

Mayor Jim Fisher called the meeting to order at around 6:00 pm. Roll Call: Bruce Schmidt, Paul Malm, Tom Conolly, Nate Bauer, and Mike Ofert are present. Ofert motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Conolly. Ayes, motion carries. Malm motioned to approve minutes from the last meeting, seconded by Conolly. Ayes, motion carries. Bauer motioned to approve the bills, seconded by Conolly. Ayes, motion carries. Conolly motioned to approve the Treasurer's report for June, seconded by Ofert. Ayes, motion carries. Council discussed the Urban Revitalization Tax Abatement application from Jarrod Reese of 208 S 1st Street but due to recent changes to the UR plan, this needs reviewed before it can be approved. Thompson will review and update council. No action taken, will review in the future. Guests include Chad Thompson, Kent Baker, Chief Jereme Muller, Public Works Superintendent Mike Weaver, Stee Maxwell, Bob Logan, Scott Gernhart, Officer Edgar Rodriguez, Kathy Wright and Doug Wright. During Open Forum, Kathy Wright expressed that she would like to see current pet ordinances changed to require pet owners to remove all pet waste from their yards. Bob Logan said that he read an article in the paper that the council denied a building permit from the Medical Clinic to build a garage and would really like to see the council approve this permit. Also, he asked if the council would like to buy three of his lots near the Community Center for \$22,000 per lot and requests paperwork showing where he gave permission for the walking trail to be built on lots that he owns there. He asks the council to consider connecting his neighbor's property to the South into a nearby storm sewer to prevent the mud-hole that is created after it rains.

Mike Weaver gave a Public Works update. Council discussed the budgeted water rate increase of \$1.00 per first thousand gallons, \$0.25 per thousand gallons after, and \$32.50 per month for non-metered units. Conolly motions to approve this increase, seconded by Ofert. Ayes, motion carries. Attorney Thompson will prepare the Ordinance for review. Weaver updated council on recent repairs to the street sweeper and the upcoming invoice for the work. Bauer motioned to approve this expense, seconded by Conolly. Ayes, motion carries. Chief Muller gave a Police Department update.

Stee Maxwell with MCDAl presented information to the council about the Christmas lights and trees project on which they have been working with Mike Weaver. Because of a warranty benefit, they request the City order these items and then in turn will reimburse the City. Council is agreeable to this arrangement and has approved the purchase of the lights/trees with this month's bills. Council discussed repair of Circle Drive, West Drive, S. Pearl (through Memorial Park) and the alley near Casey's General Store and requested that Mike Weaver get bids and present to the council. Engineer Scott Gernhart let the council know that the Meredith Lane street project is nearly completed by contractor RP Constructors. No action taken on the development agreement with GM Acoustics, LLC regarding housing on Meredith Lane as Attorney Thompson has resolved the issue. No update on the sidewalk project in front of Motorville at 18 South 1st Street.

Council discussed the Motel 20 property at 631 Frontage and reviewed the asbestos testing report recently completed by Environmental Services. Also provided was a price for asbestos removal and remediation and council is interested in learning more about the DNR Derelict Building grant application process that may be available to help with the cost of demolition. Thompson recommends making a list of groups of items to be sold and then schedule a public hearing and bid opening. Schmidt motioned to pass Resolution 2019-45 setting a public hearing for August 7, 2019 at 6pm to set bid due date of August 19th, and bid opening date of August 21st to sell Motel 20 property, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries. Council discussed the water bill at the Woodbury County Fairgrounds at the Fair Board's request. There have been 2 months of high consumption due to numerous leaks. No action taken at this time.

Bauer motioned to approve the liquor license application from the City of Menville for the Community Center bar, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries. Malm motioned to approve the liquor license application from Dollar General, seconded by Ofert. Ayes, motion carries. Malm motioned to approve the liquor license application from the 4-Way Stop and Shop, seconded by Bauer. Ayes, motion carries. Mayor Fisher updated the council that we have not been enforcing nuisance ordinances within the trailer court at 30 South 5th Street as we were unsure of the process. Fisher requested Thompson draft a letter informing the property owner that enforcement processes will begin soon.

With no further business Bauer motioned to adjourn at around 7:40 pm and Malm seconded. All ayes, motion carries-meeting closed.

Jodi Peterson
City Clerk

Jim Fisher
Mayor