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### **Regular City Council Meeting May 16, 2016 Minutes**

- 1) **Call to order** – Mayor Harralson called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.
- 2) **Roll Call** – Aldermen present: Gary Dooley, Justin Carlson and Rodney Lee. Alderman Brad Mullings came in during the prayer. Also present: Mayor Harralson, City Clerk Lynn Esser, Water/Wastewater Operator Troy Copeland, Public Works Director Rick Davis and Chief Ross. Chief Ross was called away during the meeting.
- 3) **Moment of Silent Prayer**
- 4) **Approval of Agenda** – Justin Carlson moved to approve the agenda. Rodney Lee second. All in favor none opposed.
- 5) **Approval of Minutes** – Regular Meeting April 18, 2016, Closed Session April 18, 2016 and Special Meeting April 28, 2016. Rodney Lee moved to approve all minutes as presented. Brad Mullings second. All in favor none opposed.
- 6) **Approval of Pending Bills** – Rodney Lee questioned Rick Davis about the purchase of storm siren batteries from two different sources. Rick Davis and the Mayor spoke to the fact that the siren repair guy was in town and there was not enough time to go the Bolivar for the batteries for the second storm siren since the repairman is from out-of-state. Lynn Esser advised the Board of Alderman that she just received invoices totaling \$418.78 from Margaret Gregory for flowers and such for the City Park. Rodney Lee moved to approve pending bills plus the invoices from Margaret Gregory. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed
- 7) **Comments and Questions from the Public**
  - a) Dixie Wilson – 311 S Main St – Water leak at stock tank – Not present
  - b) Paul Ackels - 2046 E 532<sup>nd</sup> Rd – water leak – Not present
- 8) **Old Business:**
  - a) Status on tree trimming at corner of Carolyn & Kay streets – Rick Davis reported the trimming was completed.
  - b) Status on changing Lewis Street back to two-way – Rick Davis reported that he has had no complaints or problems since the last meeting.
  - c) Status on Ball Paving’s repair of walking trail in the City Park – Rick Davis reported the bad spot on the trail was fixed and the resurfacing will be when hot mix is available.
  - d) Status on bids for repair of flood damage of ditch in front of Park - Rick Davis reported that he is just waiting to hear from SEMA and it will probably be June or July.
  - e) Senate Bill #5 Update – Lynn Esser reported that she filed the annual financial audit with the State Auditor plus a special Addendum Form that would satisfy the reporting requirements of Senate Bill 5 on Friday May 13, 2015.
- 9) **New Business**
  - a) Request to destroy or recycle broken and obsolete technology. (List provided)- Lynn Esser advised the Board of Alderman that Troy Copeland, Chief Ross and she had cleaned up the storage room and the closet. Plus the Chief painted the room. The list contains a few items that were reviewed and found obsolete, broken or incompatible with current technology and she requested they be removed from the current inventory. Rodney Lee moved to allow the City Clerk to dispose of the items on the list and remove them from the active inventory. Brad Mullings second. All in favor none opposed.
- 10) **Mayor and Alderman Communications**
  - The Mayor shared with the aldermen a resignation letter from John Hillenburg chairman of the Board of Adjustments. Rodney Lee moved to accept the resignation letter. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed. The Mayor request input from the Board of Alderman on a replacement by the next regular City Council Meeting.
  - Justin Carlson requested the stop sign at the south end of the high school parking lot be replaced. Rick Davis agreed and would get it done tomorrow.
- 11) **Monthly Report City Clerk** - Lynn Esser requested the Board of Alderman consider upgrading the internet connection for the city from 3Mbps to 25Mbps at a cost of \$30 more per month. Rodney Lee moved to allow the City offices to upgrade the internet connection from 3 to 25Mbps at a cost of \$30 more per month. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed. All month reports for both financial and water utilities were provided.
- 12) **Monthly Report Public Works** –

- Troy Copeland introduced David McIntosh. David worked for the city as a volunteer last year. Troy Copeland reminded the Board of Alderman that he was in the budget for a summer paid position this year. Troy iterated a list of projects that David would be helping with and requested the Board of Alderman's approval to put David on the payroll temporary for the summer as budgeted. Rodney Lee moved to hire David McIntosh for the summer. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed. Troy also advised the Board of Alderman that Margaret Gregory was hoping for some help in doing the planting of flowers and maintaining the bed during the summer. If any of the aldermen were interested he would give them a contact number.
  - Rick Davis advised the Board of Alderman that the city owns but has not maintained a section of Adams Street that goes across the creek and ties into Fullerton Street. Rick has spoken to the land owners adjacent to the unmaintained section about annexing it into their properties. All owners were okay with the idea. Rick has been talking with Bolivar about a copy of an ordinance they did for the same reasons. He asked the Board of Alderman if they would be open to the process. The Board of Alderman agreed to review the area and the formal Bill/Ordinance to be provided at the next meeting.
- 13) Monthly Report Police Dept.** – Chief Shawne Ross – was unavailable to give an oral report due to a callout by the County. Chief Ross did provide written activity reports for the month.
- 14) Adjourn** – Rodney Lee moved to adjourn. Brad Mullings second. All in favor none opposed. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm.

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Mayor Richard Harralson

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City Clerk Lynn Esser