

Board of Alderman Minutes
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OPEN MEETING

Roll Call taken by Mayor Pro Tem Petty
Mark Stewart ABSENT, Tim Cooke PRESENT, Eric Boncuk PRESENT, Kelly Petty
PRESENT, Franklin Hodges PRESENT

Call to order at: 5:00 p.m.

Approve Agenda.

Motion by Boncuk to approve the agenda.

Hodges – I was wanting to amend it to talk about the sewer plant stuff. Do you care if we just do it?

Petty – Is it an emergency?

Hodges – Yes, no. I just want, we can talk, the 4 of us, it don't matter.

Petty – Well...

Hodges – Or 3 of us, it don't matter. I just want to talk about running the sewer plant and everything. What I found out today through DNR.

Petty – Ummm.

Hodges – Just take a few minutes.

Davis – He can make the motion. It will need a second and a vote.

Hodges – Yep.

Petty – Okay. So what is your motion?

Hodges – I'd like to make a motion to discuss about the running of the sewer plant right now.

Davis – So you want a motion to amend the agenda?

Hodges – To amend the agenda.

Petty – To include running the sewer plant?

Hodges – Right. It will just take a few minutes what I found out today.

Petty – We have a motion already on the floor by Boncuk to approve the agenda. We have not had a second so we are waiting for a second. If there's no second, motion dies.

Motion dies for lack of second.

Motion by Hodges to amend the agenda to include running the sewer plant. Seconded by Cooke

Petty – Now looking for a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion by Hodges to approve the amended agenda. Seconded by Boncuk
Cooke AYE, Boncuk AYE, Petty AYE, Hodges AYE

New Business

DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE SECONDARY BUILDING INSPECTOR

Petty – This is just to talk about adding Mr. Trey Davis on as a contracted building inspector for the City of Fair Grove. This is not to talk about any current or pending inspections that are taking place or needing to take place in town. Two weeks ago we approved Chris Straw but that day he had a serious health event and he was not able to take on the responsibility of being the secondary inspector unfortunately. So, Miss Sara has very diligently worked to try to source us another person. Mr. Trey, would you like to come tell us a little bit about yourself? You're the City Inspector for Battlefield, is that correct?

Trey Davis – That is correct. I've been the City Inspector for Battlefield for about a year now. They hired me from Nixa and I came from Christian County before that. I was with Christian County for about 7 years. Nixa for about a year as well until Battlefield had an inspector position open up so I was reached out to about that and I was more than happy to take the position. Then I moved to Battlefield as well from Sparta. Little bit about me, I've been doing it for about 10 years so I guess not a lot of experience but some. You guys reached out to me to do this inspection. I've never really done a second inspection for another City before. You have that report that I conducted in front of you. If you have any questions about it, I don't know if we're allowed to talk about it or if you want to.

Petty – I think if there are questions from the Board specifically about Mr. Davis and, I mean just how you conduct inspections in general. I think internally we would need to discuss, like comparing the findings from this most recent inspection and if we have questions we'll probably email you.

T. Davis – Okay.

Petty – But because this is a very specific one that is for one particular property owner, I don't know that it's necessarily right to talk about it in open public forum. Right? Do you interpret anything differently there?

S. Davis – No.

Petty – Okay. So you said you've been inspecting for 10 years, how long have you been with Battlefield?

T. Davis – Just a year now.

Petty – Do you subcontract with any other municipalities?

T. Davis – I do not. I've never been reached out to about it. If you're worried about that, I have plenty of references. All of those building officials I've worked for would definitely recommend me or at least they've told me that to my face. If you have to reach out to them, I can provide anything you need with them.

Hodges – Are you working with one of them right now? One of the towns.

T. Davis – Just Battlefield.

Hodges – Just Battlefield?

T. Davis – Yeah. I'm a W2 employee with them.

Hodges – Are you full-time there?

T. Davis – Yes.

Boncuk – What percentage of your inspections in Battlefield are residential compared to commercial?

T. Davis – I would say in the 90% range. It's mostly residential. We have had some commercial pickup recently which is a blessing but in the past years we've not seen much of it. We'll probably bring around 250 permits this year. They've never seen over 200. We're on the up for sure. We've reached out to a part time guy to do inspections under me cause I just don't have the time. It's difficult during the day, that 40 hour work week anyway. This would be, I'm assuming, either evening or weekend.

