

**MINUTES OF THE
City Council Meeting for the City of Menan held June 9, 2016**

Presiding: Chauncey T. Haight, Mayor

Present: Chauncey T. Haight, Ron Jones, Noel Raymond, Keith Nelson, Allyson Pettingill, Kris Meek, Matt Walker, Trent Boyce, Cindy Boyce, John Galazin, Norma Galazin, Sgt. Fullmer, Lacey Hanson, Lynn Jacobs, Jolyn Haight, Tim & Nola Hale.

INCOME June 9 thru July 14, 2016:

Sewer Payroll	9559.93
Garbage Payroll	124.76
Beer License	50.00
Business Licenses	50.00
Town Hall Rentals	225.00
Donation- Pickle Ball Court lines on BB Court	550.00
Park Shelter Rentals	50.00
Jefferson County- May Penalties Tax	.81
Jefferson County- May Interest	15.98
Jefferson County- May Property Tax	1216.54
Sign Permit Application	200.00
Farm Rent, 1 st installment to Sewer	5103.00
General Fund Money Market Interest	2.08
General Fund Collateralized Money Market Interest	16.71
Sewer Fund Money Market Interest	5.79
Sewer Fund Collateralized Money Market Interest	2.96
Garbage Fund Money Market Interest	.38
LGIP State Pool (Sewer)-	17.62
TOTAL	17,191.56

Income from Sewer Account June: \$ 19,232.68
Income from Garbage Account June: \$ 2430.00

City Council Meeting called to order at 7:09 pm.

Mayor Chauncey T. Haight starts the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Brian Storms makes a motion to move the Police report on the Agenda until a representative from the Sheriff's Office arrives. Keith Nelson seconds the motion. Motion passes.

Choice Sanitation Services: Trent Boyce of Choice Sanitation Services addresses the Council. He would like the opportunity to place a bid with the City to take over the garbage service. He explains his company is new and just getting started. He has enough equipment to handle the garbage service in Menan. The Council asks what kind of bins, he answers the same as PSI. The Mayor and Council agree that they would like to see more business from local companies. A discussion ensues on equipment and the ability to service the City. Mr. Boyce is told to bring in a bid for his services and the Mayor and Council will look at review what would be in the best interest of the City. Mr. Boyce is thanked for coming in and addressing the Council.

There is a request to amend the Agenda as Mr. Galazin would like to address the Council about Pickle ball and wasn't able to request being added to the agenda before it was posted.

Keith Nelson makes a motion to amend the agenda to allow for a presentation of Pickle Ball. Brain Storms seconds the motion. Motion carries.

Pickle Ball: John Galazin addresses the Council and explains what Pickle Ball is. He also explains that it is a fast growing sport and expresses his appreciation for being able to use the Town Hall building in the winter for exercise. He is asking the Council to add the lines for two more Pickle Ball courts on the basketball courts at the City Park and also to add a fence along one side of the court to help eliminate the loss of balls on one side. He has brought quotes on the costs. The whole project of fence and painting on the lines would run between \$2000-\$3000. A discussion starts on the cost and the willingness of the community to see this project take place. Mr. Galazin's wife informs the Council they are willing to pay for the project if the Council will approve it. Keith and Brian both would like to get feedback from the community before any decisions are made. It is discussed to put a survey on the City website and see what the majority of residents say. The Council decides to conditionally approve the request dependent on the results of the survey and the donation from the Galazins' to fund the project. Brian restates he wants to make sure enough people see the proposal and have a chance to respond. This brings on a discussion of how to do this.

Ron Jones makes a motion to approve the lines to be painted on the basketball court and wait on the fence, which is dependent on the survey. Both projects are conditional on receiving the donation from the Galazins' to fund each project. Noel Raymond seconds the motion. Motion passes.

Police Report: Sgt. Fullmer presents the Police report from the Sheriff's office. He reports to the Council there was 105 hours logged, 19 complaints, and 7 citations. There were no arrests and no DUI's. Only one citation has been contested so far. He then tells the Council there were no major incidents in the past month. The Mayor asks if 4 wheelers can be driven in town. Sgt. Fullmer replies the 4 wheelers have to be licensed and children can't be driving them, must have a license. Also, under 18 must wear a helmet. Sgt. Fullmer then asks if the Council has anything they would like him to take back to the Sheriff. The Council responds no, and thanks Sgt. Fullmer for coming to the meeting and for all he does for our community.

