

MINUTES
Regular Town Council Meeting
August 15, 2017

Council Attendance: Mayor Derek Underwood, Councilmen: Allen Gallman, Chad Hawkins, Mike Hawkins and Robert Martin

Administrative Attendance: Karen Livingston, Town Administrator; Michelle Bundrick, Clerk Treasurer; Ed West, Utility Director; David Beddingfield, Police Chief and Lisa Senn, Town Attorney.

Mayor Underwood called the Regular Meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He asked Councilman Gallman to open with prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

OPEN SESSION:

Mr. Donald Eaves shared with Council his thoughts on the no smoking policy. He opposed the policy even though he is not a smoker but would like for us to talk with business owner's to get their input before making a decision.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Underwood presented the Minutes from July 18, 2017 Regular Council Meeting for approval.

A MOTION by Councilman Allen Gallman to approve the minutes from July 18, 2017; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kevin O'Donnell- Update on Duke Rates:

Mr. O'Donnell updated Council on the Coal Ash figures. He stated the liability for 2015 is \$25, 283; 2016 is \$34,923 and 2017 is \$36,367. He stated 2017 is an estimated figure and he will come back in the spring of 2018 with the actual figures. Discussion followed.

A MOTION by Councilman Chad Hawkins to add C under executive session- a contractual matter in the Electrical Department; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman, and so approved unanimously.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Electrical & Economic Development: Councilman Mike Hawkins stated the grand opening for Highly Flavored was last Thursday and it is good to open a new business. He stated the Auction was tonight and there are lots of cars in our parking lots in town. He stated we need more parking.

Public Safety, Streets & Sanitation: Councilman Chad Hawkins stated he has not heard from the Chief of Rescue. He stated the DOT is still working on the sidewalk project. He stated our sanitation agreement expires November 30th and we will talk more about this in executive session.

Public Works, Buildings & Properties: Councilman Robert Martin stated Tres Amigos hoped to be open on Monday. He stated Ed is still working on the water project on Washington Street and would give an update later in the meeting. He stated someone fell between the drugstore and Western Auto today. Discussion followed.

Parks, Recreation & Events: Councilman Allen Gallman stated recreation is going well and soccer registration deadline is August 28th. Mrs. Livingston stated the CPST Project was looking to start in November.

Police Department: Mayor Underwood stated the Chief stepped out for an emergency on Shealy Drive.

Utility Department: Mr. West stated the lid was broken at the vault in the alley way beside the Blend where our main feed comes from the Sub Station. He stated we would be installing the new lid by the end of the week. Discussion followed. Council would like for Mrs. Livingston to send a letter to the DOT asking what we can do and what needs to be done on limiting the weight that travels through the area. Mr. West stated they were cutting some dead trees in the park.

Town Attorney: Mrs. Senn had nothing to report.

Town Administrator: Mrs. Livingston had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

One Way Traffic in Town Square: Councilman Mike Hawkins suggested a double turn at Grace Street. Discussion followed. Council suggested sending the DOT a preliminary drawing telling them what we want and asking how we can make this work.

Update on CPST Project: Mrs. Livingston stated they met with Alliance on Thursday and she stated they had a beautiful design but no fields were lighted. She stated they requested a break down on the budget. Discussion followed.

Update on Washington Street Water System Improvements Project: Mr. West stated they were working on the town's other needs and are having an issue getting equipment for this project. He stated they had made a connection at the traffic jam of utilities and are a 3rd of the way on the piping. He stated they would get back on this project Wednesday of next week.

Discussion-Town Wide Ordinance Prohibiting Smoking: Mayor Underwood and Council decided it would be a good idea to bring the Business Association into the discussion of the no smoking ordinance. Discussion followed.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

There were no general comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: a. Contractual Matter-Sanitation Department
b. Personnel Issue – Police Department
c. Contractual Matter-Electric Department

A MOTION by Councilman Chad Hawkins to move into Executive Session; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

A MOTION by Councilman Robert Martin to move out of Executive Session; seconded by Councilman Allen Gallman, and so approved unanimously.

Upon returning to open session, Council may take action on matters discussed in Executive Session.

Mayor Underwood stated the Sanitation contract expires on November 30th and Council wishes to put out an RFP to put the service out for bid for residential, commercial and recycling and giving Advanced Disposal a ninety day notice of this request.

A MOTION by Councilman Mike Hawkins to put an RFP out to put the sanitation service back out for bids; seconded by Councilman Robert Martin, and so approved unanimously.

Mayor Underwood adjourned the meeting at 8:45p.m.

Michelle Bundrick Michelle Bundrick, Clerk/Treasurer