**CITY OF COLBERT**

**COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 P.M.**

**NOVEMBER 2, 2021**

Present: Mayor Chris Peck, Council Members: Ray Thomas, Jonathan Pou, Roger Fortson, Evelyn Power; Anita Peck, Tony Mattox, Carl Trinrud, Cynthia Fortson, Kerri-Lynn Phillips, Asst. Clerk, Vicky Smith, Clerk

Call to Order and Prayer – Mayor Peck

Pledge of Allegiance

Adoption of November Agenda – Motion was made by Evelyn Power to adopt the Agenda and motion was seconded by Jonathan Pou. All approved.

Approval of October Minutes as typed.

NEW BUSINESS

Fund Report was read by Mayor Peck.

2022 Budget Proposal was discussed with some suggested changes and will be voted on next Council meeting December 6, 2021.

Discussion of security system at Depot. Security system will stay in place as is.

Staff Payroll increase was discussed and will be presented in the new budget for 2022.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Mike Bledsoe presented Third Street Drain Project Bids. He received four bids. Smith’s Grading was the lowest bid at a price of $112,927.77 plus a $5000 cushion placed by Mr. Bledsoe for any unforeseen issues. He told council that this estimate could be lower, depending on the cost of materials. After explaining all the bids, a motion was made by Jonathan Pou to accept Mr. Smith’s bid and to use ARP and Water Contingency funds, as needed, to complete project. Motion was seconded by Roger Fortson. All approved.

Mr. Bledsoe also mentioned the mapping of present water lines across town and he is in process of finishing up those maps.

Fence Man – Railing - Discussion was made about the addition of railing at Colbert Municipal Complex by Fence Man (Fulcher Fence Company). His bid was reduced to $3582.00. Roger Fortson made the motion to accept this bid and Ray Thomas seconded the motion. All approved.

Department Reports:

Jonathan Pou asked if the grass cutters were going to cut the grass at least one more time. He and Tony met with park engineer to discuss further park improvements and a possible master plan. Further discussion was made about clearing for lighting and poles along roadway to park. Tony met with Georgia Power and Jackson Electric to discuss the possibilities.

No Public input received or recorded.

Mayor Comments:

A complaint has been reported of feral (wild) cats at 2nd and 2nd.  Discussion was made about setting traps and removal of said cats to the animal shelter.

Mayor’s Additional Information:

“Celebrate Christmas,” sponsored by Colbert Baptist Church, Fire Department, and Community to be held Friday December 3rd 6:30-8:30.

Wreaths Across America to be held on Saturday December 18th 12 NOON – Colbert City Cemetery

Motion to adjourn made by Roger Fortson and seconded by Jonathan Pou. All approved.