Hodges – That was my next question. How do we fit in if we got a builder that needed an inspection?

T. Davis – Ideally, if you had multiple builders that needed inspection that week, I could hit all of them in one day in the evening or something or if they could wait until the weekend I can do it on Saturday or something like that. If that would fit around what you guys think or what you're looking for.

Boncuk – Prior to doing inspections, what was your background, what is your experience within the trades themselves?

T. Davis – I started, even further back, I started with the City of Ozark as an infrastructure inspector, I went and looked at sewer and water, stormwater and I became really good friends with the building official there and he was like, you need to get on this side of it. He invited me in, took me under his wing and that's where I've been since. Again, they hired me at Battlefield

to do both sides because they knew I had that leadership experience and we have about 4 other public works employees and they're not interested in that position, so I took on that role.

Cooke – How do you go about enforcing code but also maintaining like a professional relationship with contractors that you'll be working with time and time again?

T. Davis – I found it very easy, just me personally. I definitely follow the code. You guys have the 2018 IRC adopted. I follow that to a T, kind of like what that report is but if there's compromise, sometimes there is and sometimes there isn't. I mean, if it's life-safety stuff then not in my opinion, that's something that's got to be taken care of but other things, there's interpretation, it's not always black and white. You've just got to figure that out. There's always room to go on site and explain situations that the builder may not be aware of. That's what I've found is the easiest way to do it.

Hodges – When you're doing your inspections, there's another inspector I talked to today in another town and everything, I like the way he works on this. While he's doing an inspection on the, let's say a house, if he spots something else that will be coming up he'll point that out. Will you do that if you see something that's wrong?

T. Davis – Like if he see's some future issues?

Hodges – It be the next inspection you will point out something when you're walking through?

T. Davis – Oh yeah, that makes things easier for you and the builder.

Hodges – Right. So you do the same thing then?

T. Davis – Oh yeah.

Hodges – You don't just wait.

T. Davis – Yeah, it's good to be proactive.

Hodges – Okay, I like that part. It makes a good relationship with the builder.

T. Davis – Right. It just makes everyone's life easier.

Hodges – Yeah. The next inspection you come up, they'll have it fixed cause you already pointed it out to them and it makes your life better later too.

T. Davis – I totally agree.

Petty – How about, so some common things that we have heard is the inspection will take place along with the builder, they'll verbally talk about what the findings are and then once the report is submitted later, they find that there were multiple different things added that were not discussed during the actual inspection itself. Is that something that you have experienced or how

would you handle that situation? If you weren't sure and you didn't say anything about it but you went back and was like okay, this does actually fall, is that a situation you've ever found yourself in and then how would you handle that?

T. Davis – I think I found myself in that situation early on in my career doing that, everybody makes mistakes, they're not perfect. Like I said, if it's life-safety, that's a big deal, that's got to be taken care of. If it's, again, tomorrow the house is going to fall down, I mean, you're going to have to work with somebody on that and they are going to have to take care of that but I guess it's a case by case situation on something like that. I have definitely had that happen and we've managed to get through it every time but it's never been an issue at this point.

Petty – Does that happen to you, you said early in your career, is that something that you've just felt more confident in identifying things on site?

T. Davis – Yeah. I think I've been doing it long enough at this point that I have a pretty good grasp on what needs to be looked at. That normally does not happen, no. Normally, I do paper inspections so I write it down as I go so there's not really a report later. This of course was a one-off as a report I typed up later. So usually whatever is down there goes because they're getting a copy right there.

Petty – So the builder received a copy of your report at the conclusion of the inspection that day?

T. Davis – Normally, yes. For every municipality I've worked for, that's how it's been. I'd love to get to the email side of it because it's just easier but I haven't got to that stage yet.

Petty – I'm not trying to dominate all of the questions.

Hodges – It's okay.

Petty – Okay.

Hodges – I had a question. Can we open it up to the builders that's here and see if they want to ask questions?

Petty – Not this time.

Hodges – At this time we can't then?

Petty – Not this time.

