

CITY COUNCIL MEETING Minutes of Caucus Meeting January 7, 2020

The following Council Members answering roll call:

Amy Hurst	Present	Joyce Carson	Present
Shannon Johnson	Present	David Klaber	Present
Amy Hitch	Absent	Luke Price	Present

Topics Discussed – No Action Taken

- Mayor welcomed guests from the Sophomore Leadership Class. They were present to observe a caucus meeting. They have been attending various community meetings and activities.
- **Bill Mitchell** provided three handouts to Council to discuss development of the Klee Property. He would like everyone to review the material and bring any ideas to the next caucus meeting on February 4. City Attorney Brandon Voelker discussed development in other cities and gave Council some things to think about such as the workforce and transportation issues. He suggested inviting the Chamber of Commerce to the next meeting to enlist them for any ideas.
- Department Reports:
David Marquardt provided the monthly fire report to Council. He brought up an issue with gas grades and the fuel cards. He will address this further with Susan. He also brought up the transfers of truck 2601 to Falmouth and 2603 to Butler.

Gary Lea reported not much happening in his department. They will start trimming trees soon. He has one employee going for their CDL license this week. The status of the lighting was brought up. Luke Price provided a handout to Council and mentioned he continues to work with Gary on this. Council was informed that the Mayor of Bardwell that was contacted has returned a call to Ramona Williams and will discuss with her further any concerns or a meeting. The lights on the bridge were brought up again. There is no documentation stating the State is liable for these lights, therefore they belong to the City. Luke is going to ask the vendor he has been working with for the other lighting about the lights needed for the bridge, and bases, etc. The Ford F350 truck to surplus – will move forward with a resolution at the next meeting on January 21.


Andy Richie reported both the sewer and water plants were running well. Dawn Hughes provided a report showing four employees that are eligible for retirement in the near future. She suggested hiring and training for future replacements. Luke Price

handed out a spreadsheet of data put together by Dawn to go along with the Water Use Report. Water loss is at 35.5% and a plan is needed to fix this. Gary Lea is going to check into putting in some valves.

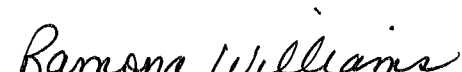
Shannon Clem not present.

Shelley Wright for Ramona Williams reported that last week's payroll was processed through the new software. There were a few glitches but for the most part everything went very well.

- Luke Price asked about the Code Enforcement Board. There will be resolutions for appointments at the next Council meeting January 21.
- A 2018 draft of the garbage ordinance was handed out to Council. Joyce Carson, Amy Hurst and Shannon Johnson formed a committee to further review and discuss.
- David Klaber asked Brandon Voelker about the status of the Employee Handbook. Brandon stated they would meet next week on this and that it was close to being finished.
- Luke Price brought up the City not having a Noise Ordinance. He brought in a copy of the County's ordinance.
- Luke Price asked about the Planning and Zoning contract from and stated an amendment was needed to adjust the pay rate.
- David Klaber asked if anyone knew the current status on the old middle school. No one had additional information.



Ron Stinson, Mayor



Attest: City Clerk