

**CITY OF TATUM**  
**REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING**  
**June 14, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Tatum met in regular session on **June 14, 2021**, at **5:32 p.m.** in the City Hall Meeting Room with the following members present:

**Mayor - Clay Lassen**

**City Secretary – Kay Dyer**

**City Council**

Jeff Keller

**Kim R. Smith - Absent**

Tate R. Smith

Jack York

Dana Buddecke – Mayor Pro-Tem

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**

None

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

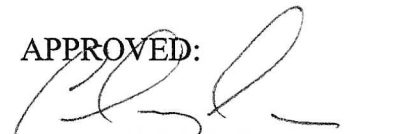
1. **Last month's minutes and checks written** - Mr. Tate Smith made a motion to approve the last month's minutes and checks written. Mrs. Dana Buddecke seconded the motion and the motion passed with none opposed.
2. **Marjay Grisham's driveway** – Mr. Grisham did not appear before the council. Council members reviewed images captured on April 2014 by Google maps. Mrs. Dana Buddecke said the pictures showed the cracks in the driveway prior to Mr. Grisham purchasing the home. Public Works Director, Mr. Michael Morton stated there had been a small leak in the neighbor's yard but the water from the leak never reached Mr. Grisham's driveway. Mr. Jack York was not convinced that the leak had caused any damages. Mr. Jeff Keller motion that no action to be taken. All council members were in agreement.
3. **John & Felicia Miller's home repairs at 135 Stonecrest** – Mrs. Dana Buddecke stated she feels if we accept responsibility then we will have to do this for everyone. Mr. Jeff Keller agreed. Mr. Jeff Keller researched and said the city is not responsible for any damages. Mr. Jack York questioned why the Miller's insurance had denied the repairs to their home. The Miller's did not have the correct insurance coverage for this type of claim. Mrs. Miller stated that toilet paper and sewer were coming into their home. Public Works Director, Mr. Michael Morton explained when the line is stopped up then the sewer will back up in the lowest residence. A clean out valve needs to be loose to prevent this from happening. Mr. Morton stated when he worked for a different city, they installed a check valve at a residence to prevent this from happening. Mr. Tate Smith and Mr. Jeff Keller said Mayor Clay Lassen needs to contact the city attorney, Mr. Joe Shumate and get his professional guidance on how the city needs to proceed in this matter. Council tabled item until July meeting.
4. **Executive Session at 5:56 p.m.**– All council members, Mayor and city employees went into executive session. Executive session ended at 8:25 p.m. with no action taken.
5. **Telephone Specialist Inc.** – Council stated to trade phone out with a different phone in building. The city will purchase phones individually to replace the non-working ones. No action taken.
6. **City Auditor, Mr. David Godwin proposal for 2021-2022 budget year** – Mrs. Dana Buddecke made a motion to accept Mr. David Godwin's engagement letter for the 2021-2022 budget year. Mr. Jack York seconded the motion and the motion passed with none opposed.

7. **Classic Ice Cream Truck and a yearly vendor permit** – Classic Ice Cream, a daily vendor asked if the city would consider doing a yearly permit for a set fee. Council members said they would be ok with doing this. Mayor Clay Lassen will look at surrounding cities to see what their restrictions are and then customize a permit for the City of Tatum. This item was tabled to next meeting.
8. **TML Health Pool – Employee Insurance** – Mrs. Dana Buddecke made a motion to keep the same plans that are currently being offered to employees. Mr. Jeff Keller seconded the motion and the motion passed with none opposed.
9. **Maintenance bids for city’s generators** – Council reviewed bids submitted from Clifford Power Generator Service and Circle H Engines and Equipment. Mr. Jeff Keller made a motion to accept the semi-annual service bid from Clifford Power Generator Service. Mr. Tate Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed with none opposed.
10. **2021-2022 General Fund, Water Works, and TEDCO budgets and Employee raises** – Council Members reviewed the proposed budgets. Mr. Jeff Keller stated there are no items that could be cut from the proposed budget. Employee Raises were denied. All budgets and employee raises will be reviewed again in the January 2022 council meeting. Mrs. Dana Buddecke asked Mrs. Janie Lassen why TEDCO pays ADP such high fees to use them for her payroll. She asked if TEDCO could pay itself and save the money. Mr. Jack York asked if the Pecan Pie Festival was worth the expense of having it. Mrs. Janie Lassen stated it brings in revenue for businesses in Tatum. Mr. Jeff Keller made a motion to accepted the proposed budgets. Mr. Jack York seconded the motion and the motion passed with none opposed.
11. **Adjourn** - Mr. Jeff Keller made a motion to adjourn @ 9:31 p.m. Mr. Jack York seconded the motion and the motion passed, all in favor.

ATTEST:

  
Kay Dyer, City Secretary

APPROVED:

  
Clay Lassen, Mayor