Hodges – I was just curious to see what questions they had to ask him.

Petty – I understand. I think we can open it up for the builders to ask us questions, I think though, I don't want to bombard Mr. Davis and I...

Hodges – Like I said, I don't know what the builders, I don't want to say what complaints are but comments, you know.

Petty – Sure.

Hodges – See what's on their mind since they've been through a lot for the last 6 months or a year with our inspectors and try to solve this problem tonight.

Petty – I understand. So that's why I'm trying to go through the list of things that I can recall that we've heard from people. One of them is different, like, how do you communicate? Do you communicate directly with the City and the City communicates with the builders or do you communicate directly with the builders or property owners?

T. Davis – You're talking about how I do it at Battlefield?

Petty – Yes.

T. Davis – It's directly to the builder.

Petty – Do you have a city provided phone and/or gmail address?

T. Davis – I have a city provided phone, city email, desktop, laptop, the whole nine yards. But again, yeah, the builder does not talk to City Hall or anything like that. I just talk to them directly. But they do submit applications of course for that building permit at the front office and I get it later.

Petty – One of the things that we've struggled with and that we've heard is that Fair Grove is inconsistent with what inspections we require, when we require them, are there secondary inspections, just the unknown of what does it take to build a house. Like what are my milestones that I need to complete, I feel confident that I'm getting everything done, I feel like the inspector knows where I'm at in my project and can help inform and there's not going to be any surprises. There won't be a surprise of hey, I actually have to do three more inspections before I can even get to your final. These are just scenarios in which we've heard some frustration in Fair Grove and ultimately we want to make it easy for our developers and our builders and our property owners to be able to build a home that they are proud of and feel confident in and get it in their hands to do with it what they want. Just talk me through what that looks like for you.

T. Davis – So I haven't gone through your municipal code, I don't know what you have technically adopted because in there under your 2018 IRC it will say you'll provide these inspections at like a residential house inspection. I'm not sure which ones you have adopted. I haven't looked that up. We have, obviously, different ones at Battlefield that they have adopted and we follow those to a T on a case by case basis of course but normally, we just actually redid our fees and updated all of our inspections, stuff like that. We have, typically, on a residential home, it's about 10 inspections total. That's average.

Hodges – Are they running Greene County BOCA codes over there?

T. Davis – I'm sorry?

Hodges – Greene County. Are they running Greene County? You're not, are you.

T. Davis – I'm in Greene County, yes, but we have our own code.

Hodges – That's what I'm saying.

T. Davis – Yeah, we have our own.

Hodges – Seems like we run a lot with Greene County. I could be wrong on that.

Petty – We've adopted the same codes that Greene County has.

T. Davis – Yeah, so we're basically the exact same.

Hodges – So you're familiar.

T. Davis – I always tell builders that if you build in Greene County then you're going to build fine here.

Petty – Do we have a clearly defined list of inspections, like residential inspections or how is that determined for builders here?

Chandra Scott – Well, we haven't been really sure about that for the last year or so.

Petty – So it's not super clear?

Scott – It's not clear to me right now.

Petty – Okay and you said that's something that's been adopted by the municipalities that you've been in so that's probably something that we need to look at, maybe look at other municipalities and see like, here's their clear list of 10 inspections, you know with potential for more if something comes, I don't know. Looking for good feedback on that.

T. Davis – Yeah, I've heard that you do have more inspections than we do and that's not a bad thing by no means, it's just what you've adopted but again, that's neither here nor there.

Petty – I think that we overall want to take a look at the entire process. We want it to be clear, we want people to be able to come to Fair Grove and what's expected of them from day one and then do that and not have surprises.

T. Davis – Yeah, I totally agree.

Boncuk – Now, with saying there's 10 different inspections, is there a possibility that those can be widdled down by incorporating some of those inspections into one inspection day? Like is

there a day that you can come out and do all of the mechanicals in one day or all of the finish in one day, you know besides the final itself of course.

T. Davis – I guess it depends on what stage every builder's at. I'm not doing 2 inspections for the same builder in the same day if that makes any sense, like one house may be at the footing stage, the next is at the wall stage, the next is at the rough-in stage and so on, so on but they just line those up with me and I go out and do those inspections. I'm sure the builders out here are pretty similar to that, I would imagine.

