

**CITY OF TATUM
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
May 12, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Tatum met in regular session on **May 12, 2021**, at **5:30 p.m.** in the City Hall Meeting Room with the following members present:

Mayor - Clay Lassen

City Secretary – Kay Dyer

City Alderman

Jeff Keller

Kim R. Smith

Tate R. Smith

Jack York

Dana Buddecke – Mayor Pro-Tem

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

None

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Jeff Keller made a motion to approve the last month's minutes and checks written. Mr. Kim Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed with none opposed.
2. Alderman Place - 3 Tate Smith, Alderman Place 4 – Dana Buddecke and Alderman Place 5 – Kim Smith was all sworn in by Judge Bonnie Miller for their new term in office.
3. John & Felicia Miller's home at 135 Stonecrest, are seeking full reimbursement for the repairs to their home due to the sewer main backing up in their home. Public works director Michael Morton said the entire line was stopped up and the rain was flooding the manhole. The clean out valve was closed. The Miller's home insurance will not cover any of the damages. The loss at this time is \$15,000 in damages/repairs. Mayor Clay Lassen will contact the city insurance to see if it will cover any of the cost for the damages/repairs. This item is tabled until next meeting or until Mayor Clay Lassen gets the information needed from the city's insurance.
4. Marjay Grisham's driveway was table.
5. City Auditor, Mr. David Godwin was very pleased with the 2020-2021 audit. He gave the city a good compliance letter, no weakness was noticed. He did remind council members to initially all invoices when signing checks. He stated that the city is in good financial standing.
6. The Tatum Historical Foundation requested help from Tatum City Council as well as Tatum Economic Development in regards to getting the water/sewer and electric set up at the museum. The foundation wants to also paint, add a new deck and get the museum updated. The goal is to open the museum to the public. Mr. Jeff Keller made a motion to approve all request by the foundation and Mr. Tate Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed with none opposed.
7. Mr. Kim Smith made a motion that the city does not offer vacation service for water/sewer. Any customer's that have their service on vacation at this time will need to either have service active or they will have to be disconnected. Mr. Jeff Keller seconded the motion and the motion passed with none opposed.
8. Mr. Kim Smith made a motion to allow Rusk County Sheriff's office to utilize the city's water towers for repeaters and equipment. Sheriff John Wayne Valdez said in order for police radios to work in outlining town, then they will need height from the water towers for the repeaters in order to get signal. Tatum Police Department will benefit from this as well as other cities. Mr. Searcy said without this then Tatum Police Department will not have service on their radios. The


time frame for completion is from October to the end of 2021. Mr. Jeff Keller seconded the motion and the passed with none opposed.

9. Mr. Kim Smith made a motion to approve the new website and emails with Group M7. Group M7 will design and present the city with the new website. Mr. Smith state that Tatum Economic Development will need to help with cost since it will bring in tourism for the city. Mr. Jack York second the motion and the motion passed with none opposed.
10. Telephone Specialist Inc. proposal was tabled until next council meeting. Mayor Clay Lassen wanted to follow up with ETex for pricing on phones using the new fiber service.
11. Discussions on the 2014 Patrol Truck, Fairway Ford in Henderson offered the Tatum Police Department \$6500.00 as the trade in value of the truck. Mr. Kim Smith said let Fairway Ford start searching for a new truck and then notify city council of the cost of the new truck. The repairs for the 2019 patrol truck body damage will be done by Smitty's Paint & Body Shop, it was agreed the City will pay cash for the repairs instead of filing an insurance claim. Chief April Rains will contact Smitty's for an appointment for the repairs. All Council members were in agreement, none opposed.
12. The upgrades to city hall were tabled by Mayor Clay Lassen. He will get a detailed list of items that will be upgraded, repaired or replaced within city hall. Contractors will be contacted for new bids at that time. The bids will be presented to the city council at the June 14, 2021 meeting.
13. Mr. Jeff Keller made a motion to allow variances requested by the P&Z board and in agreement with the citizens at the P&Z meeting in regards to the rezoning request at 1035 N. Hill. The variances requested will allow:
 1. 35' setback from the street to be 0' from the property line, and will be replaced by the TXDOT requirement of 90' from the centerline of Highway 149 (ref. pg. 11-7 Section 4, Schedule D, Ordinance 2013-04.)
 2. The maximum height of a man-made material used for screening (fence) will be altered from 6'-8' to 10' (ref pg. 11-30, Section 20, Ordinance 2013-04.)Mr. Kim Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed with none opposed.
14. Mr. Kim Smith made a motion to accept revised Ordinance No. 2011-02 for fireworks. The revision will add the new holidays that were approved by the State of Texas. The ordinance also states the dates and times for the operation of fireworks stands during certain hours and holidays, and the times and days of detonation of fireworks. Mr. Tate Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed with none opposed.
15. The city budget workshop is scheduled for May 26, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at Tatum City Hall.
16. Mayor Clay Lassen will contact the City of Henderson for the price on purchasing computers for city hall.
17. Executive session for all city employees was postponed until the June council meeting.
18. Mr. Jeff Keller made a motion to adjourn @ 7:20 p.m. Mr. Kim Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed, all in favor.

ATTEST:


Kay Dyer, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Clay Lassen, Mayor