

# City Council Minutes

Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

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## Call to Order

Mayor Akers called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., City Clerk Taryn Wigley called the roll.

## Attendees

Clarissa Pace, Cedric Leonard, Michael James, Mark Tiner, Craig McRae, Mike Wigley, and Claudia Hartness were present. Al Peer was absent.

## Approval of Minutes

Craig McRae moved to accept the April minutes; Cedric Leonard seconded. A yay/nay vote was called, and the motion passed unanimously.

## Unfinished Business

### a. Ordinance Supporting Quality Growth/Pre-Annexation Agreement

Mayor Akers introduced the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the ordinance. Mark Tiner motioned to waive the rules and read by title only, Cedric Leonard seconded. An aye/nay vote was called, the aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton read. Michael James questioned the blank spot in the Pre-Annexation Agreement and what the official price would be. Mayor Akers answered that the price will be \$500 for water and \$150 for sewer. It is left blank for the Council to adjust the rate in the future if they choose to do so. Michael James mentioned that this may not be efficient for apartment complexes, since they can accrue a lot of maintenance, and possibly charging per unit instead of per residential lot. It was discussed to possibly charge \$650 and then \$150 per unit. Mark Tiner requested a review of what was discussed and to move on to the third reading in June.

### b. Ordinance Concerning Mobile Vendors

Mayor Akers introduced the ordinance. He mentioned that the committee members met and came to an agreement on the ordinance, but would like to see the money that is collected from the permits to possibly be used to build or designate an assigned area for food trucks to conduct business by the lake. Mike Wigley asked if it would be a permanent spot for them to set up. Mayor Akers clarified that it would be a designated spot for food trucks to use during special events only. Mark Tiner questioned who would be collecting to permit money, Mayor Akers answered that all permitting is distributed through the water office, and they will have a certificate or receipt to post on their food truck. He also asked who would be enforcing the rules in this ordinance. Mayor Akers answered that law enforcement would oversee enforcement. Chief Chisom added that the current permit applications are available on the City website, and



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this permit will be added as well. The Council decided they would like to move on to the third reading in June.

**c. Resolution Declaring 364 E College St. a Nuisance**

City Inspector Brian Rodgers informed Council that this issue has been resolved.

**New Business**

**a. Resolution Authorizing Speed Humps at Jordan Park**

Mayor Akers introduced the resolution to the Council. Michael James motioned to suspend the rules and read by title only, Mark Tiner seconded. An aye/nay vote was called, the aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton read. Mayor Akers that there are several complaints in the area due to excessive speeding around the splash pad where families park their cars. He explained that speed humps can cause damage to emergency response vehicles, so he decided that removeable speed humps could be a good solution since they can be removed after the summer season. He would also like to put speed humps at McCloy Park as well. Mike Wigley voiced his concern that he did not want the City to have a reputation for being full of speed bumps, he is not opposed to speed humps in the City parks, but would not like to see them on City streets. Mayor Akers agreed, but voiced that the speed bumps are primarily for the safety of children when they are out of school for the summer. Craig McRae moved to accept the resolution, Claudia Hartness seconded. An aye/nay vote was called, the aye's had it and the resolution passed unanimously.

**b. Resolution Utilizing Federal TAP Grant for Lake Trail**

Mayor Akers introduced the resolution. Michael James motioned to suspend the rules and read by title only, Craig McRae seconded. An aye/nay vote was called, the aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton read. Finance Director Vickie Norris stated that this grant is for Phase 2 of the lake trail, and it will be for \$100,000.00, and that this is a 80/20% grant. The City would pay \$25,000.00 and the TAP grant would pay 100,000.00. Mark Tiner motioned to accept the resolution, Craig McRae seconded. An aye/nay vote was called, the aye's had it and the resolution passed unanimously.

**c. Resolution Authorizing Application for ADEM Grant**

Mayor Akers introduced the resolution. Michael James moved to suspend the rules and read by title only, Craig McRae seconded. An aye/nay vote was called, the aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton read. Mayor Akers explained that this \$300,000.00 grant is coming from FEMA and that it is an 80/20% reimbursement grant. It can be used for purchasing emergency equipment. Mark Tiner motioned to accept the resolution, Craig McRae seconded. An aye/nay vote was called, the aye's had it and the resolution passed unanimously.

