MAYOR JAMES HUDNALL RECORDER JESSICA MORRIS MUNICIPAL JUDGE JAMES CONFERE CHIEF OF POLICE DARRICK COX

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Town Council Meeting 2/7/2023

Members

Mayor James Hudnall	Present
Recorder Jessica Morris	Present
Ashley Young	Present
Mark Harrison	Present
Kenny Barton	Present
Poncho Roark	Present
Bill Holcomb	Present

Meeting Called to order by Mayor Hudnall.

Roll Call, all members present.

Minutes for January 2023 Meeting passed out to all council members. Motion made to approve the minutes by Councilman Harrison, seconded by Councilwoman Young. Motion Passed.

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The Financial Report for January 2023 were passed out to all council members. Motion made to approve the Financial Report by Councilman Barton. Councilman Holcomb questioned the purchasing of a Side by Side for the Police Department using a Public Safety Grant because there was no vote at a Town Council Meeting and there was also no Special Session to take a vote. The Mayor called all Council Members on the telephone for approval before the purchase was made & Councilman Holcomb was the only one opposed. Councilman Harrison also expressed concern that it may be viewed as a waste of money & would be questioned. A state bid was accepted, and the Town paid \$9,875 & the grant paid \$11,719. The Motion to approve the Financial Report was seconded by Councilwoman Young. In favor were Councilman Barton, Councilman Roark, Councilman Harrison, Councilwoman Young & Recorder Morris, Councilman Holcomb was opposed. Motion passed.

Old Business

Sewer update on Terminations/ Town Clerk Jessica Morris stated that in January we sent out 69 Termination Letters for \$9,244.25 and collected \$6,099.53 & we sent up 5 customers for disconnect. The current Sewer Account Balance is \$97,929.40

Ordinance Committee Update/ Jock Young said there were no updates. The ordinances need to be updated & organized.

The completed Community Center Rental Agreement was presented to all Council Members to review. The Community Center is ready for rental as soon as the toilet is replaced this week.

New Business

Sidewalk Grant/ The new project total \$445,000.00, The 20% sponsor match is \$89,000.00 and The federal funds would be \$356,000. Councilman Barton made a motion to pay \$89,000 out of the American Rescue Plan Act Fund for the William Street Sidewalk Project, Councilman Harrison seconded. Motion Passed.

Sale of Skid Steer/ It does not run currently, needs some parts replaced. Councilman Holcomb also suggested we accept bids for the sale of the two tires that were incorrectly purchased for the Garbage Truck. Councilman Harrison made a motion to accept bids for the sale of the Skid Steer & the tires, seconded by Councilman Barton. Motion passed.

Raises for elected officials/ It has been years since the elected officials have been given a raise. The current rates are Council \$100, Mayor \$150, Recorder/Treasurer \$368, Judge \$275. Will be discussed at a later meeting.

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Astro Turf for the Ball Field/ Gordy Coleman said a rough estimate he collected, not accurate, was very expensive around \$288,000 for the whole field. We could contact the City of Charleston or Turf Alliance to find out how to get an estimate. The ARPA money could be used for this. Mayor Hudnall will check on this.

Riverside High School Project Graduation 2023/ They are collecting donations for this years Project Graduation. Councilman Barton made a motion to donate \$400 to RHS Project Graduation, seconded by Councilwoman Young. Motion Passed.

Councilman Roark asked what we were doing about the work to the Town Hall. We haven't received an estimate yet. The Town Signs have been ordered along with the Ball Field Sign. He also mentioned purchasing 3 flag poles for the entrance of town when permission is granted to put them in. Councilman Barton suggested we wait until the signs have been put up. There is also a large root near the old bar that needs to be removed. The WVDOH will be putting up KIA signs on the bridges.

Councilman Holcomb had concerns about the part time policeman taking the cruiser home. A motion was made by Councilman Holcomb to NOT let him take it home, seconded by Councilman Roark. Roll call vote was made, Councilman Barton Nay, Councilman Harrison Nay, Councilwoman Young Nay, Recorder Morris Nay. Motion denied.

No Further business the meeting was opened to the public.

Gordy Coleman described the work that was done to the Ball Field. It cost \$600 more than originally planned to add extra support poles and fix a hole in the fence. He asked for \$1,760 to add netting inside the fence, hardware for the netting & a pitcher protection screen and to cover the \$600 extra. A motion was made by Councilman Holcomb to give the Little League \$1,760, seconded by Councilman Harrison. Motion passed.

Sandy Adkins came in angry about a speeding 4-wheeler that was driving up and down Alexander Street.

Branty Gibson asked about the ditches being cleaned & drainage on Depot Hill. The Mayor said that the State was going to clean the ditches & he would follow up with them. He also mentioned the pothole by the stop sign near the Fire Department that needs to be filled.

No further business Councilman Roark made motion to adjourn. Seconded by Recorder Morris. Motion passed, meeting adjourned.

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