4th of July Activities and Fund Raising: Keith starts by reporting that the committees are doing very well. The only activity that is struggling is the 3 on 3 tournament. He states that if the committee isn't ready for the 4th, there just won't be a 3on3 tournament. He then starts to talk about the Information booth for the City and having it manned for most of the day. The biggest reason for manning the booth is to take donations and answer questions from the public. The hours of 10-6 are suggested as good hours. Allyson will make out a schedule for everyone to sign up for a time. There is a discussion of shirts to sell for profit. Keith says he would put together shirts if someone would pre-sale at least 20. The discussion turns to the fireworks, and the fundraiser for them. This starts a discussion of raffling or auctioning a chance to set off a firework. The discussion then turns to whether a raffle or auction would be better. The decision is made to look into running a raffle through the Community Activities Committee, but Allyson needs to contact Dana and Cathy to find out the tax exempt status of the CAC. Depending on what is discovered, the fundraiser will go forward as a raffle, if not possible then it will run as an auction. Keith then says there has been great involvement with the committees. The discussion then turns to the Grand Marshal for the Celebration. Betty Day had been suggested, she will be out of town so the Council will go to the next name. The discussion turns to the vendors at the celebration. The electricity issue for those vendors using electricity is discussed. It is mentioned if the problem can be fixed for just this one more year. Matt will look into it and see what he can do. Keith will work with Matt to see what can be done. If an emergency arises Keith will have the Mayor call an emergency meeting. A discussion ensues about donations and funds. Keith then explains about the letter the Committee has prepared to send out to the list of the previous donors. This brings on a discussion of finding donations, maybe sending it out to social media sites. It is then mentioned that the last meeting of the Committee is on June 22. Lynn Jacobs informs the Council he has 16 dozen eggs at least to donate to the breakfast. The Mayor says he has a large cooler, Lynn can bring the eggs to his house and use the cooler to keep the eggs in until the breakfast. The Council thanks Lynn for all he has done over the years to help with the 4th of July Celebration.

Land Acquisition Update: Noel tells the Council of a letter he received from Superintendent Sherrick. She would like to trade the sewer bill for Midway Elementary, at the cost of \$6700 a year for 3 years. This would up the appraisal price, it would bring the price up to \$20,214.36. This starts a discussion on whether the property is worth that much. Also a discussion of other areas in town. The Council then discusses trying to negotiate terms with the School District. It is suggested that Noel inform the School District that the Council thanks the School District but we can't agree to those terms, we might be able to do a year trade, we may just have to wait a while.

This leads to a discussion on the sewer budget. A consideration may be 3 years at 50% of SD sewer bill. There is discussion of funds in the bank. Kris makes the comment that the money in the bank is for the benefit of the City. The Council is responsible for looking ahead and being fiscally responsible. There is more discussion on finances. Keith mentions there are two things to factor in, the 4th of July and the Church property. This will determine the price we are willing to pay. The Mayor suggests it's not pressing, it can wait until after the 4th. Noel says it is difficult to find the right people to talk to in order to accomplish what we want to accomplish. He then states there is a very low probability anything will happen this year in regards to the church property. It is a very slow process. There is a discussion of the Church property. Brian then asks if someone could talk to the Superintendent and try to get a good deal. He then says if we can acquire the SD property but not the Church property, the City could sell it. Noel then suggests that the Council consider a counter offer to the SD in the \$6000 range, appeal to the School Board that the land would benefit the City and its residents. Kris says some of the School Board members wanted to give the land to the City. Brian informs the Council that \$10,098 is the amount if we paid 1/2 price for three years. There is a discussion of renegotiating. It is stated that the land is a benefit to the public. Ron makes the suggestion to meet in the middle, no more than \$10,000. Noel says offer one year at \$6778. It is then discussed not to trade at all, just buy the land outright. Offer 1/2 of the appraised value of \$8000. Matt says offer \$6000, saying the City can always go up, not down. It is decided that Noel will go back to the School Board with a counter offer. He will have no authority to make a deal, he will have to take any offer back to the Council. There is more discussion of negotiating with the School Board. Noel will go to the School Board and bring to the Council what is discussed.

Rhett Watson Farm Lease: Kris has the Farm Lease with Rhett Watson drafted and ready to sign. Matt will give it to Rhett. He will read it in depth and then sign it and get it back to Matt so the Mayor can sign it.

Maintenance Update: Matt starts by informing the Council of the classes the City hosted for the IRWA. He explains that Steve Harris has a company that helps entities having problems passing their certifications and requirements. The Mayor asks Matt what the City can do to better our sewer pond. Matt has some suggestions, Steve will do some testing then let Matt know a few things that can help. Matt has an idea he has been thinking about. He would like to bring Lewisville into our sewer system. Kris says he thinks that is a great idea, he says he thinks Lewisville would be very accepting of the idea. This leads to a discussion of the Lewisville sewer system. The Council then discusses funding for improvements. They then discuss the sewer lagoon and functionality. The Mayor asks Matt if we have mapped the infrastructure. Matt replies it has been done in the past, but should be done again. Kris suggests sending a liaison to Lewisville. Keith says he would like to go, the Mayor would like to go, also. There is further discussion on working with Lewisville. The Mayor thanks Matt for all he does, the Council does also.

Bills: The Council reviews the bills.

Ron Jones makes a motion to pay the Bills. Noel Raymond seconds the motion. Motion passes.

Minutes:

Noel Raymond makes a motion to accept the Minutes from the Council Meeting from May 12, 2016 as written. Ron Jones seconds the motion. Motion carries.

Mayor Haight says he would like to do something for the City besides the 4th of July. He would like to find a way to post City events on maybe a sort of message board somewhere, maybe on a walk path.

Brian would like to go through the City ordinances one by one and fix the ones that don't make sense or get rid of the ones that are outdated.

Noel Raymond made a motion to adjourn. Ron Jones seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Council Meeting ends at 10:30 p.m.

Allyson Pettingill, City Clerk/Treasurer