

CITY COUNCIL MEETING Minutes of Caucus Meeting March 2, 2021

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

The following Council Members answering roll call:

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

Also Present: Attorney Rachel Wilhite

Mayor Stinson recognized Brenda Higgins. She introduced herself stating she was a spokesperson for Trinity Baptist Church. They are making plans for March 14th to do a citywide cleanup of 11 different places. They will meet at the church then split into groups who will each be assigned a location to go clean, weed eat, remove trash, and any other jobs needed. She would like to invite leadership to participate or if an area has need of attention, to please let her group know. They are inviting other churches and organizations to get involved to help clean up where needed. She also said they are doing an outreach program where they are collecting gently used furniture for those in need. Anyone wishing to get involved can call her at 859-322-8131 as she is the liaison.

Brett Price, Planning and Zoning Administrator was present to submit a power point on a proposed pocket park located where the stage is currently. He used a guideline that was done by UK Design team a few years back, and this presentation was to present options as to what the pocket park might look like with the stage removed. The design included tables with umbrellas, benches, staging area with removeable benches and angles showing the rear of the property and the front with a view of the courthouse. Mayor Stinson requested Brett reach out to Mr. Morrison to see what his ideas were to incorporate into this design.

Tammy Ammerman was present to request something be done regarding the property next to hers on Shelby Street where a fire had occurred. She felt enough time had passed that it should be farther along in the cleanup process. She reported there is trash and garbage not part of the fire debris that is littering next to her and just in general it was an eyesore as you enter into town. After discussion, Chief Clem was going to review police logs to make sure what if anything had been done by the police department, and Clerk Williams was going to contact

Brian Thompson with Flood Plain to see if there was anything in the Flood Ordinance that might be able to apply to this property in regard to debris.

Mayor Stinson then began departmental reports:

Shannon Clem: Reported they had put on the city website and facebook pages about hiring an officer. He would prefer to hire a retiree if possible.

David Klaber: Submitted his fire report and announced they had received the PPE grant and PubEd grant. He was hoping to use the PubEd grant for recruitment efforts.


Gary Lea: Working to trim trees, had purchased a bucket truck to replace the one that had been taken out of service. Purchase was done through the State Surplus program. It was reported to Gary a streetlight was out by the El Paso restaurant making it very dark in that area; he would look at and replace.

Andy Richie: Reported there was a leak in the water tank and repairs had been made. Getting ready to work with contractors moving in for the tank project and the sewer retention basin at the sewer plant.


Ramona Williams: Reported the final application and closing documents had been submitted for the CARES money. We were to receive an additional \$47,000 related to COVID expenses, making the total reimbursement amount approximately \$198,000.00

Other items discussed:

- Mayor Stinson was informed by the Rec Board that they are going to have to purchase a new mower. The city portion of expense is ~\$3100.00
- Sebastian Ernst then presented a power point document to discuss potential options regarding the electric service. He would like to form a committee to research options to include selling the electric service. Will be added to next agenda.
- Committee meetings: Nuisance March 8th 4:00 PM, Blighted Property March 9th 6:00 PM, Street Committee March 11 4:00 PM.



Ron Stinson, Mayor



Attest: City Clerk