Boncuk – So if you have something that is not dependent on a prerequisite, this has to be done before you go onto this, so if all of your mechanicals were to be finished at the same time and they're not dependent on another one being done before you can inspect this one, so if plumbing's ready, if electrical's ready, all the mechanicals are ready in the same day, theoretically you would be able to do all of that inspection at one time?

T. Davis – Correct.

Boncuk – Okay.

T. Davis – Another example is subfloor inspections. I don't do subfloor inspections at Battlefield, I wait until the rough-in to do that so those group together. I think it saves time. If you can do the subfloor inspection, that's great, but like I said, a lot of times everyone's going different directions so if we can minimize as many as possible and catch it all in one, that would be great.

Petty – Tim?

Cooke – What?

Petty – Have I touched on most of the things that we've heard?

Cooke – For the most part. I would ask, is it common practice, would you say, to show up unplanned, unannounced and unscheduled to do inspections without communication with the contractor or property owner?

T. Davis – Not me personally, no.

Cooke – Okay. Now we have.

Petty – Thank you.

T. Davis – I don't have the time for that personally.

Hodges – I don't know if I can ask this question or not, you don't have to answer it. How are they paying you? Are you fulltime with them then? You're on the clock?

T. Davis – Yeah. I'm a 40 hour work week employee and that's a salary position.

Hodges – Right. Can we ask that question, how much he's making per week or not at this time?

Petty – Well that would be part of contracting with him is...

Hodges – Can we ask it now?

Petty – You can ask him if...

Hodges – How much?

T. Davis – Are you asking me how much I would charge?

Petty – Per hour.

Hodges – Yeah, I mean, okay, are you hourly?

T. Davis – I'm salary.

Hodges – You're on a salary then.

T. Davis – Yeah.

Hodges – So you're not really working, you are working with them or you're not?

T. Davis – I am.

Hodges – Okay, you are.

T. Davis – It's just not an hourly position. Like it's...

Hodges – Oh, okay, just salary.

T. Davis - ...it's a set annual rate.

Hodges – Right, okay. So you're on the retirement and everything?

T. Davis – Oh yeah, I have full LAGERS, everything.

Hodges – Okay, well shoot me. Tell me a price, just average. I'm just curious.

T. Davis – I mean, of course there's probably mileage involved but it would be more in the \$40 to \$50 range per hour.

Hodges – Okay.

T. Davis – Again, if I can catch, like you were saying, two or three footings in that hour when I come up here to do inspection, that would be ideal. I'm assuming that won't always happen but that's a perfect scenario.

Petty – Okay.

Hodges – You probably can't answer my next question but maybe. On a average home, I mean we're going average home, I don't know 1,500sqft or something, you got a clue about how much it cost to come in and do inspections for that home from beginning to end? I haven't got an answer for that yet. I was just trying, I'm trying to figure out what we've been paying so much for inspection versus come in and do it another way like what you're doing.

T. Davis – Do you factor sewer connects and your water connects into your building permits?

S. Davis – Not water but sewer.

T. Davis – So, for about a 2,000sqft home with the connect, the City charges the builder about \$3,200.

Hodges – Eww.

T. Davis – That just got approved about a month ago.

S. Davis – We are way cheaper.

Petty – So that's for Battlefield.

T. Davis – Yeah, it just went up. That's not what you would pay. It would be much cheaper than that obviously. I can't come up with a dollar amount at the moment.

Hodges – Yeah, I'm just curious to see what we're charging the builder cause right now...

Petty – Do we know?

Hodges – ...it ain't quite double what you just said but I think it's close.

Karla Lampe – I can tell you what mine is. It was \$2,437.

Davis – Something like that, yeah.

Lampe – And then I pay the water separate.

Hodges – What you say? I didn't hear you.

Lampe - \$2,437 for my duplexes and then I do the water separate.

S. Davis – But isn't that 2 tap ins, 2 impacts?

Hodges – So not double then.

Lampe – Yeah, 4 bathrooms.

Hodges – One of your duplexes is like a regular size house, isn't it?

Lampe – They are basically 50x50ish.

Hodges – 2,500sqft or so?

