reading. Jeff Shaver motioned; Jim Wier seconded. Roll call and voting are as follows: Bill Moon-yea, Jim Wier-yea, Jeff Shaver-yea, Gary Matheny-yea, Ron Bissett-yea, Don Howard-yea. Resolution R-2016-08 has passed. The public hearing will be held September 12, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. in the council chambers.

Announcements

Next city council meeting September 12, 2016 at 6:30 P.M.
Planning Commission meeting August 22, 2016 at 7:00P.M.
Seniors meet every Thursday at noon
LWPWA meeting September 6, 2016
Chamber of Commerce meeting September 6, 2016
Chamber of Commerce Harvest Fest October 29, 2016

Adjournment

Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to adjourn. Jeff Shaver motioned; Jim Wier seconded. On voice vote all approved.

APPROVED DATE: September 12, 2016

Mayor

ATTEST:

CLERK

CITY SEAL