

Minutes
City Council Meeting
January 4, 2021

Present: Mayor Chris Peck, Ray Thomas, Evelyn Power, Dale Perry, Roger Fortson, Jonathan Pou, and Anita Peck

Meeting called to order and prayer given by Mayor Peck.

December Agenda was motioned to accept by Evelyn Power with second by Jonathan Pou. All approved.

November minutes were approved and signed by Mayor Peck.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mayor Peck read the Fund Report.
- Deputy Rutledge resigned, so Stat Report is not available. Jason Luke is temporary until the County hires someone permanent.
- All Contracts, Ordinances, Auditor services, Attorney services, City employee contracts, and GIRMA contracts were approved and carried forward to 2021. Evelyn motioned to approve with Ray providing a second. All approved.
- Cynthia Fortson – not in attendance.
- Habitat for Humanity would like to request a room to rent for monthly meetings and for storing a file cabinet of the organization's files. They possibly would be able to help with updating and remodeling a room in the Old Colbert School. One option discussed was the old office at the Depot since there is no heating or A/C in the East Wing of the school. Mayor Peck will call John King and go over possibilities.
- Qualifying fee for Council seat is \$49.93 and for Mayor \$122.60. Two seats will be up for qualifying this year for 2022 – Evelyn Power and Ray Thomas. Qualifying dates are August 16-20, 2021. Bruce will schedule specific days a little later in the year.
- New Department assignments were given:
 - Roger Fortson – Streets and street lights
 - Evelyn Power – Administrative emergency back-up for office
 - Ray Thomas – Fire Department liaison/Building maintenance with Tony
 - Jonathan Pou - Mayor Pro-tem/grass cutting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Lease for Bobby Miller and Lighthouse Church was tabled until next month.
- Water Line is almost finished on Charles Hart Rd. Will need to be tested before going on-line.
- Dale provided an amended Zoning Ordinances draft. Motion was made by Jonathan and seconded by Roger to extend the moratorium on new home construction, which expired Jan. 1, for 30 days pending approval of amended Ordinances. All approved. Council will take the

month of January to read and respond to the document provided and will take a vote at February's meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Jonathan – received certificate for attending Crisis Coordinator Training
- Ray – The new front office has water damage on floor and Tom is replacing some of the flooring tiles.
- Roger, Evelyn, and Staff – no report

PUBLIC INPUT

None

MAYOR PECK COMMENTS

- Wreaths Across America was a success and well attended for the first ceremony.
- City Hall's new offices are complete and we have relocated. New signs should be installed this week. A huge thanks to C & C Hydraulics for moving the desks and heavy file cabinets.
- Chris and Tony met with Rose West, who will help with ball park ideas and possible grants as well. Some ideas include a dog park and walking or bike trail.
- Grass cutters have begun working on sidewalks and are doing a great job.

ADJOURN

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

NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 1, 2021