

REGULAR MEETING OF
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 11, 2020

The regular meeting of the Council was called to order by Mayor Doug Cheek.

Present were Sandra Garrison, Cliff Hill, Jerry Payne, and David Dunson.

The invocation was given by Jerry Payne.

The pledge to the flag was led by Mayor Doug Cheek.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved. (4-0)

OLD BUSINESS

1. Water and Garbage Rates

Mayor Cheek stated the water and garbage rates will be continued at the next work session.

2. Mayor & Council pay

Mayor Cheek stated that discussions regarding the increases will be continued at the next work session.

3. Sewer

Mayor Cheek discussed the need for a feasibility study and the difference in price between the Turnipseed proposal and the second proposal. He made the suggestion that Turnipseed come and explain the proposal more in depth so they have a better understanding of what is included in it. He stated that the engineer would need to work with Banks County on the project. Jerry Payne asked if Turnipseed would be writing the grant. Mayor Cheek stated that it was his understanding that they would write the grant. Mr. Payne suggested that using Turnipseed as the project engineer. He also mentioned contacting Daniel Martin at GRC regarding the grant for the project if the Mayor and council are interested in using them. Mr. Payne stated that GRC charges a small fee for grant writing but that it would be less since the town is a member. Mayor Cheek suggested that they wait to get more information and talk to Turnipseed before a decision is made on which company to use for the feasibility study.

4. Staff salaries

Mayor Cheek stated that staff salaries will be discussed in closed session.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Tree Ordinance

Town Clerk, Carol Ayers, explained that the proposed tree ordinance was in place to help the smaller cities and do away with the board. Jerry Payne made the motion to accept the attached tree ordinance. Motion was seconded by Cliff Hill and approved. (4-0)

2. PUBLIQ (QS1)

Vincent Tuccillo, Publiq representative, explained the different options for credit card payments; online, POS (in person), and phone (Interactive Voice Response System). The payment system would be integrated with the Publiq software and post the payment to the customers account in real time (90 seconds). Rate would be 2.95% for Mastercard, Visa, and American Express or 2.65% for just Mastercard and Visa. The town currently charges 4%. The town does not pay any transaction fee, but a monthly fee will have to be paid in order for Publiq to maintain the software and offer support. If the options for internet and phone pay are chosen, the internet payments for utility billing is the only software that will have to be purchased in the amount of \$3,795.00. If the options for internet and POS payments are

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chosen the signature pad (hardware), centralized collection, and internet payments for utility billing software will have to be purchased in the amount of \$6,560.00. No decisions were made. (quote attached)

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Fire Department Wall

Mayor Cheek presented the quote for the repairs to the concrete block wall at the fire station. Jeff Banks submitted a quote in the amount of \$13,400.00 for the repairs to the wall. Jerry Payne made the motion to accept the quote from Jeff Banks in the amount of \$13,400.00. Motion was seconded by Sandra Garrison and approved. (4-0)

2. Town Hall parking lot repaving

Cliff Hill presented quotes for the paving of the parking lot at Town Hall. Three quotes were submitted; \$20,950.00 from Souder Asphalt, \$32,038.00 from Stratton and Son, and \$33,062.50 from All About Asphalt. Sandra Garrison made the motion to accept the quote from Souder Asphalt in the amount of \$20,950.00. Motion was seconded by David Dunson and approved. (4-0)

3. Fire Department parking lot

Cliff Hill presented quotes for the concrete parking lot at the fire station. Three quotes were submitted; \$121,300.00 from Upstate Curb, \$95,100.00 from Jeff Banks, and \$114,700.00 from Smith Concrete. Sandra Garrison made the motion to accept the quote from Jeff Banks in the amount of \$95,100.00. Motion was seconded by Jerry Payne and approved. (4-0)

4. Church Heating and Air installation

Mayor Cheek presented quotes for the installation of heating and air at the old Alliance church building. Four quotes were submitted; \$18,000.00 from Brian Wade, \$24,480.00 from Jeff Banks, \$11,889.00 for system to be installed in attic space and \$14,486.00 for package unit system with vents in the floor from Highland Heating and Air Conditioning, LLC, and \$9,549.00 from James Carlan. Motion was made by Jerry Payne to accept the quote from James Carlan in the amount of \$9,549.00. Motion was seconded by Sandra Garrison and approved. (4-0)

5. Remodel at Town Hall (office space)

Mayor Cheek presented a quote from Jeff Banks in the amount of \$7,718.00 for the extension of Town Hall office space. Mayor Cheek suggested was made to get more quotes on this project. No decisions were made.

Mayor Cheek suggested going into Executive Session to discuss staff salaries and litigation. Jerry Payne made to motion to go into closed session at 7:42 p.m. Roll call: Mayor Doug Cheek, Sandra Garrison, Jerry Payne, Cliff Hill, David Dunson.

Opened regular meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Mayor Cheek stated that there was nothing to report from the Executive Session.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Doug Cheek, Mayor

Carol Ayers, Clerk

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