Lampe – Yeah.

T. Davis – The total is under \$3,000?

Lampe – Yeah.

Hodges – So we're still talking around \$3,000?

T. Davis – I would imagine.

Hodges – Okay, it can increase some then.

T. Davis – But duplexes do change with zoning so it could incur more cost. That's just for Battlefield, sorry, I'm just giving that as an example.

Hodges – Like I said, I'm just asking.

Boncuk – Cause even though they are inspecting a duplex, it still has two connections, two of everything so it may not be quite double.

T. Davis – Yeah, ideally you would be able to wrap that into one inspection but again, that's a perfect world.

Petty – So back to compensation, would the hourly rate, would it be hourly rate plus mileage? Like the inspection itself would be the hourly rate but the travel time, is that only a certain, you know, so many cents per mile or is it travel one set amount that you feel...

T. Davis – It's about 33 minutes for me to get here so that would total an hour there and back. 30 miles as well, so...

Petty – So...

T. Davis – It would be the hourly rate for that hour if that would be easier.

Hodges – Right. A lot of stuff my son, he gets charge for travel time so I understand that 100% understand. You can't work for free.

Petty – So what would your rate be if you factored travel time into your hourly rate?

T. Davis – It would probably be closer to \$50 an hour.

Petty - \$50?

T. Davis – Yes. And hopefully I can catch multiple inspections in an hour. I've heard it's where people spend multiple hours on one site, I think by the time you get to that point, you're exhausted and you're not really catching everything anyways. You need to get in there and get it done and get gone.

Petty – How long does a final inspection typically take you for a 2,000sqft home?

T. Davis – An hour.

Hodges – What is a final inspection?

T. Davis – What is a final inspection?

Hodges – What is a final inspection? Give me just a so-as, you don't have to give me everything.

T. Davis – Well obviously a final inspection, you can't see everything in the interior walls so you're checking a lot of life-safety stuff, detectors, GFI's, stairs if there's any, steps, you want your yard done, driveway done. Again, I haven't read your full municipal code of what you require. I'm assuming mailbox up, stuff like that.

Petty – I think that part previously has been, Mr. Roe told me today that with a previous homeowner, he told me as an example, there were a couple of things outside on the property, not the structure that the homeowner and the building inspector agreed to complete by a certain date. I think the driveway and the landscaping.

Dennis Roe – The driveway.

Petty – Driveway and landscaping.

Roe – Maybe landscaping.

Petty – That I think the Board agreed and approved and the building inspector felt confident that the homeowner was going to get those completed by a certain date and they passed the final, were able to move in and then completed their driveway and the landscaping within whatever agreed upon timeframe. I don't know what our standard practice is or if we even have that clearly written out that it is up to the building inspector or it's up to the Board, I don't know.

Dennis Roe – Franklin would remember Raymond Hopper.

Hodges – Yes.

Roe – That’s how Raymond operated, Franklin.

Hodges – That’s what?

Roe – That’s how Raymond operated.

Hodges – Oh, gave you so much time to finish something.

Roe – Yes.

Hodges – Right. I’m good with that.

Petty – But that’s not something that you currently practice in Battlefield. Is it 100% complete....

T. Davis – I’ll write a temporary certificate of occupancy if they have everything done but the yard. Usually everything else needs to be completed and that’s a decision I guess y’all need to make as far as like if you’re comfortable with me doing that, we can work that out. That’s not a life-safety issue in my opinion but actual structural stuff, the building and inside the building, yeah. Move in ready is what I like to call it.

Hodges – I like that.

Petty – Do you have questions?

T. Davis – I don’t think so. You touched on a lot.

Hodges – We’ve been through a lot the last several years here in Fair Grove.

T. Davis – I’ve heard both sides.

Hodges – I mean, we’ve had several builders come up here and yell at us and say we’ll never build another place here in Fair Grove cause of what’s been going on and I’m tired of hearing that. I’d rather builders come up here and say we’re glad to build here in Fair Grove. You guys are good.

T. Davis – I worked for a builder for a year as well. I took a sabbatical from doing inspections and worked that side of it so I completely understand.

Petty – Did you build in Fair Grove?

T. Davis – No *inaudible*

Hodges – You heard about us.

