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CITY COUNCIL MEETING Minutes Caucus Meeting August 2, 2022

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

The following Council Members answering roll call:

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

Also Present: Attorney Brandon Voelker

Mayor Stinson recognized guest Kenny Gibson who is the Assistant Chief of Pendleton County Search & Rescue. He submitted quarterly reports and the yearly budget. He explained some of the work they have done and training hours for the members with the continuing education. Council appreciated their attendance and wanted SAR to know from an auditing and accounting perspective the request for funds needed to be done prior to July 1, preferably during budget discussions. Clerk Williams asked they get an invoice or letter of request for funds, and she would see they get paid. All council thanked them for their service and attending the meeting.

Departmental reports:

Shannon Clem-submitted his monthly report for discussion. He stated that Officer Branham was still hospitalized, he had undergone procedure to remove the stint, and if all goes well, he may get out of hospital next day. Code Enforcement was discussed with Council letting him know there needs to be more follow up on the citations being issued.

Clerk Ramona Williams – nothing to report. Asked Shelley Wright to report on her week of training. Shelley stated several really good workshops that included Code Enforcement and the need to follow up and fine people daily. She stated it was an issue across the State; all clerks expressed concern. Other workshops included ABC training, document archival, and hostile work environment. Clerk Williams also stated she had sent NKADD the tax numbers and was waiting to hear back for rates.

John Lucas was present in the absence of Chief Klaber. He submitted his monthly fire report adding they were at full staff with 30 members. He felt they were having great turnout on runs

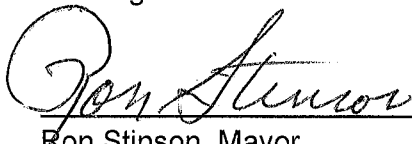
and training. They had begun the annual hose testing and scheduling the other testing for SCBA function and ladders. They had done some public education at Camp Northward and the Early childhood Carnival as well as present at the Youth fair 4 nights.

Gary Lea – Had to rush out of meeting due to an electrical outage. He returned to say a fuse went out in the same location as previously in the week. Explained the bucket truck was down due to a possible hydraulic pump going bad. Amy Hurst inquired about the ditch along Elm Street and debris getting up around the poles blocking water flow. Joyce Carson asked when the fire lanes and hydrant areas can be marked so as to enforce the no parking in those areas. Per Attorney Voelker, once in place and per ordinance a warning citation can be issued to be moved, second offense automatic tow at owner's expense.

After department reports were complete, Mayor Stinson then asked for other discussion. Joyce Carson asked what the next step in the process was after filing liens to foreclosure on abandoned properties. A listing of delinquent taxes included several of these properties and it was a consensus to proceed with several of those.

Mayor Stinson had sent a copy of the Pendleton County Recreation Contract that was due to renewal. There was discussion on the City Portion/obligation and most felt that the amount previous allocated needed to be reduced. The issue of an invoice for the John Deer Rake purchase in March, had just been received August 1 and being submitted for the city's third portion. Due to the purchase being approved in the budget for previous year, it would have to be expended in the new FY, therefore, several felt there would be no approval of any additional purchases as they were asking for a gator. Clerk Williams again stated that all the entities requesting funds need to come before council prior to June 30 when contracts and FY years end. If not, going forward, it will not be budgeted. This is standard auditing and accounting practices.

Meeting ended



Ron Stinson, Mayor



Attest: City Clerk