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MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 8, 2021, HAWLEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Hawley ISD Cafetorium

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Richardson, Mayor ProTem Dokey, Councilman Lance Pinnick, Councilman Frank Garrard Councilman David Newman. Council Will Womack was not present.

Vance Burrow provided the opening prayer for the meeting.

Council reviewed the minutes submitted from the June 1, 2021, meeting with Mayor ProTem Jason Dokey providing the motion to accept the minutes as presented and Councilman David Neman second the motion, all approved. Motion passed

GENERAL PUBLIC PRESENTATION: Warren Leggett, Etta Woodard, Joe D Trumbo, Vance Burrow, Bernie Holtman, Ron Florence, Joe Woodard, Steve and Carla Whitehead, Tisha Westbrook, Amber Pinnick, Kimberly Gouge, and Clay Williams were in attendance for discussion over the pending sewer project for the City of Hawley.

Councilman Frank Garrard spoke openly with the public and stated that over the nine years he has been on council there had been little to no attendance from the general public. Councilman Garrard stated that the City Council wanted to present a clear and transparent stance on the sewer project and that there were negative and positive to having the system.

Mayor Richardson explained that for the sewer project the city would be receiving a Grant for up to 75% of the cost and a low interest loan from USDA to cover the remaining 25%. Term of 40 years for the loan and the interest rate is locked in. Mayor Richardson explained the preparing and planning started three years ago.

The mayor explained that the public would have three minutes to speak and that Jacob and Martin's representatives would be answering questions pertaining to the sewer project.

Warren Leggett questions were in reference to monthly costs. The Council explained monthly costs are unknown until the USDA responds to the application.

Etta & Joe Woodard questions were in reference to commercial property and if the monthly costs would differ from residential.

Joe D Trumbo addressed council and stated he was in favor of the sewer project for the city.

Vance Burrow question was in reference to the number of households this would affect. Jacob and Martin engineers stated the sewer would affect all 275 households and businesses in the city limits and the current line was capable of being used by triple that amount of connections.

Bernie Holtman expressed his concerns about the engineering firm Jacob and Martin.

Carla Whitehead expressed her support in the sewer project.

Tisha Westbrook and Amber Pinnick passed on speaking.

Kimberly Gouge questions were in reference to cost, annexation, and if the project would be up for public vote. The Council reiterated the monthly cost is unknown at this time, there is no discussion or plan to annex land into the city limits, and a final decision to allow the project to go to a public vote has not been made. Jacob and Martin

Jacob and Martin stated that 5 months ago the cost of the sewer project was at 5.725 million and the price would have to be reevaluated. USDA will require every person in the city to hook up to the sewer system. It is in the estimate's cost to connect, pump and fill existing septic tanks, and connect to existing lines. The estimate is based on the City purchasing the existing sewer system from Hawley ISD. Jacob and Martin will work with homeowners on placement of the lines on their property.

Mayor Richardson closed the meeting at the Hawley ISD at 8:23 pm., to resume the meeting at City Hall. The meeting resumed at City Hall at 8:45pm...

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Etta Woodard from the Hawley Senior Citizen's addressed council on the condition the building was in. She was asked to provide a list of things that needed attention at the center to the council.
- b. After discussion on Item B of the agenda, discuss and take action on applying for USDA grant for the city sewer, Councilman Newman made the motion to apply for the grant, Mayor Pro Tem Jason Dokey provided the second with Councilman Garrard opposing, motion passed.
- c. Item C, hours of operation for city hall, was discussed with the mayor commenting that having the hours from 8 to 5 Monday through Friday would be with one hour for lunch. The new hours will be implemented with the hiring of a new City Secretary. Mayor Pro Tem Jason Dokey motioned to change the hours to 8-5 Monday through Friday with a one-hour lunch, Councilman Frank Garrard provided the second, all approved and the motion past.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. None

REPORTS:

a. Hawley EDC – No report

b. Administration Report – Mayor Pro Tem paid the bills and worked on getting QUICK books up to date. Councilman Newman motioned to except the report, Councilman Garrard provided a second, all approved and the motion past.

c. Municipal Court Report – After reviewing the report Mayor Pro Tem Jason Dokey motioned to accept the report as presented, Councilman Garrard provided the second. All approved, motion passed.

d. Police Report-Christopher Gloyd was introduced by Chief Wilson as a candidate for reserve officer for the department. Chief Wilson then provided a brief report for the PD, Mayor Pro Tem Jason Dokey motioned to accept the report as presented, Councilman Newman provided the second. All approved, motion passed.

e. Street Report – Mayor Richardson provided a brief update of maintenance for the streets consisting of requesting a cost estimate for 5th street. Councilman Frank Garrard made the motion to accept the report, Councilman Newman provided a second, all approved, motion past.

f. Quarterly Report- No report

g. Financial Report – After discussing the financial report Mayor Pro Tem Jason Dokey made the motion to accept the report, Councilman Newman second the motion, all approved, motion passed.

Mayor Pro Jason Dokey maid the motion to convene in executive session at 9:22 pm., Councilman Garrard second the motion, all approved the motion passed.

Mayor Pro Jason Dokey maid the motion to reconvene in open session at 10:39 pm., Councilman Garrard second the motion, all approved the motion passed.

Closing Comments and adjourns: Mayor Pro Tem Jason Dokey made the motion to adjourn at 10:41, Councilman Newman second the motion, all approved and the motion passed.

Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Secretary