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CITY OF TYLER
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 2, 2015
7:00 PM
TYLER FIRE HALL

Mayor Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present included Mayor Merv Peterson, Council Members Erick Harper, Ivan Petersen, Tim Sanderson, City Administrator Robert Wolfington, Legal Council Glen Petersen, Police Officer Eric Bloch, City Clerk Barb Powell, Mike Bloom, Ron Persoon, Larry Wyttenback, Greg Peter, David Haroldson, Cricket Ratcke, Gary Manson, Darrel Denney, Mark Wilmes.

City Administrator Wolfington requested that 14-B on the agenda, water meter complaint, be placed as an item under the public express, the item was item 8-A.

Motion made by Petersen, seconded by Harper and passed unanimously to approve the agenda with the change of item change 14b to 8a for the February 2, 2015 meeting and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Petersen seconded by Harper and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2015 meeting.

Tim Sanderson took the oath of office for the position of council member as he could not be at the January 5, 2015 meeting. Mayor Peterson welcomed Tim to the council.

Merv Peterson was elected Mayor which left his seat on the council vacant with two years remaining on the term. The council elected to take applications for the vacant seat and those who were interested were to contact Administrator Wolfington. Administrator Wolfington invited the interested applicants to this meeting. The four interested parties were Gary Manson, Larry Wyttenback, Darrel Denney and Cricket Ratchke. After a question and answer format the council pursued a point based system to select a new council member.

Mayor Petersen thanked all the applicants for coming to the meeting.

After tallying the votes a Motion by Petersen seconded by Sanderson to accept Ratchke as the new council member passed unanimously.

Cricket Ractke read her oath of office as the new council member for the City of Tyler

Committee assignments:

Acting Mayor - Harper

Budget Committee: Merv Peterson, Erick Harper

Public Safety: Merv Peterson

Investment: Merv Peterson, Ivan Petersen
Airport: Ivan Petersen
TRED: Ivan Petersen, Cricket Ratchke
Parks and Rec: Ivan Petersen
Personnel: Erick Harper, Tim Sanderson
Utility: Tim Sanderson
Civil Defense: Tim Sanderson
Library: Cricket Ratchke

Council Member Harper recommended Larry Wyttenback be on the TRED board as he has been working on a possible broadband- fiber optic project in the city. A motion was made by Harper, seconded by Ratchke to have Larry Wyttenback appointed to the TRED board.

Council Comments- Mayor Peterson stated that he and Administrator Wolfington attended the fiber optic meeting with Woodstock telephone.

Correspondence: The City of Tyler received a request from the Lake Benton Lake Improvement District. Greg Peter was present to represent the Lake Benton Lake Improvement District. Greg expressed his appreciation for the past years of the city's financial support. The efforts of the LBLID board are to restore the recreational use of the Lake Benton Lake. They are requesting \$2,500 for 2015. The district is in maintenance mode right now the DNR would like the weed to be an invasive weed again. Robert Olsen from the Lincoln County Environmental Office takes samples of the lake in the spring. The board undertook a substantial amount of funds before the chemical treatments and has been paying back the county at \$34,000 per year with two years remaining. The cost of the treatment if they should have to do it again would be in the \$30,000 range. The district continues to tax the area residents and have a special assessment on the farmers that farm around the lake and continue to get donations. Every year with these things the district breaks about even. Motion by Petersen seconded by Harper and passed unanimously to give the Lake Benton Lake Improvement District \$2,500 for the 2015 year.

SRDC- Darrel Denney represented municipalities from Lincoln County but now that he is not on the council the council would have to nominate someone else to represent the County. Administrator Wolfington will continue to get information on this and return to the council.

Public Express: Larry Wyttenback expressed that he has been working with the gentlemen from Woodstock Telephone on the fiber optic opportunities. Larry stated that the initial \$1,000 sign up fee for the business has been dropped. For 20 megabytes and 30 businesses the cost would be \$150 per month for three years. There are three internet companies in town the first one here has not updated any of their lines since they were put in. This is just a business opportunity right now. Larry will get information and come back to the council about putting fiber optic to each business in town.

Ron Persoon was present when the water project was taking place the contractor went to his mothers and installed a new valve. The pipe to the valve had to be moved and the valve started leaking. Ron feels

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since the installer moved the pipe and installed the valve that was leaking he feels the installer should be responsible for the repair of the leak. Administrator Wolfington recommended that the city contact the contractor to notify the subcontractor that the city is not responsible for the repair of the leak which was about \$90.00. Motion by Harper seconded by Ratchke and passed unanimously for the leak bill to be forwarded to the city and the city will pay.

Darrel Denney stated that he has had a small leak in a pipe in his basement. He has asked the utility guys to find the curb stop so that this could be fixed and the city utility personnel cannot find the curb stop. There are two or three other homes that have this same problem.

Police report was given by Officer Bloch. There was a burglary in January and there is a suspect and there was nothing taken so it's a forced entry at this point.

Special Use Permit application: Administrator Wolfington presented a Special use permit application for a residence zoned residential with a special use for their property. Motion made by Petersen, Seconded by Harper and passed unanimously to approve the Special Use Permit

Special Use Permit: Mike Bloom was present to request a special use for his residence as a detailing business in his garage. Motion made by Harper seconded by Sanderson to allow Bloom to have a special use permit with the conditions that there never be more than two customer cars on the premises at a time, all work done in garage and no exterior signage, passed unanimously.

Permit for a Fence: TRED has applied for a permit to put a 6' fence up on the main downtown area where the chat n chew was between The Rock and Beck Agency. Motion made by Petersen seconded by Ratchke and passed unanimously.

Danebod Church has applied for the rental of the Band Shell Park for 2015. Danebod has requested use the band shell park for November 20, 2015 to December 20, 2015. Motion made by Petersen and seconded by Sanderson to allow Danebod Church to rent the bandshell park November 20, 2015 to December 20, 2015 and passed unanimously.

The Rock Christian Group has applied for the rental of the Bank Shell Park for 2015 also. The Rock has requested use of the band shell park for December 21, 2015 to January 21, 2016. Motion made by Peterson seconded by Sanderson and passed unanimously to allow The Rock to rent the band shell park from December 21, 2015 to January 21, 2016.

Administrator Wolfington report:

The snow blower has been fixed. The fixed snow blower was used during the last snow and seemed to work well. David Haroldson has found another used engine that we could purchase for \$750.00 as a spare as these engines are hard to find. Motion by Petersen seconded by Cricket and passed unanimously for the utility department to purchase the engine for \$750.00.

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Administrator Wolfington has received a call from a resident that has their mailbox altered by the snowplow. There is a piece on the top of the mailbox that has gotten knocked off. The council stands on the past policy that unless it is clear negligence from the snow plow operator the resident is responsible for their mailbox.

Administrator Wolfington is requesting that the city purchase a lite tracer for water lines as the cost of \$620.00. The water shut offs that cannot be located by the three residences should be able to locate them with this locator. Motion by Petersen seconded by Ratchke and passed unanimously to purchase a lite tracer water locate for \$620.00

Administrator Wolfington requested work be done to hard wire a generator for the utility building. The cost would be around \$1,000 to \$1,200. Staff can do a majority of the installation. The City could also use the building for emergency placement in storms if we have a generator there. Administrator Wolfington would like to pursue the work a little bit more with council approval.

Motion to approve the bills by Petersen seconded by Sanderson and passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Sanderson seconded by Ratchke and passed unanimously.



Mayor Merv Petersen

ATTESTED BY



City Clerk, Barb Powell