

COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday January 21, 2020

Those present included Mayor J.R. Fisher, Alderpersons Beth Hallmark, Ron Johnson, and Calvin Wilson. Also present were City Supervisor David Brodie, City Worker Kevin Carter, Police Officer Gary Huff, Police Officer Mike Akins, Emergency Management Director Denis Kolb, Tax Collector Meghan Sexson, and Water Clerk Shirley Igisomar. Also present were Lois Kolb, Ryan Cooper with Harry S. Truman Coordinating Council, John Bunch, Kevin Keeney, Greg and Lisa Beckner, Pat and Candace Watson, Walter Jeffers, Chet and Susan Sexson, Clay Sexson, Debbie Boblett, Sammie Jo Goodson, Leann Cooper, Clyde Davidson, Daniel Davidson, Cheri McMullin, Krista Cagel, Nick Smith, and Sally Carroll from the McDonald County Press.

Mayor Fisher called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M

The Board discussed the minutes from the regular meeting January 7, 2020. Ald. Wilson moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on January 7, 2020. Ald. Hallmark seconded. Ald. Hallmark, Johnson, and Wilson voted aye with 0 nays.

Mayor Fisher noted that Alderman Tuomala was not present.

The Board discussed the minutes from the special meeting January 13, 2020. Ald. Hallmark moved to approve the minutes from the special meeting held on January 13, 2020. Ald. Johnson seconded. Ald. Hallmark, Johnson, and Wilson voted aye with 0 nays.

Mayor Fisher acknowledged Ryan Cooper with Harry S. Truman Coordinating Council to discuss the sidewalk program. Mr. Cooper noted that there is an 80-20% match grant that is available to provide sidewalks in Goodman. The grant can range from \$25,000.00 to \$250,000.00. It was also noted that other cities that are participating in this program have paid the money upfront and requested reimbursement. If the application is approved, the project must be completed within 3 years. The application is due by February 14th, 2020. It was also noted that it is a big plus that the sidewalks will be used for school traffic and safety. Clyde Davidson asked if property owners will have to give up property for the sidewalks and Mr. Cooper responded that the City Council would be speaking with the land owners it will affect. Chet Sexson noted that on the East side of School Street there is a water main. Mr. Cooper noted that the engineer who is in charge will work out all the details. Mr. Cooper also noted that volunteers can help with the 20% match; volunteering time or equipment goes toward the 20%. Appraisal of land that is being used for the sidewalks can also be put toward the 20%. In order to get the application filed, there has to be intent on what the City wants. Concrete plans are not necessary as the engineer can make changes and it will not affect the grant. Mr. Cooper stated since the City is a member of HSTCC there will be no fee for them to help with this program. Mr. Cooper also noted that he will be attending more meetings to keep the board and citizens up to date on the progress.

Ald. Wilson motioned to remove Greg Richmond from First Community Bank accounts, Ald. Johnson seconded. Ald. Hallmark, Johnson, and Wilson voted aye with 0 nays.

Ald. Hallmark motioned to add J.R. Fisher to the First Community Bank accounts, Ald. Wilson seconded. Ald. Hallmark, Johnson, and Wilson voted aye with 0 nays.

Ald. Hallmark motioned to appoint Georgia Holtz as the new City Clerk, Ald. Wilson seconded. Ald. Hallmark, Johnson, and Wilson voted aye with 0 nays.

Discuss restructure of duties and titles of office admin: tabled until further notice.

Acknowledge Teresa White about putting in a street light: not present. Gary Huff stated he may have taken care of the issue with the help of Kevin Carter.

Discuss 2020 Census: Ald. Hallmark stated that grant programs rely on Census information. Goodman was rated low based on previous Census information. Accuracy is also very important when filling out the Census. John Bunch noted that it is very important for Council members, as well as city members, to show up and fight for programs for our town. The Council is encouraging the community to not only participate, but to encourage others to participate.

Unfinished business:

Discuss employee time keeping methods-incorporate a time clock mechanism to keep employees time. Ald. Hallmark noted she had found a few options, but that it was not going to happen overnight. The Council will continue to look into it.

Update on Community Building: Mayor Fisher noted there had been a work session with the Betterment Club to go over the specs for the building. Ald. Johnson noted he did not see the measurements for the building itself or an overhang on the spec sheet. Clyde Davidson suggested they have another work session to final detail the specs before putting it out for bid. The Council agreed and set January 28, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. for a work session.

