

WARD CITY COUNCIL

November 13, 2017

MINUTES

6:30 P. M.

Call to Order

Mayor Brooke called the meeting to order. Mayor Brooke asked Michael Sipe to lead the meeting in prayer. Mayor Brooke asked Boy Scout Troop 205 members, Joshua Ashley, R. J. Babbs and Matthew Wingate to lead the meeting in the pledge to the American Flag. Mayor Brooke stated that City Clerk John Barclay was unable to attend the meeting and he had instructed Deborah Staley to record the minutes.

Roll Call

Mayor Brooke instructed Deborah Staley to call the roll call. Mrs. Staley called roll: William Moon – present, James Wier – present, Jeffery Shaver – present, Gary Matheny – present, Ronald Bissett – present, Donald Howard – present, Mayor Arthur Brooke – present, City Clerk John Barclay – absent. Quorum was present.

Minutes

Mayor Brooke presented the minutes from the October 16, 2017 meeting. Ron Bissett motioned; Jim Wier seconded to accept the minutes as printed. On voice vote all approved.

Department Reports

Mayor Brooke presented the department reports. Gary Matheny motioned; Don Howard seconded to accept the department reports as printed. On voice vote all approved.

Commission Reports

Mayor Brooke asked Chairman Gary Meadows to present the Planning Commission report. Chairman Meadows stated the Commission approved the preliminary plat for Huntington Place Phase IV with recommended requirements. The Department Heads are to approve the street names and placement of the fire hydrants (see the report for the specifics). Ron Bissett motioned; Gary Matheny seconded to accept the Planning Commission report as printed. On voice vote all approved.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Brooke asked Mike Sipe to update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Construction. Mr. Sipe reported that the project is slightly ahead of schedule as of today. The construction of the walls is currently being erected. They are also working on manholes and trenches. Ron Bissett asked if the slope of the earth and how it will be mowed and maintained had been considered. Mr. Sipe said that the slope had been considered but until the project is completed and we have a visual we have not made any decisions.

Mayor Brooke presented the 2016 Audit Report completed by the Legislative Audit. We received an excellent audit and Mayor Brooke praised all that participates in assuring the City receives a good audit.

Mayor Brooke asked Karen Dawson, Parks and Recreation Director to provide an update on the construction of the restrooms at the ball park. Mrs. Dawson reported that the block work had been completed.

Key Builders is in the process for completing the rough in of the electrical and plumbing. The metal roof should be completed within the next two weeks. Mrs. Dawson stated the project is on schedule.

Old Business

Mayor Brooke asked Ron Bissett the chairman of the parking issue committee to give a report. Mr. Bissett stated that the committee consisted of the Council members and Mr. Art Mason was the selected citizen to represent the public. Some of the challenges that the committee will be considering are. The need of keeping the residents from parking on the streets. Most of the new construction provides for a one or two car garage and maybe one other vehicle in the drive. Some residents have a camper, boat, or extra vehicles that need to place to be parked. Also for consideration is the need for emergency vehicles to be able to navigate in an emergency situation. The police, first responders, firefighters, EMT and paramedics need access when an emergency arises. The committee will only be addressing the city streets not the state and federal highways. The state and federal highways already have traffic laws for the parking and usage of the highways. The things to consider are what type of restriction/s for the parking and what signage will be required to the restriction/s. One consideration is to talk to the developers and builders about adding additional off street parking for the residence. The City already has addressed some of the parking with the three new zones that rear property parking is required because the structure is set closer to the street and sidewalks are required. Also address short term street parking for those that have family or friends to their residence because of a family tragedy, birthday party, etc. May look at a temporary parking permit; the permit issue will need to be addressed. The main purpose for researching this is to address access for the first responders whether it is police, fire or ambulance access to the emergency event/s. This will also allow for the public to have better access to the streets and hopefully keep our streets safer for travel and our public.

New Business

No new business was presented.

Announcements

Next council meeting December 11, 2017
Planning Commission meeting November 27, 2017
Seniors meet every Thursday at noon
LWPWA meeting will be held December 5, 2017 at noon
Chamber of Commerce meeting December 5, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.
Budget meeting November 14, 2017 at 5 PM
Employee Thanksgiving potluck on November 17th, City offices will be closed 12PM to 1PM
Thanksgiving holidays, November 23rd and 24th offices will be closed
Christmas parade, tree lighting and cookies and punch on December 9th. Parade starts at 3 PM
Employee Christmas party – Theme will be Ugly Sweater – December 14th
Christmas holidays December 25th and 26th.
National Guard Amory is providing a meal on November 16th at 6 PM for the Veterans, First Responders, Fire Fighters and Police

Adjournment

Ron Bissett motioned; Jim Wier seconded to adjourn. On voice vote all approved. Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED DATE: December 11, 2017


MAYOR

ATTEST:

John E Barclay
CLERK

CITY SEAL