

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes Caucus Meeting November 2, 2021**

After the pledge and invocation by Amy Hurst, Mayor Stinson called the meeting to order.

The following Council Members answering roll call:

Amy Hurst	Present	Joyce Carson	Present
Craig Owen	Present	Sebastian Ernst	Present
Darryl Ammerman	Present	Luke Price	Present

Also Present: Attorney Brandon Voelker

Michael Lanin was present to give an update on the Abigail Project. He stated that members would be flying in on November 15 to see the property. He asked Council to get any questions to them beforehand so they could prepare their responses. Amy Hurst asked Mr. Lanin if there was any update on Head Start and he responded that they (Head Start) have resubmitted their plans.

There is 5.75 acres on Grimes Road that the City owns. Mayor Stinson asked Council what they would like to see happen with the property. It was agreed to get rid of it and Attorney Voelker stated it could be put up for surplus at the next Council Meeting.

Luke Price provided quotes from Coffey and Lightmart for the bridge lights. The estimates have gone up and it was decided to move forward with these prices as soon as possible. Mayor Stinson will ensure purchase orders get to each one.

Ramona Williams has emailed Brett Price with Planning and Zoning for a status on the text amendments. At the time of this meeting, there has been no response from Mr. Price. Planning and Zoning needs to hold a hearing which they have yet to complete.

The creation of a building inspector position was discussed. Bruce Hall can provide some of what we need done, but in order to do more, an official position must be created. It was decided that the position will be created at the next Council Meeting.

The closing on the sewer project was October 27 and the City is under an agreed order to increase sewer rates. They are currently 13.11 and will increase to 17.01. The first reading for

this increase will be at the next Council Meeting. Also, the CPI will be on next month's utility bills.

Departmental reports:

Gary Lea – Gary reported that leaf pickup has started. The truck should be running every Monday, Wednesday and Friday through November. He also stated that all of the new LED lights are up that he currently has. Due to his only CDL driver being out the next three days, Gary will be driving the garbage truck.


Andy Richie – Andy reported that things were about the same. Things at the sewer plant were progressing. Luke Price asked him about the pump stations and he stated that they are running, but not great. They will patch a problem and move on. Dawn Hughes stated that she contacted Tommy Leach and they are waiting on Attorney Voelker to perform the title search.


Dave Klaber – Dave submitted his monthly report and stated that October was slower than normal. He stated they cleared around \$500 at the Cruise-In. Mask testing went well and they have 23 on order. He also stated that there are two trucks that still need general maintenance and the new tanks are in service.

Shannon Clem – Chief Clem submitted his monthly report. He stated he had three in training last month and one next week. Shelley Wright had provided Council with an updated Code Enforcement Citations spreadsheet. Joyce Carson asked Chief Clem why no action had been taken on several of those properties. Chief Clem said he would have to follow up with Mark Branham about those. Joyce Carson then asked Attorney Voelker about a "checklist" on how to proceed with the blighted properties. Several final orders were sent out yesterday on properties. After 30 days if there has been no response, liens are to be filed.

City Clerk Ramona Williams was absent; Shelley Wright reported out for her. She stated that the property tax bills have all been mailed and payments were coming in steadily. She also stated that work was being done to better track and update Code Enforcement citations and problems.

Steve Groh was present and again voiced his concerns on blighted properties in the City.


Ron Stinson, Mayor


Attest: City Clerk