Petty – Alright. Any other questions?

Hodges – I'm good.

Petty – Tim?

Cooke – Nope.

Petty – Okay. Thank you. You can stay and listen to us talk through.

T. Davis – I'd love to.

Petty – Does anyone from the public have a question for the Board? Not to address Mr. Davis personally but for us.

Mason Hartley – My only question would be with him having a fulltime job elsewhere would be when we would have to do footing inspections. All of the other inspections, at times it will be a little bit of a pain, you know but not a problem. We can all work through that but footing inspections could be a little bit of a problem.

Petty – Are they time sensitive?

Hartley – Yes cause a lot of times when you're fighting like frozen ground or weather, like the last two I did was frozen ground, we dug them out and we had 12 hours to get them set up and poured so they set them up at 7:00 in the morning, we had an inspection at 10:00 and poured them by noon and covered them before it froze. It's all like boom, boom, boom. I'm sure he's used to working with that. That is the only inspection I see being a concern with having someone that's got a fulltime job elsewhere. I think we can figure it out. It's not like we're building 100 houses here a year so I think we can try to work through a solution but that would be the only one that would need to be thought about.

Petty – Okay.

Lampe – So most of the inspections will be like nights and weekends?

Petty – I believe so, yes.

Lampe – Okay. And then I asked the question last meeting for the previous inspections that are still pending.

Petty – We'll let you know. Dennis, do you have any questions for the Board?

Roe – I know some of the Board members are aware of this, we used to, in the City of Fair Grove, we used to require all driveways to be paved. Well as you know, Fair Grove has unique

lots from the neighborhood I live in that are 3 ½ to 4 acre lots so depending on where you build the house you could have a very long driveway. We had an instance where a family developed a house on, I think it was about 20 acres inside city limits and they wanted to know, do they have to pave the entire driveway, it was probably 500 feet. We changed the ordinance to where the first 100 feet has to be paved, the rest can be gravel to the house so for building inspectors that are not used to that, that's something that would be, that's a city ordinance. The first 100 feet has to be paved.

Hodges – Is that not changed in the ordinances then?

Roe – Pardon?

Petty – It is.

Hodges – It is, okay. It's already been changed.

Roe – We changed the ordinance.

Hodges – I mean, it's in the ordinance already. It's been on there for several years.

Roe – Maybe about 5 years, 6 years.

Hodges – That's a long time.

Roe – If you call that several.

Hodges – I do. Makes me 5 years older.

Roe – So that's just one thing kind of unique to Fair Grove that I want to make everyone aware of so that you're on the same page.

Petty – Thank you. Do you guys have any questions? We use Iworqs. Are you familiar with that software?

T. Davis – I'm not.

Petty – Okay. Do you think you could potentially become familiar with that software?

T. Davis – I'm pretty tech savvy so yeah.

Petty – Are you tech savvy?

T. Davis – Yeah.

Petty – Okay.

T. Davis – Yeah, I do all of my permits off of excel spreadsheets with formulas.

Petty – Okay.

Hodges – Can I ask the public questions then?

Petty – Yes.

Hodges – Just real short. The builders here sitting up here, are you good with one time a week or on the weekends? Will that effect you a lot or not?

Lampe – As long as it's not a holiday.

Hodges – Okay, but I mean, as far as this guy said he'll do it on the weekends or one time a week probably or something. Will that affect the builders I mean besides you said pouring cement and I understand that cause there's certain days you got to move.

Hartley – Yeah, that's the only one and I think there's solutions. As time progresses we'll figure it out.

Hodges – You think you guys could work it out then?

Lampe – Yeah.

Hartley – Yes.

Lampe – If we know that inspections are always on Tuesdays then we'll follow that accordingly.

Petty – Not Tuesdays cause we have the meetings.

Lampe – Well, you know what I mean.

Hodges – Right.

T. Davis – I have a meeting too.

Hodges – So it can be, it can work then?

Hartley – I think we can work it out. I mean, it seems like he comes from the right background.

Boncuk – Since you brought that up, when are your meetings? Which Tuesdays are your meetings?

T. Davis – First and third.

inaudible

Petty – Second and fourth.

