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|  Fountain City Town Council Meeting MinutesFebruary 4, 2020 |

# Call to Order

The public meeting of the Fountain City Town Council was held at the City Building at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 2020. Attendees included Shane Shroyer, Jesse Yandl, Laurie Hayes, Cecil Mullins, and Aubrey Crist, town attorney. Steve Clark was absent.

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

# Approval of Minutes

Shroyer confirmed that everyone had read January’s minutes. Mullins motioned to approve January’s minutes as written. Yandl seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

# Welcome Visitors

* None

# New Business

* Susie Ripley – Susie Ripley was present to offer her help with obtaining the OCRA grant for the water project. She had been informed that the town did not receive funding on the first attempt. She believes she may be able to help improve the score of our application.
* Debit Card – McGuire requested permission from council to obtain a debit card for the general fund bank account. This would make purchasing some of the needed items easier. Some stores do not offer in-store accounts and do not accept our checks. There are some things such as the Adobe program that converts PDF and Word that only take cards. There are other items that would be less expensive if purchased on the internet. There will be a log for other employees to sign the card out for purchases and it will be signed back in when returned to the cash box. Yandl motioned that McGuire get a debit card. Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
* New Computer for Clerk’s Office & Water Plant – Tice wants to purchase desktop computers for himself and Phenis. There is not a present desktop for the Water Works. They have a very old laptop to do their reports. McGuire wants to purchase a new desktop for the clerk’s office. The secondary computer in the clerk’s office is over nine years old and is not functioning properly. She has been told by an IT person that it needs replaced. The Water Works computers will be split between water and sewer, and the clerk’s office will come from the general fund. Mullins motioned to purchase new computers for the Water Works and clerk’s office. Yandl seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
* New Agreement with Town of Hagerstown – McGuire informed council that the new agreement is exactly the same as the previous one with the required name changes and new term dates. This agreement enables Fountain City to use Hagerstown’s courts for their tickets. Yandl motioned to accept the new agreement. Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
* Sump Pump Issues – Tice addressed the sump pump issue on Green, Ross, and Hartley. There are a few houses on Green and Ross combined that have sump pumps that pump water out into the street. Due to the lack of storm drains in that area, the water runs down to Hartley and over to US Hwy. 27. This is causing bad pothole issues and icing when the temperature is low enough. Council discussed possible fixes for this problem. One possible short-term solution is to have a special exemption to the ordinance and allow only these houses to drain into the sewer system. Crist will look into the legal issues to this exemption and if it is permissible. Yandl motioned to table this issue until Crist looks into the legal issues. Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
* Mileage Reimbursement Rate – McGuire requested that the mileage reimbursement rate be changed from the state rate, which is $0.38 per mile, to the federal rate, which is $0.575 per mile at present. The state rate hasn’t change in the five years she has worked in the clerk’s office. The federal rate is more comparable to actual gas prices and it fluctuates with the changes in these prices. Since this rate is stated in the salary ordinance, McGuire has prepared an amended ordinance. Yandl motioned to accept the amended ordinance. Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

# Unfinished Business

* Fiber Optic Internet – Daniel from Y-Systems was present to discuss fiber optic internet for the town. He is willing to provide equipment and everything needed to provide internet to the city building, which includes the fire and police departments, and the Water Works. In addition, there will not be a monthly charge for the service. Phenis obtained a letter from the water tower maintenance company providing permission to mount antennas on the railing of the water tower. When weather permits, there will be lines laid and this service will be offered to the residents. The monthly charge for fiber optic service will be comparable to the charge from other providers. Mullins motioned that the town move forward with the fiber optic internet. Yandl seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
* Ordinance for ORV’s – Shroyer informed council that this issue needed to be tabled. Marshal Martin is working on getting a copy of the county’s ordinance. Shroyer asked Crist to confer with Austin Shadle because he had prepared one last year. Yandl motioned to table this ordinance. Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

# Department Reports

Water/Sewer Departments – Shawn Phenis & Charles Tice

* Phenis read his water report.
* Tice read his sewer report.
* Tice has obtained quotes for gravel to be put on the drive to the lagoon and partly in between two of them. There are three total. Laying gravel will make it safer to drive in that area for testing and working. IDEM and the site inspector agreed with this being a good idea. This purchase would come from the sewer account. Yandl motioned to purchase the gravel from Frame’s, which is the lowest quote. Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
* Tice has obtained quotes for a shed that he would like to install at the lagoons. The process of transporting the chemicals he needs at the lagoons consists of them being delivered to the garage, Tice pumps them into barrels on his truck, drives them to the lagoon, and pumps them into holding tanks. This takes about two hours when doing discharges. The shed will enable the delivers to be made to the lagoons. In addition, he would like to purchase the materials to make a small room within the shed for storage of testing supplies and other items needed at the lagoons. Mullins motioned to purchase the shed from Hoosier’s, which is the lowest, and the materials for the room. Yandl seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
* Yandl went over the results from the application for the OCRA grant. The town’s score was not high enough to even be considered for funding. The areas of low scores is public support, previous problems, and map clarity. Since we have not had any major problems, it causes the score to be lower. Our main reason for the water project is age of the system and new state guidelines, which is not a strong reason for federal funding.

Police Department – Marshal Carey

* Marshal Martin read his report.
* Marshal Martin informed council that All Around Auto inspected the Charger and the EGR valve needs replaced. Marshal Martin has obtained three quotes and All Around Auto is the lowest. Mullins motioned to have All Around Auto replace the EGR valve. Yandl seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0,
* Marshal Martin informed council that he needs supplies for evidence collection and storage. He has had to call State Police to help with evidence and had to use his phone to take pictures. He has located all the supplies he needs, including three digital cameras, on Amazon. He provided council with a list, including pictures of items. Yandl motioned to purchase all the supplies needed for evidence collection and storage. Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Parks/Building & Grounds Department – Chase Tice

* Tice read his park and grounds report.

Street Department – Chase Tice

* Tice read his street report.

# Claims

Mullins motioned to approve all current claims. Yandl seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

# Adjournment

Yandl motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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