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Regular Meeting July 10, 2024

Mayor Anna Gindlesberger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council members present; Todd Callahan, Cody Stipp, Rayce Stiles, Randy John, Rick Rutledge, and Mayor Anna Gindlesberger. Also, present was City Maintenance, Robert Novotny III, and City Clerk, Dusti Dyke.

Said Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda – Rayce made motion to add the additions of tree stumps, camping, SXS, animals, and stamps. Todd 2<sup>nd,</sup> motion carried. Randy made motion to accept the agenda with additions, Rayce 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Minutes – Rick made and Randy 2<sup>nd</sup> motion to accept minutes from regular meeting June 12, 2024. Motion passed. Rick made motion to accept minutes from special meeting on June 25, 2024. Randy 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

Bills –Todd made and Rick 2<sup>nd</sup> motion to approve bills. Motion passed.

### **Public Comments**

### Guests-

**Sandra Barker** – Sandra has requested more set rules for camping. She is having great results in the lakes staying cleaned up. More firepits would be nice, as well as a picnic table for each camping spot. Firepits would prevent the random campfires all over. Dry-docking was also in question; other places have specific areas for that. This being the first year we have tried to have a camp host, the city is still working on getting things right.

## **New Business:**

Franchise Contract – Rick made motion to approve the One Gas franchise contract at 5%. Cody 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

**Operator Contract** – Troy Smith is willing to continue the use of his licenses for the City. His last contract was for March 1 to Sept 1. Table for August meeting.

**Property Clean-Up** – Letters have been sent. The property of 222 W. Greenwood St., has not abided. Robert will clean up said property and charge to the taxes per City Code. There are multiple people mowing their yard trimmings into the roadway. This violates city code and said offenders will be given code.

**Community Board-** Todd had an idea to get a waiver and let citizens volunteer to help. Todd made motion to contact Seth about the idea and waivers. Cody 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

**Dump Station-** Anna gave Holly Powers a form to look over our ideas, as well as BG Consultants. It would be simple to put off the alley of the City Shop that tie into the sewer line.

**Executive Session – Non-Elected Personnel-** Rayce made a motion to go into executive session with council and the mayor for 15 minutes in the City Maintenance office at 7:51 pm. Todd 2nd. Motion passed. Anna called the meeting back to order at 8:06 pm. Rayce made motion to give Robert Novotny III a raise to wages equaling \$21.00 per hour. Cody 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

**Tree Stumps** – Bo Martin stopped by the City Office and offered to remove some tree stumps at approx. \$75 per stump. Robert will see about renting first to see the cost difference. Table to August.

**SXS** – Robert has been using his personal SXS and sprayer to spray weeds around town. While doing so, something broke on the SXS. Todd made motion to pay for up to \$50.00 on parts to fix the SXS, (not labor), Rayce 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**Camping** – Everett Angleton has contacted the city about renting every camping spot available the first weekend of August and other dates pending. They will only camp if Sandra can move her camper over. Her and Russell said they would try.

**Animals** – There have been complaints about chickens and dogs getting out and running loose. One dog mentioned has been considered a potential vicious animal. Dusti will ask citizens concerned to make a statement. Todd made motion to go forward with the vicious charges with statements, Rayce 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Stamps – Stamp prices are increasing. Dusti asked permission to buy regular stamps to try and use up the extra envelopes in storage.

## **Old Business:**

## **Updates:**

Tree off of Labette St. Bridge – Table to August

**Tractor Repair** – Robert to call Case to get tractor in.

**Forestry Truck** – Chief Trout is awaiting pickup. Another department is interested, and is asking for approval at their own meeting this evening. Table to August.

**Building Repairs** – Dusti to call Goins Construction and ask her father for other references.

**Yellow Fire Department Pumper** – After discussion, Rick made motion to put it on Purple Wave. Rayce 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried. Cody made motion to have the new ambulance checked out by Powers Automotive, Todd 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**Generator** – Darren to call Greg.

# **Final Thoughts-**

Todd made and Rick 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.