

**CITY OF TATUM
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
February 8, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Tatum met in regular session on **February 8, 2021**, at **5:33 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 - Absent

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. Jack York seconded the motion and the motion passed with none opposed.
2. Mr. Jeff Keller made a motion to approve upgrading the city’s internet to fiber internet with Etex, also IT specialist Mark Guthrie will upgrade, rewire and relocate equipment, and update firewalls. The city will stay with Hillary Communications for phone service. Mrs. Dana Buddecke seconded the motion and the motion passed with none opposed.
3. Mr. Jack York made a motion to end the city landfill permit. Mr. Jeff Keller seconded the motion and the motion passed, all in favor.
4. Discussions on TML health insurance for city employees moving the anniversary date to 1/1/2022. Prior to council meeting Mrs. Dana Buddecke had approved the new date. All council members were in agreement with her decision.
5. Mr. Jeff Keller made a motion on the new resolution denying the application to increase rates filed by SWEPCO. Mr. Jack York seconded the motion and the motion passed with none opposed.
6. Mrs. Dana Buddecke made a motion on accepting Ordinance for the Order of Election for Alderman Place 3, 4, & 5, the joint election agreement between the City and TISD to hold the May 1, 2021 election at the Sherman R. Smith Community Center. Also, it was agreed that Mr. Jeff Keller would come by city hall the following day to go over the voting roster to remove voters outside the city limits from voting on city elections. Mr. Tate Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed with none opposed.
7. Mr. Clay Lassen called Whitaker Plumbing company to come fix plumbing repairs at the Sherman R. Smith Community Center. Whitaker Plumbing tightened up spud on the toilets on 2/8/2021. The water leaks were not discussed due to Mr. Kim Smith was absent from Council meeting.
8. Mr. Jeff Keller made a motion to move officer James Smith from part time to a full-time position with benefits. Officer Smith will work weekends and fill in days when needed. Mr. Jack York seconded the motion and the motion passed with none opposed.
9. Council Members were in agreement that the city will not pay Brown’s Communication invoice for new batteries and repairs for police radios at this time. Mr. Brown was told to return the


radios as they were, he took upon himself to change out the batteries on all of the radios. The radios were tested and they are still not working properly. When Mr. Brown delivered the radios, Chief Rains asked for the repeater cabinet to be open, she advised Mr. Brown that the equipment was sold to the Tatum Police Department as new equipment, when indeed the equipment inside it was used. Mr. Brown stated that he had noted it on the sales receipt that it was used equipment. City Secretary Kay Dyer and Chief Rains reviewed the receipt and there is no notes or comments of the equipment being used. Chief Rains asked Mr. Brown for a key to the repeater cabinet and was told she would have to sign a form releasing Mr. Brown from any liability for the equipment in cabinet. Chief Rains declined the key and stated she would speak with the Council. Mr. Jeff Keller advised Chief Rains to get a key to our equipment. Mr. Brown was also asked to provide a log of when repairs to radios were done and Mr. Brown declined to provide. Also, Chief Rains will contact Mr. Joe Shumate and update him on the current situation with the radios. Chief Rains will update the Council Members at the March meeting. No members were opposed.

12. Mr. Jeff Keller made a motion to adjourn @ 6:25p.m. Mrs. Dana Buddecke seconded the motion and the motion passed, all in favor.

ATTEST:


Kay Dyer, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Clay Lassen, Mayor

