**City of Colbert**

**Council Meeting**

**December 4, 2017**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Present: Chris Peck; Evelyn Power; Tim Wyatt; Roger Fortson; Bert Robinson; Dale Perry; John Waggoner; Ann Waggoner; Vicky Smith; Joe McGuffin**

**Meeting Called to Order and Prayer – Mayor Chris Peck**

**Adoption of December 4th Agenda – Tim Wyatt made motion to adopt Agenda; Motion seconded by Bert Robinson. All approved**

**Approval of Minutes from November 6th, 2017 Meeting – Stand as written**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Gym/FireHall Project – Dale Perry stated the old gym could be demolished using SPLOST funds since it was going to be replaced with another building, possibly a new firehall. He stated the financial arrangements needed to be worked out between the fire department and the bank. The City would need a set of plans and an estimate for construction. Tim Wyatt, fire chief, stated he would report back to council. City will retain ownership of property.**

**LMIG – Mayor Peck stated that the OSS 2016 funding for street striping and/or safety signs has been revised and the D.O.T. has funding available for streets within the City Limits to be striped. Mayor Peck will revise his listing of streets and road signs/safety within the City and advise the locations. The grant allows up to $24,000 with a 30% match from the City or use lowest bid. A motion was made by Tim Wyatt and seconded by Bert Robinson to proceed with the updated application and grant process. All approved.**

**Christmas in Colbert – Reports from various groups stated the event was very well attended and successful.**

**Park Gate – pending**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2018 Budget – Motion was made by Tim Wyatt and seconded by Bert Robinson to adopt the 2018 Budget. All approved.**

**Fund Report: read no discussion**

**New Well Site: Mayor Peck asked Mr. John Waggoner to open discussion the possibility of a new well site located on vacant property behind Jack Scaffe and Doug Bray property which is located near the Farris Well and consisted of two lots, approximately 2 ½ acres. The owner, Clint Tiller, agreed that the City can explore the well. If there is water, it could cost approximately $20,000 and if no water the cost would be 0. He stated he would suggest to drill no more than 150 or 200 ft. at a cost of $1800 or maximum would be $3700 out of pocket and it would be clearly a gamble as to the amount of water found. The Farris well contract will expire in 13 years and whether the contract is renewed or not, this would be a possible usable source of water. Tim Wyatt made the motion to proceed with the new possible well and motion seconded by Bert Robinson. Discussion: The well would be owned by the city. All approved.**

**Department Reports:**

**Tim Wyatt – Stated Highway 72 – the D.O.T. needs to fix a rough place.**

**Bert Robinson – Street Lights out in Southwinds and Barnett/Third Street. Will mark poles and call.**

**Office Staff:**

1. **Requested that 25 new chairs and two new 6 foot tables be purchased for meeting room.**
2. **Need a chair caddie**
3. **Painting the paneling in meeting room.**
4. **Motion to proceed with these projects made by Bert Robinson and seconded by Tim Wyatt. All approved.**

**D.O.T. will be replacing new signs within the City Limits and they asked if the City wanted the old ones. The Council said yes.**

**Mayor Peck ended the meeting with a Merry Christmas and thanked the council and staff for all the work they are doing and have done this past year.**

**Move to Adjourn – Motion made by Tim Wyatt and seconded by Roger Fortson. All approved.**