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Town Council Meeting

6-2-22

Members

Mayor James Hudnall	Present
Ashley Young	Present
Mark Harrison	Present
Kenny Barton	Present
Poncho Roark	Present
Bill Holcomb	Present
Carolyn Bennett	Absent

Meeting called to order by Mayor James Hudnall. Roll call, all members were present except town recorder Carolyn Bennett. Minutes from previous meeting were passed out to each member no objections to minutes.

Old Business

The new computer software is up and running. All payroll and bills and being generated by the new software. The Town will be able to accept credit cards and debit cards soon.

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Council Member Holcomb asked if the town had sent out certified letters to the people that still owed past water bills. Mayor Hudnall answered no that we have been trying to get the new software up and running plus we was giving Jessica time to get used to being the new clerk. Mayor Hudnall said that we still plan to do it soon.

Councilmember Barton asked if we are still considering buying a new garbage truck with the COVID rescue funds. Mayor Hudnall stated that was an option, that we are looking at doing some repairs to the town hall and he would like to get an estimate on replacing everything on the basketball court.

Councilmember Roark asked if we have ordered new street signs. Councilmember Barton answered no that we are waiting for the water project to finish. He stated we had a list of all the signs that need to be ordered.

New Business

Eric Hartwell from Dunn Engineering was present to inform the council there were some extra funds left from the sewer project. Dunn Engineering did some evaluations and found some concerns that needed addressed. There is street water getting into the sewer system. They contacted the contractor that is doing the project to get an estimate of the cost to fix the problem. It took approximately nine months for them to get back with a price. It was an all or nothing price. It was twice the amount of funds that were left over. Dunn Engineering contacted Mayor Hudnall and he declined the offer to do it. Dunn Engineering went back to D.E P and explained the situation. D.E.P gave permission to solicit another contractor in the hope of getting a better price. That is what they are doing now. The town needs to install another flow meter to record street water that is going into the river. The cost for this plus Dunn Engineering accepting bids and replacing some manhole covers is approximately fifty thousand dollars. We have two hundred and fifty thousand dollars left from the project. The Town Council needs to vote to accept Dunn Engineering moving forward with this project. Councilmember Barton asked if he understood right that if we do not receive a bid under the amount, we have left then we would not continue with the project? Eric Hartwell stated that was correct. Councilmember Barton made a motion to move forward with the project. It was seconded by Councilmember Harrison. No objections, motion passed.

Councilmember Barton informed the council that the D.E.P is going to have a Class D sewer certification class at Glasgow and our employees are invited to come to the class.

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Councilmember Barton also stated there were several vehicles sitting around that we needed to get rid of and put out for public bid. It was agreed upon by all councilmembers that we will place an ad in the newspaper and Facebook that we are accepting sealed bids for the vehicles and bids will be open at the next council meeting.

Councilmember Holcomb asked why all the town employees have been working on the community center and not cutting grass. He thought the extra employee was hired to cut grass. Councilmember Barton stated that they had been cutting grass and when the grass had been caught up, they worked on the building. Mayor Hudnall stated we are not behind on cutting grass.

Councilmember Roark asked if we could have a printout of expenses paid out so far for the community center. Mayor Hudnall answered yes, he would get that for the Council next meeting.

There was no further new business, the meeting opened for public comment.

Kathy Landers asked how the sewer bills are figured. Mayor Hudnall informed her it was based on the amount of water used. She stated that her bill didn't match the amount of water used. She was informed that Town Clerk Jessica Morris would take her information and see if they could figure out what the problem may be.

Tammy Gwinn asked if the water company was finished with the paving of the streets that they have damaged. Councilmember Barton informed her no, that he and the mayor would go around town with the project manager before the project was completed to make sure everything that was damaged was repaired.

Tammy Gwinn also asked about the progress of the ordinance committee. No one from the committee was present at the meeting. She was informed that the council had been told that Alicia Mullins had been scanning the ordinance and getting them ready for the committee to go over and make recommendations to the council for changes.

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Dee Gibson asked who takes care of the drains at Depot hill. He was informed that was state road drains. He stated that they need to be cleaned.

With no further business, Councilmember Barton made a motion to adjourn it and was seconded by Councilmember Young all in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

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