New business: Ald. Wilson noted that Officer Gary Huff had completed his 90 days and would like for the board to consider a \$1.00 an hour raise. Ald. Hallmark motioned, Ald. Wilson seconded. Ald. Hallmark, Johnson, and Wilson voted aye with 0 nays.

Department head reports:

Gary Huff: More signage is needed on School Street for the school. The signs that are on the road right now are not enough. Huff would also like to see about a crosswalk being painted on the road crossing the tracks as a lot of kids walk that way before and after school. Huff had received a phone call from the Principal about parents parking on Whitmore to avoid the traffic of School St., and that it was becoming a problem for the buses to get in and out. Huff would like to purchase No Parking signs to put on Whitmore. Ald. Hallmark motioned for David Brodie to purchase street signs up to \$300.00, Ald. Johnson seconded. Ald. Hallmark, Johnson, and Wilson voted aye with 0 nays.

Huff also noted that the brake caliber on the SUV is sticking. Mayor Fisher asked the board if they were okay with him taking it to get looked at. The board agreed.

Huff noted he is still working on the light bars.

Huff noted he had new information on the burglary at Goodman Tire. A suspect has been identified and is already incarcerated.

Denis Kolb: Nothing to report

David Brodie: The water line at the school has to be lowered to accommodate the new gymnasium/safe room. David is going to get it worked out with the contractors and the school for when to shut the water off so they can do the work.

Brodie also noted that the running boards on the work truck he drives are rusting out. He would like to get them replaced and will bring more information to the council.

Meghan Sexson: nothing to report.

Meghan Sexson: Liberty Utilities will be trimming trees in the near future. They will be doing all of Hwy 59 and the side streets. If you have any questions, call Marilyn Ponder at 417-625-5185.

Sexson stated that she needed a motion to remove Karla from the bank accounts and a motion to add the new clerk to the accounts.

Ald. Hallmark motioned to remove Karla McNorton from the First Community Bank accounts, Ald. Wilson seconded. Ald. Hallmark, Johnson, and Wilson voted aye with 0 nays.

Ald. Hallmark motioned to add Georgia Holtz to the First Community Bank accounts, Ald. Wilson seconded. Ald. Hallmark, Johnson, and Wilson voted aye with 0 nays.

Sexson then stated that in order to retrieve the bank statements we have to have online bank access and she would need either herself or Shirley given access.

Ald. Hallmark motioned to add Shirley Igisomar to online banking with First Community Bank, Ald. Johnson seconded. Ald. Hallmark, Johnson, and Wilson voted aye with 0 nays.

The Board discussed the bills in the amount of \$8,183.97 including transfers.

Ald. Wilson moved to approve the bills in the amount of \$8,183.97 including transfers. Ald. Hallmark seconded. Ald. Hallmark, Johnson, and Wilson voted aye with 0 nays.

Citizens business:

Leann Cooper stated that at a previous council meeting Ald. Hallmark spoke about PTO and Overtime; that a lot was paid out in 2019, but wasn't it for several employees that had left the City? Cooper also asked about the City Facebook page; who is the admin? Ald. Hallmark stated she was. Cooper asked that when Ald. Hallmark is no longer on the council, will she relinquish the page to the City. Ald. Hallmark stated yes. Cooper then asked when would the public know who is running for council? Clerk Pro-Tem Meghan Sexson stated that for Northward Alderman: Sammie Jo Goodson and Nick Smith had signed up. And for Southward Alderman: Beth Hallmark and Clay Sexson had signed up.

Mayor Fisher noted he had spoken with John Bunch about his trash service. Mr. Bunch stated he owns two properties that are side by side. One of the properties is only used for a she-shed and he would like the trash line taken off his water bill as he doesn't use it. Ald. Wilson motioned to remove the trash from Mr. Bunch's water bill, Ald. Hallmark seconded. Ald. Hallmark, Johnson, and Wilson voted aye with 0 nays.

It was then asked when the next work session would be for the sidewalk program. The board agreed that the next work session would be January 28, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. after the Community Building work session.

Ald. Hallmark moved to adjourn the meeting. Ald. Wilson seconded. Ald. Hallmark, Johnson, and Wilson voted aye with 0 nays.




J.R. Fisher, Mayor

Date: 2-4-2020
Approved: ms.