

**MINUTES OF THE
City Council Meeting for the City of Menan held December 13, 2018.**

Presiding: Chauncey T. Haight, Mayor

Present: Chauncey T. Haight, Ron Jones, Amy Gahn, Brian Storms, Noel Raymond, Allyson Pettingill, Matt Walker, Kris Meek, Lt. Fullmer, Jolyn Haight, Danielle Andrew, Lacey Hanson, Alice Wilcox, Colby Christensen, and Jeremy Harris.

INCOME: December 13, 2018 to January 10, 2019:

Sewer Payroll	1277.78
Garbage Payroll	124.76
November Property Taxes	9016.27
Peterson Building Permit	2018.45
Town Hall Rentals	100.00
2018-2018 1 st Quarter State Liquor Distribution	6076.00
General Fund Money Market Interest	.26
General Fund Collateralized Money Market Interest	2.60
Sewer Fund Money Market Interest	2.57
Sewer Fund Collateralized Money Market Interest	0
Garbage Fund Money Market Interest	1.30
LGIP State Pool	3.28
TOTAL	18,623.27
Income from Sewer Account Jan.:	\$ 17,878.18
Income from Garbage Account Jan.:	\$ 3,068.00

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Law Enforcement Report: Lt. Fullmer addresses the Council to deliver the report. He states the report is from 10/20/2018-11/16/2018. There were 81 hours logged with 18 complaints, 1 arrest, 8 citations, and 48 traffic contacts. There is discussion of the report. The Mayor asks if there are any questions for Lt. Fullmer and the Sheriff's Dept. There are no questions. The Mayor and Council thank Lt. Fullmer and the Sheriff's Dept. for all they do.

Citizens Comments: Colby Christensen address the Council about a concern he has with an auto and truck repair shop across the street from his house. He expresses concern about the large trucks driving down the bridge on 3550 E. and the wear and tear this can cause on the bridge over the canal. He also states he feels it is a safety concern to those around to have the big trucks on the residential street. He also mentions that he feels that the trucks are too big for the street and says he had one slide into his yard and get stuck. There is discussion of the issue. It is decided the Mayor will visit the shop and talk with the owners.

PSI: Jeremy from PSI addresses the Council. He refers to the proposal that has been provided in the packets for a contract renewal for the next 10 years as the current trash contract ends in January of 2019. There is discussion of the proposal as the price jumped from 7.92 per can with to 10.92. There is discussion of why such a high jump. There is discussion of how to proceed. It is decided to look for other bids and PSI will look at resubmitting another bid that may start lower then increase slightly every year. The issue will be placed on next months agenda to be decided after looking at other options as well as PSI.

Grant Writer for the City-Action: Alice Wilcox addresses the Council and discusses her qualifications to be a grant writer. She explains she has written many, large and small, and she put herself through college writing

grants. There is discussion of the grant writing process and some of the different grants to look at. There is discussion of how Alice is paid for her work. She states that generally the grant writer receives a small commission of 5-10% of the grant, depending on how large the grant is. There is discussion of this. There is then discussion of the projects that would be the most pressing for Alice to find grants for. The Mayor mentions infrastructure grants, grants for the town hall, and grants for the Comprehensive Plan. There is discussion of this.

Noel Raymond made a motion to commission Alice Wilcox to apply for grants to benefit the City with special emphasis on the list of priorities that the City Council will develop. Brian Storms seconded the motion.

There is then discussion of how the process would work with Alice.

Ron Jones made a motion to amend Noel Raymond's motion to include that Alice Wilcox will not exceed a 10% fee on any grant. Brian Storms seconded the motion. Motion carried.

All in favor of approving the motion and amended motion on the record. Ron Jones-aye; Noel Raymond-aye; Brian Storms-aye; Amy Gahn-aye. Motions passed.

P&Z Update: No one from the Planning and Zoning Commission could be in attendance so Ron reports on the P&Z meeting. There is discussion of the Impact Area and the few questions that were asked by residents wanting to build in the Impact Area. There is discussion of this. There is discussion of the commission and the need for another commission member from the impact area to serve on the commission. Ron states he will look at residents in the area and try to find someone willing to serve on the commission. He then reports on the idea that the commission would like to send to the Council regarding greenspace. The commission suggests changing the ordinance so that if someone qualifies for a short plat they aren't required to give greenspace. There is discussion of this. The Council would like the P&Z to come up with a plan to submit and bring it forward, but be prepared for challenges.

Property Tax Levy-Action: There is discussion of what has to be for the levy increase. There is discussion of how much is needed to increase in the budget to find the levy number. There is discussion of what projects are needed and the costs. It is decided to go with 3 increases of \$50,000, \$40,000, and \$30,000 and find the impact of each increase on an average home. There will be more discussion next month and time set for a special meeting to get prepared for a meeting with the residents.

Discuss County P&Z Agreement-Action: Kris states he is still working to set up a meeting with Paul Zeil the attorney for the County P&Z.

Resolution for Moment of Silence: Noel Raymond made a motion to table the Resolution indefinitely until the matter is brought up again. Amy Gahn seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: Ron Jones-aye; Amy Gahn-aye; Brian Storms-aye; Noel Raymond-aye. Motion carried.

Updated Ordinances on Website-Action: Kris states he is still working on them.

History of the Poulson Transaction: Kris is still working on the history.

Public Discussion: Rand Watson wrote an email to the Mayor and Council, Mayor Haight reads the letter (letter in Council packet in file). There is discussion of the letter. Some of the issues are discussed such as making sure the lights are hung over Menan Lorenzo on Dec. 1 every year. Danielle Andrew restates her opinion that the City asking for greenspace from the residents is wrong and immoral. There is discussion of this. She asks a few questions about the 30 ft strips of property the City owns on the north and south sides of town. There is discussion of this.

Maintenance Update: Matt expresses thanks on behalf of Brent Crowther for hiring him to do the seepage testing for the sewer. Matt then discusses the testing being done and the DEQ requirements. There is discussion of this. There is then discussion of the crops on the City's farm land and the fact that the DEQ wants hay on the land and not grain. There is discussion of this. This leads to a discussion of the City farming its own land.

Treasurers Report-Action: Allyson asks if there are any questions.

Ron Jones made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report. Noel Raymond seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Bills-Action: There is discussion of the Bills.

Noel Raymond made a motion to pay the bills for December 2018. Brian Storms seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Minutes: There is discussion of the minutes.

Noel Raymond made a motion to accept the November 8, 2018 minutes as written. Ron Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

Council Meeting ended at 10:00 pm.

Allyson Pettingill,
City Clerk/Treasurer