**d. Resolution Accepting B&E Services for Davis/Merrydale Project**

Mayor Akers informed the council that he would like a motion to amend the agenda to remove this resolution and item H regarding the municipal league. He stated that the wrong form was used by B&E services. He also asked to add the contract for Area Agency on Aging and the Ordinance on solid waste rates. Michael James motioned to amend the agenda, Craig McRae seconded. An aye/nay vote was called, the aye's had it and the agenda was amended.

Re-bids for Davis/Merrydale are currently out for bid again and the bids will be opened on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

**e. Resolution Accepting Bid – KJ Parker for Bowser Rd. Pump Station**

Mayor Akers introduced the resolution. Michael James motioned to suspend the rules and read by title only, Craig McRae seconded. An aye/nay vote was called, the aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton read. Mayor Akers clarified that there was one other company that cost less than KJ Parker. However, the cheaper company gave the City that price using and lesser quality pump. The cheapest bidder that used the standard quality pump was chosen for the project. Mark Tiner motioned to accept the resolution, Cedric Leonard seconded. An aye/nay vote was called, the aye's had it and the resolution passed unanimously.

**f. Resolution Accepting Bid from ETI Services for West Plant Project**

Mayor Akers introduced the resolution. Michael James motioned to suspend the rules and read by title only, Mark Tiner seconded. An aye/nay vote was called, the aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton read. Mayor Akers informed the council with this would also include lighting at the sewer ponds. He also advised the council that the cost is under what was budgeted due to finding an alternate power source. Mark Tiner motioned to accept the resolution, Clarissa Pace seconded. An aye/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution passed unanimously.

**g. Resolution Authorizing McClellan Engineering to Perform Services**

Mayor Akers introduced the resolution. Craig McRae motioned to suspend the rules and read by title only, Michael James seconded. An aye/nay vote was called, the aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton read. Mayor Akers clarified that this is for the screw pumps to be serviced, and the money is coming from ARPA. Michael James motioned to accept the resolution, Craig McRae seconded. An aye/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution passed unanimously.

**h. Resolution Declaring 1018 Hwy 278 E a Nuisance**

Mayor Akers introduced the resolution. Craig McRae motioned to suspend the rules and read by title only, Mark Tiner seconded. An aye/nay vote was called, the aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton read. City Inspector Brian Rodgers asked the council to dismiss this resolution since the property has new owners that plan to clean the area up. The resolution was dismissed.

**i. Resolution Declaring 1030 Hwy 278 E a Nuisance**

City Inspector Brian Rodgers asked for this resolution to be dismissed. The owner is 85 years old and plans to sell the property. The resolution was dismissed.

**j. Resolution Accepting Area Agency on Aging Contract**

Mayor Akers introduced the resolution. Finance Director Vickie Norris explained that the contract is the same as previous years, except the funding has gone from \$113,897.00 to \$129,400.00. Craig McRae motioned to suspend the rules and read by title only, Michael

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James seconded. An aye/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton read. Mark Tiner asked what the City contributed to the Senior Center this year, Vickie Norris answered that no money was contributed. Mark Tiner motioned to accept the resolution, Michael James seconded. An aye/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the resolution passed unanimously.

**k. Ordinance Establishing Updated Solid Waste Rates**

Mayor Akers introduced the ordinance. Michael James motioned to not waive the 3 readings and to read the ordinance out loud, Craig McRae seconded. An aye/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and City Attorney Whit Barton read. Michael Wigley expressed concern that the proposed ordinance is changing dumpster pickups from twice a week for \$41.66 to one pickup for \$70.00. He is not opposed to the rates going up but was under the impression that the service would stay with 2 pickups per week. He also voiced concern that the trash cart pickup price is different between a business and a resident, but it is the same driver doing the same job. He would like to see each citizen and business treated fairly in pricing of trash carts and dumpsters. Mayor Akers advised the Council that he will look over past ordinances and come up with a solution to the presented problems for the next meeting. This concluded the first reading. Claudia Hartness emphasized that council needs to look at the rates yearly.

**Public Comments**

**Meeting Adjourned**

Cedric Leonard motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mark Tiner seconded. An aye/nay vote was called. The aye's had it and the meeting was adjourned.

