

**MINUTES OF THE
City Council Work Meeting for the City of Menan held October 24, 2018.**

Presiding: Chauncey T. Haight, Mayor

Present: Chauncey T. Haight, Ron Jones, Noel Raymond, Brian Storms, Amy Gahn, Matt Walker, Allyson Pettingill, Danielle Andrew, and Tim Hale.

City Council Work Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm.

Mayor Haight starts the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Property Tax Levy Discussion: There is discussion of the expenses of the City. There is discussion of the roads and the Transportation Plan and what is needed yearly to maintain the roads. There is discussion of building some kind of reserve for infrastructure. There is discussion of what the levy should possibly be raised to. This leads to discussion of what would be needed to work on the infrastructure and maintenance. Matt suggests that he feels the amount needed would be \$60,000.00. He further states that it is budgeted every year but not spent as a way of trying to balance the budget. There is discussion of this. There is a discussion of what could be cut out of spending if the levy isn't raised and the funds are low. Matt reports the few items that are not vital that could save money. It is noted that most of the items are cosmetic issues in the City that are not necessary. There is a list made on the white board of the items that could be cut. Matt notes that even those items cut it would not be enough to work on the roads. The Council asks those in attendance what their opinion. It is asked if the City could ask for volunteers to weed eat the canal banks, for an example, if that is an item to be cut. There is discussion of having citizens do some of the mowing or weed eating or other items in the City. The discussion turns to how to approach the citizens. It is discussed that the Council lay it out as either raise the levy or some city services will be eliminated. There is discussion of this. There is a list added to the white board of what future expenditures may be. There is discussion of this. There is discussion of how many meetings will be needed and when to hold the meetings with the public to discuss the issue. There is discussion of the cost of some of the upcoming needed expenditures and how much they are. There is discussion of roads that need to be maintained and the cost of \$20,000.00 per mile to chip seal if the county does it. It is decided that Mayor Haight will make the presentation. The item will be on the agenda for the regular Council Meeting on November 8th, with a Public Meeting on the 14th to hopefully get more residents informed to attend.

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

Council Work meeting ends at 8:50 pm.

Allyson Pettingill, City Clerk/Treasurer