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MINUTES
OCTOBER 16, 2023
REGULAR MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Mayor: Don Hall at 5:30pm.

Citizen: Skeeter Hightower spoke how he feels that its raw sewer running in his creek and on his nephew's land right down the road. The city did pump the creek and flush with clean water and that helped. Mayor Don Hall asked if he had ever called him or any council members with this concern. He answered No but Wendell Moore has been working with him and checking on this issue. Wendell spoke up and said, It was determined that this was not raw sewer or any city sewer. This was from farm animals in the creek disturbing the water. The mayor asked Skitter to keep an eye and monitor the situation and give monthly reports so it can be determined what is going on.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. The Exxon Parking Lot has been resolved. The Owner has hired a company to bring in crushed rock and spread and this will fill in large pot holes and give a coverage over the sand/dirt. A new state of the art is coming to Tatum. The owner said he will concrete the two city streets around the Exxon Store.**
- 2. The parking cover for City PD has been tabled.**
- 3. A Special Meeting was requested for the Discussion and Motion of the Lease of Oil and Gas.**
- 4. The old water department will be removed and lot will be cleaned up by: Keith Lohr**
- 5. Matt Allison turned in a sealed bid and was granted the City Dump-Truck for Work Trade Out.**

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Motion was made to pass last month's minutes and checks.**

Motioned by: J.R Smith
All In Favor

2nd: Greggory Cole

- 2. Discussion between Skitter Hightower regarding Sonya's high-water bill started with Michael Morton showing water graphs of daily high usage. After they were made aware of this, it was decided that Mrs. Hightower will take responsibility and asked if she could pay it out. Council Agreed. No motion was made.**



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3. Discussion of Kyle Down's request to adjust water bill was granted, due to this was a one-time request on a water break in line. Council discussed and Mr. Down's would pay \$ 300.00. This would be paid in full the next business day. Mr. Downs did make payment in full and requested to have bank draft reactivated.

**Motion by: Wendell Moore
All In Favor**

2nd: Greggory Cole

4. City Council Accepted the Resignation of City Attorney: Joe Shumate

**Motioned by: J.R Smith
All In Favor**

2nd: Wendell Moore

5. The hire of Diana Boyd was discussed and was agreed that a public notice of city wanting to hire would be published in the Henderson News-Paper and on City's Web Site. Her resume would be submitted after published. This was a resume that was turned in to council and talked about a part-time position opening. This was a discussion not a motion.

6. Council discussed the requested item on the agenda that a take home vehicle For 2nd in command who would be Sergent Bobby Jones with City of Tatum. After a brief discussion it was agreed by council with the exception of councilman, Wendell Moore that he did not approve/agree with the take home use of city patrol vehicle.

Motioned by: Tate Smith

2nd: J.R Smith

Opposed by: Wendell Moore

7. Discussion was talked and quickly passed that ETCOG East Texas Council of Government would take and lead in providing the city with a new phone system. Hillary has not made any effort or replied to any messages of future service for the city.

**Motioned by: Robin Palmer
All In Favor**

2nd: Wendell Moore

8. Discussion was quick with water-works applicant for hire: Christopher Howard Michael Morton briefly spoke and Tate Smith asked Michael to call him and if he will take \$ 15.00 an hour hire him. The council agreed to suggestion of Councilman and it was Motion to Hire if Mr. Howard would take \$15.00 an hour and after 90 day probation he will be accessed.

**Motioned by: Wendell Moore
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9. Executive Session/Hire City Patrol Officer and Pay.

Returned: 6:59 Pm

Hire Kyle Green the candidate for City Patrol Officer. Pay will be \$ 20.00 and Hour and on 90 day probation.

Motioned by: Wendell Moore
All In Favor

2nd: Robin Palmer

10. Information Only: Officer's Report
11. Information Only: Officer's Citation

Meeting Adjourned: 7:05pm

Motioned by: Wendell Moore
All In Favor

2nd: Greggory Cole

Date: 10-16-23


Mayor: Don Hall

Attest:



