**CITY OF COLBERT**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021 7:00 P.M**.

**Present:** Mayor Chris Peck, Evelyn Power, Roger Fortson, Jonathan Pou, Ray Thomas, Dale Perry, Anita Peck, Tony Mattox, Jody Gilliam, Tim Wyatt, Vicky Smith, Rose West

**Call to Order and Praye**r: Mayor Peck

**Adoption of March Age**nda: Motion to adopt Agenda made by Roger Fortson and seconded by Jon Pou. All approved.

**Approval of February Minutes** – as typed

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Habitat for Humanity – Lease Options for old depot office space were discussed. A motion was made by Jonathan Pou and seconded by Evelyn Power not to lease the building. All approved.

Concrete, Gutter, Boxing Work Bids – Three bids were received on the concrete work. Following discussion, a motion was made by Jonathan Pou to table this decision until more information could be obtained. Motion seconded by Ray Thomas. All approved.

July 4th Celebration – After lengthy discussions, Mayor Peck stated he would speak to the other committees and ask their opinions of some options of how to handle July 4th. Option 1: To just have a parade; Option 2: Have BBQ and Parade; Option 3: Have full blown celebration as in the past. He will contact the council after he talks with the other committees.

Trees – 9th Avenue and 1st Avenue – The city had these streets surveyed to find out exactly where the boundaries are and found that the dead trees in question on 9th Avenue are not on City property. The trees on 1st Avenue are on city property and will be cut down.

Brick Repair – Municipal Complex – The brick mason has been contacted.

Lease Agreement – Bobby Miller and Lighthouse Pentecostal Holiness Church is being revised.

Single Family Dwellings Ordinance has been revised.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Fund Report was read.

Clean-Up behind TR Tire Co. – Mayor Peck presented a price from Smith’s Grading of 2,375 to clean up behind the tire company. Evelyn Power made a motion to proceed with the clean-up and motion was seconded by Jonathan Pou. All approved.

Depot Building – The office space in the depot is in need of structural repair and needs painting. The meeting room is in need of paint and repair. Roger Fortson made a motion to proceed with the repairs and motion seconded by Ray Thomas. All approved.

Rent – Meeting Room – Motion was made by Jonathan Pou to increase rent for meeting room to $200 per day. Motion seconded by Ray Thomas. All approved.

Oak Trees – The oak trees in front of new office space at Municipal Complex are in bad condition. Mayor Peck asked if they could be cut down and he was given a price of $2600 by Tiller Services to cut all 4 trees down. Motion was made by Jonathan Pou to cut these trees down due to falling limbs and trees in bad shape. Motion seconded by Ray Thomas. All approved.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Jonathan Pou – stated that Hwy 72 was looking great and commended the lawn and grass team on a job well-done. They were also spotted picking up trash along Hwy 72.

Tony Mattox gave a report on ordering safety supplies for more signs and speed humps.

Mayor Comments: Rose West was present to discuss with council her ideas on improving the ball park. She agreed to work with a committee on ideas and park improvements and looking for grants. The discussion included making a walking trail and possibly a dog park.

Jason Luke will meet with Tony Mattox to schedule a class for certification so he can transport and supervise inmates for work inside city.

Personal Financial Disclosure forms due by July 1.

The Warranty Deed for the park is in both City of Colbert and Fire Department names. Dale Perry drew up a deed to change it to City of Colbert. Fire chief, Jody Gilliam, will present it to the Fire Department at their next meeting.

Motion to Adjourn made by Roger Fortson and seconded by Ray Thomas. All approved.