

## Council Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2020

Lone Oak Town Hall

4945 Lone Oak Road

Present: Mayor Phillip Dow, Councilmember Kody Forbus, Councilmember Susan Banks, Councilmember Jon Ivester, and CSR Debbie Watson.

Not Present: Councilmember Jennifer Lamb and Water Superintendent Chris Wheelus

Call to Order – Mayor Dow called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Invocation: Councilmember Susan Banks

Pledge of Allegiance: All

Approval of Agenda

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Start of Public Hearing:** 6:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mr. Willis Briggs approached the council with several questions that he needed answers for from the Mayor and Councilmembers. Mr. Briggs asked the council about the 100,000 dollars that the city received from the land field for 10 years. He inquired about how the money was spent and how much we had left.

Another question was about the tipping fees we received from the land field. He said that Meriwether county gets so much and the Town of Lone Oak gets so much. He wanted to know why it was so different and Mayor Dow tried to explain that the fees were based on the population of the cities.

Mr. Briggs wanted to know what was being done on extending the water lines and annexing houses into the city limits. Mayor Dow advised that we have someone working on a grant to extend the water lines. The council said that they need to have an executive meeting with Superintendent Chris to answer some questions.

Mr. Briggs brought up to the council that the city of Lone Oak needed to start doing building permits for people building or remodeling inside the city limits. He said that a simple \$25.00 fee would bring in additional revenue and that the city would know what was going on in the town as far as building.

Mr. Briggs said that he had heard that the ballfield was going up for sale. Mayor Dow advised that we had received a proposal to enter a bid for the property and that the city attorney had sent a letter to the commissioners and was taking care of our interest in the ballfield.

Mr. Briggs suggested that the council split up the projects so that all projects can be worked on at the same time instead of one thing.

Mr. Briggs also asked about some people working on the well and wanted to know what was going on. Mayor Dow told him that it was our old well and they were getting a pump out of the well and was discussing about having the well replaced.

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:** Willis Briggs

**ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING:** the public hearing was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mayor Dow opened the regular meeting and asked if there were any changes or additions to the August minutes and there being none asked for a motion to accept the minutes as read. Councilmember Banks made the motion to accept, Councilmember Forbus seconded the motion. Vote: All were in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS:** Mayor Dow asked if there were any question concerning the July financials for the Town and Water System, copies of which will be attached and made a part of these minutes. Mayor Dow asked for a motion to approve financials as read. Motion was made by Councilmember Banks to accept the financials and Councilmember Forbus seconded the motion. Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

**WATER SYSTEM UPDATE:** Water system has been quite this month. There is a leak at the community building and Chris and Crawford are working to get prices and getting the leak fixed. Chris advised that Crawford could bore under the concrete and replace the lines without cracking the concrete. Councilmember Ivester said he had a Plummer that did that kind of work and he would call and get an estimate from him as well.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** The unfinished business that was on the agenda for the meeting was the budget for the Town for 202-2021. Councilmember Banks made the motion to accept the budget and Councilmember Forbus seconded the motion. Vote: All was in favor. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The \$4 surcharge to all customers bills was tabled for a later date. The water billing process and the process for renting out the Community Building for our ordinances. Attorney Catherine Jenkins and myself will be getting together later for questions she may have.

Councilmember Ivester said that there was a tree or tree limbs that needed to be removed. Mayor Dow is going to check with Nancy Gray to find out more on the tree.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:** The Mayor said that he would like to have an executive session after the meeting to discuss the water system with the county. He needed to get the feeling from the council as to what they wanted to do with the water.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no other business, Mayor Dow asked for a motion to adjourn the regular meeting.

Councilmember Banks made the motion to adjourn and Councilmember Forbus seconded the motion. Vote: All were in favor. Motion carried.

The council dismissed the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020.

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Debbie Watson, CSR