T. Davis – So every Tuesday.

Petty – Every Tuesday for ever and ever. You’ll get the fifth off twice a year.

T. Davis – I’ll tell my wife to expect Tuesdays to be 13 14 hour days.

Petty – Alright. Any other discussion for the Board?

Hodges – I’m good.

Boncuk – I’m good.

Petty – Okay.

Motion by Petty to approve to contract with Trey Davis at a rate of \$50 an hour to include mileage and appoint him as Secondary Building Inspector. Seconded by Boncuk
Cooke AYE, Boncuk AYE, Petty AYE, Hodges AYE

Hodges – I think down the road we might have to see how much it’s costing to see if the rates gotta be increased to the builders cause at this point, we’re blind.

Petty – I think we have some work to do.

Hodges – Right. I agree.

Petty – To better understand and clearly define what our process is so we can have clear and consistent communications and expectations for our builders and contractors and property owners.

RUNNING THE SEWER PLANT (Hodges)

Hodges – I called DNR today to see where we were standing with you running it and stuff. Nothing against you or anything. But I was wondering if it’s legal for you to do it or not legal. I had two people says it wasn’t legal and I had another person says it was and I was talking to one of the other Board members, he didn’t know, he was hoping to find out. He didn’t ever get or he didn’t know so I said, well I’ll call DNR. I don’t want us to get in trouble, you know and what the girl told me and everything she says, I told the situation we’re in with Kennie, you know, with his having a heart valve and everything in, you know,

Petty – You can’t talk about his personal medical...

Hodges – Okay, okay, skip that. But anyway, I told her the situation we are in and everything and what do we do and what she came back and said you’re good to run is what DNR told me and they said...

Colton Louthan – It would be the same if he was on vacation. If he was on vacation for 2 or 3 weeks, it would be the same.

Hodges – Yeah, she said they would like to see us get you either qualified...

Louthan – That's planned down the road, it's just I've got to be here so long...

Hodges – How long...

Louthan - ...to show you guys that I...

Hodges – How long do you think it needs to be down the road to get you in there?

Louthan – I don't care when it is. I just assume work here long enough to prove that I'm not going to leave and show that I have enough experience. The more experience I get working down there, the easier the classes will be, the more likely I am to pass my certifications.

Hodges – Yeah. She says it's not hard, the girl I talked to. She just did hers. I'm not for sure what class you need, certification. She said a D and I said well you guys told me a C before.

Louthan – It just depends on the plant...

Hodges – And I said but I would love to see you get your permit and stay here for Fair Grove until you're an old man.

Louthan – Well that's my plan.

Hodges – You know. And you'll make more money soon as you get your certification or should. But like I said, they're a little concerned just in case you have to be here for 6 months. They said that we ought to be working on it if you're the one that'd like to do it and I said I would love for you to be the one to do it, I told them.

Louthan – Yeah. Right now we're good. I could call Kennie right now and he'll answer. It doesn't matter what time of night, he's going to answer. I've already had to call him before, not for anything pressing, just asking him a question about sidewalks or something else. He answers immediately. If I don't got him, I've got Dennis, I've got LaFollette, I've got Kelly, I've got a whole lot of people I can call for more information, so.

Hodges – Right. Did you ever get the vacuum pump on the truck? I heard you was struggling.

Louthan – We ordered it but it still hasn't shown up.

Hodges – Oh, someone told me that you was struggling to get it on the truck and I said, that's what you get when you listen to people.

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Louthan – Yeah, it's still not showed up.

Hodges – That's what I was told that you was struggling on the truck and I said I'm sure he can take it down somewhere and help, you know. So that ain't true then. We do need that, don't we?

Louthan – Yeah.

Hodges – I mean, pretty bad, don't we?

Louthan – Yeah.

Hodges – We got to pull sludge out?

Louthan – Yeah.

Hodges – But that's all.


Petty – Thank you for helping to fill the gap. I'm glad that you're on the team.

Louthan – You're welcome.

Adjournment

Motion by Hodges to Adjourn at 5:38 p.m. Seconded by Cooke
Cooke AYE, Boncuk AYE, Petty AYE, Hodges AYE

Adjourned at 5:38 p.m.



Sara Davis, City Clerk