

Minutes of the General Government and Public Safety Committee meeting of Monday, August 13, 2018.

The meeting was called to order by Alderman Wilkins at 7:00p.m.

I. ATTENDANCE.

Present were Aldermen David Wilkins, Don Bormann, Jim Lee, and Robert Hudson. Also attending were Mayor Tim Grenke, City Administrator Heather Russell, Fire Chief Denny Rusch, and Police Chief Bob Bias.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

None

IV. PUBLIC SAFETY

A. Police Department

Bias gave the report for Ranger our K9 police dog, he said April through the end of July methamphetamine numbers have been higher than marijuana he said the training is going well. He and Ranger have even become friends. Bias said the numbers are there, we will be getting them often. Lee asked about methamphetamine amounts and Bias said it was not one but several smaller ones. Grenke asked just how often we have requests to use our dog. Bias said there used to only be two in the County. Now there are more but the County's that do not have them call often. Grenke and Wilkins are interested in seeing the numbers and how often we get calls, Bias said he will bring to the next meeting.

B. Fire Department

Wilkins asked about the pump testing and Rusch said they have been working all day, it was going well and they were almost done. One truck had bad piping but they are working on it. Rusch said sine this is for July, he wanted to bring up the fireworks display and he said we really need less but bigger display. The wicks are 3 inch, shooting only 300 meters high and it caused delays. Some of their guys got overheated due to the short wicks. Rusch said he believes we do the buying in April, he really wants to do a sit down with them early and discuss what we are actually getting. Hudson asked did we do a multi year agreement, Russell believes so, she said the 3 inch did not go very high. Rusch said to go bigger and maybe not as many. Hudson agrees. Rodgers said he remembers them being all the same thing. Grenke liked the grand finale. Hudson said the 2017 show was perfect, the 2018 was ok. Russell said we can sit down with them.

C. Emergency Management

None

D. Protective Inspection

Russell talked to Lincoln Brown from the Grant Administration about the demolition permit, she said as soon as we hear something she will let the board know. It should be this week. Grenke has had Clifford De La Rosa calling wanting an extension to get more of things out of the building. Grenke said he has had time and a deadline of July 31. Clifford then told Grenke he did not have time because things broke and he had no help. Clifford wanted more time so Grenke gave him until the 6th and it came and he still wanted more time. Grenke would like to give him more time so he can get his things and it would be less for us to have to move. Hudson stated we have set dates, when is it enough.

V. GENERAL GOVERNMENT & FINANCE

A. Russell said the Chamber Meeting is August 21, 2018. They are looking for ideas for the upcoming BBQ contest. This is not the Pumpkin Fest weekend but a different weekend. Russell said the problem is people smell BBQ but cannot eat any because the Competitors are not allowed to sell their BBQ. It would be good to have vendors selling BBQ.

B. Park Board

None

C. Cemetery Report

Russell wanted to let the Board know they have had a couple of meetings with a few people from the Cemetery board and the VFW, they used to have meetings and then they kind of fell to the wayside but they want to start having them again, quarterly. Russell said it will be good to have everyone in the know and they are reaching out to different organizations to get help with the raising and lowering of the Avenue of Flags. Grenke also wanted to remind everyone that in November on the 11, 2018 they will be having the Veterans 10K. Russell said the proceeds go to The Avenue of Flags.

D. Tree Board Report

None

E. Library Board

None

F. July 2018 Financial Statements

Russell said the adjustments are in the packet, we are a little behind but they will be ready for next Mondays meeting. Russell wanted to thank everyone for being patient with her while her Mother has been in hospital plus we have our new City Clerk, Tara Strain. So we have been training.

G. Bills over \$1,250 = \$328,522.26

None

H. Other General Government

None

VI. OTHER

A. Pad Mount Transformer Bids

Russell wanted to point out we need 10, but this was just for the boards information.

B. Supplies for Southwest Country Estates Bids

Russell said the Water Department is on the 5th phase it will be discussed at the next meeting on Monday night, Grenke pointed out that the bids are close bids.

C. Mayes meadows

Russell said MECO would like to have a contract with Christianson and there were also 3 bids for asphalt.

VII. AS MAY ARISE

Wilkins thinks we need to have another technology meeting again and Russell agrees. Russell also wanted to remind everyone about the informational meeting coming up it's about the Public Safety Tax. Russell said we will put it in the paper, Facebook, and are planning to have informational handouts.

Grenke wanted to discuss with the board information about the MML conference, it is September 16-18th so Sunday afternoon- Wednesday until noon. Russell said she is planning on going.

Hudson asked about the court appeal and Russell said they are working on the discovery.

Russell then talked about moving PWPU meeting/GGPS meeting to one night, possibly the 2nd Monday. This will be discussed at the next Meeting.

VIII. ADJOURN

Wilkins, made a motion to adjourn the Committee meeting, Rodgers seconded the motion which was then approved by unanimous voice vote at 7:21 p.m.