

WARD CITY COUNCIL

April 10, 2017

MINUTES

6:30 P. M.

Call to Order

Mayor Brooke called the meeting to order. Reverend Mike Sipe led the meeting in prayer. Attorney Chris Lacy led the council in the Pledge to the American Flag.

Roll Call

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

Minutes

Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to approve the March 13, 2017 regularly scheduled city council meeting minutes. Ron Bissett motioned; Jim Wier seconded. On voice vote all approved.

Department Reports

Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to approve the March 13, 2017 department reports. Ron Bissett motioned; Gary Matheny seconded. On voice vote all approved.

After approval, the mayor asked Chief Randy Staley to come forward and address the council concerning the possibility of purchasing a piece of property to erect, at a later date, a new fire station. The property is three acres plus or minus and is located on Highway 38 in the Old Austin area. After much discussion about how funds are expended, which had nothing to do with the purchase of the land, the mayor introduced Resolution R-2017-03 (RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE) and asked for a motion to approve and put it on its first and final reading. Jeff Shaver motioned; Gary Matheny seconded. Roll call and voting are as follows: Bill Moon-nay, Jim Wier-yea, Jeff Shaver-yea, Gary Matheny-yea, Ron Bissett-yea. Resolution R-2017-03 has been approved.

Commission Reports

Mayor Brooke asked Chairperson Gary Meadows of the Planning Commission to come forward. Gary told the council that the commission had approved the replat of lots 1A and 1B in Shady Acres Subdivision because the lot is approximately 2 acres. There is an existing house on the property and the owner wants to erect another structure on the same property. The property is located on Wilson Street and no improvements are needed on this lot. At a future date four more houses are planned to be erected and at that time water, sewer, drainage, etc. will be addressed under a second phase. The commission is currently asking for one lot to be replated so construction can begin on the other home. Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to approve the replat of Lot 1. Jim Wier motioned; Jeff Shaver seconded. On voice vote all approved. The mayor then asked for a motion to accept the Planning Commission report. Bill Moon motioned; Jeff Shaver seconded. On voice vote all approved.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Brooke asked Chief Staley to come forward once more and address the council as to the possibility of purchasing a new Trackhoe for the city. He said that the city has met with three companies and looked at their product. The mayor told the council that we currently have two trackhoes but they are nearing the end of their useful life. The city is looking for the Street department to purchase one of these for the purpose of cleaning the ditches for drainage and this would be covered by their tax money. This purchase would be used also for maintaining any other items such as parking lots etc. that is required. The price range begins around \$65,000.00 and all the companies notified, John Deer, Kubota, and Bobcat have offered to bring their product out for the city to try out for a few days so we could decide which one we would most like as far as operations go. After considerable discussion Jim Wier made a motion for the city to go out and search and bring back bids to the city council for approval or disapproval; Ron Bissett seconded. On voice vote all approved.

The mayor informed the council of the fact that there is no report from Lemons Engineering. Charles Gastineau informed the council that the reason for no report is the fact that Mr. Lemons is at the hospital where he became a grandfather at 6:53 P.M. tonight.

FYI – The council has been informed that the bid opening has now been pushed up to April 18, 2017 at 2:00 P.M.; this is also subject to change.

FYI – Everyone should have received their audit packet from the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee and the city had no write-ups. This is a good report and on May 11, 2017 the audit will be presented to the Standing Committee for counties and municipalities for review.

FYI – First Electric has done a study on the city building for lighting and has performed an audit which after the fact presented some recommendations and programs to possibly enter into. One recommendation is to go with LED lighting which can save the city approximately \$3,912.00 a year. The lights are guaranteed for five years and the price for going with this program would be \$15,619.65 or less. The mayor would like to set up a test area to evaluate and see about the validity of the lighting and at a later date bring back the findings to the council.

FYI – City wide clean-up will be April 29, 2017 from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

FYI – Talk about a city wide garden spot for residents was mentioned and the person who wants this needs to contact the mayor as to the amount of space wanted.

The mayor informed the council of the upcoming Chamber of Commerce banquet and asked the councils permission to buy two tables. Ron Bissett motioned; Gary Matheny seconded. On voice vote all approved.

Old Business

New Business

Announcements

Next council meeting will be May 8, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.

Planning Commission meeting April 24, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

Seniors meet every Thursday at noon

LWPWA meeting May 9, 2017 at noon

Chamber of Commerce meeting May 2, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

Adjournment

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

APPROVED DATE: May 8, 2017


MAYOR

ATTEST:

John E Barclay
CLERK

CITY SEAL

