

**MINUTES OF THE
City Council Meeting for the City of Menan held June 11, 2020.**

Presiding: Chauncey T. Haight, Mayor

Present: Chauncey T. Haight, Ron Jones, Brian Storms, Amy Gahn, Troy Hanson, Allyson Pettingill, Matt Walker, Kris Meek, Sgt. Smith, Noel Raymond, Rhett Watson, Marvin & Jaden from Keller & Assoc., Justin Anderson, Tim Hale, and Danielle Andrew.

INCOME : June 11, 2020 to July 9, 2020:

Sewer Payroll	6358.87
Garbage Payroll	124.76
May 2020 Property Taxes	860.26
Reimbursement from Jefferson County for Court Fines	1720.35
Sales Tax-Inventory Phase Out	5027.01
First Half of Farm Rent-Watson Farms	2520.44
3 rd QRTR State Liquor Distribution	6379.00
General Fund Money Market Interest	.75
General Fund Collateralized Money Market Interest	.23
Sewer Fund Money Market Interest	1.97
Sewer Fund Collateralized Money Market Interest	.14
Garbage Fund Money Market Interest	1.39
LGIP State Pool	2.53
TOTAL	22,997.70

Income from Sewer Account July:	\$ 12,097.98
Income from Garbage Account July:	\$ 2623.00

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Meeting starts with the Pledge of Alligence.

Brian Storms made a motion to move the Law Enforcement Report until a representative of the Sheriff's Office is in attendance to offer the report. Troy Hanson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Discussion of Grant to Video Sewer Lines-Action: Jaden addresses the Council. He reports that the City received the grant that they applied for to video and record the sewer lines. The grant is a match grant of up to \$70,000.00, which means the grant will match what the City spends on the project. There is discussion of when the best time is to start the project. There is discussion of next spring/ summer as that is when the water is high, which is the prime time to check the lines. There is also discussion of the project adding more information as to if the system can handle the added capacity if Lewisville were to hook in. There is discussion of how the project could also put the City in the position to apply for more grants if there is anything that is discovered is needed. There is discussion of the last time the lines were videoed and checked. Matt states it has been at least 20 years. There is discussion of the process and how there is also a study involved and that will take up the bulk of the money. There is discussion of where the study would fall in the budget and if the sewer would have the funds. There is discussion of the project being included in the budget for next fiscal year. Allyson states that if the project is started in the spring/summer of 2021 there should be funds available and it could be budgeted in for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Jaden states that the decision needs to be made by the end of the year so the funds will be set aside for the City. The Mayor and Council state they will discuss it during budget discussions. They thank Jaden and Marvin for coming to the meeting and bringing the information.

Law Enforcement Report: Sgt. Smith addresses the Council and delivers the report. The report is from 5/2/2020-5/29/2020. He reports that there were 66 hours logged, with 34 complaints, 0 arrests, 0 DUIs, 3 citations, and 18 traffic complaints. The Mayor and Council discuss the law enforcement report provided by the

Sheriff's Office. There is discussion of the different incidents. Troy asks about the variation in hours from report to report. Sgt. Smith replies that there can be various reasons, but the most probable reason would be state grants that would put more deputies on the roads so the hours go up. The Mayor and Council thank the Sheriff's Office for all they do. There is discussion of an issue between two residents within the City limits. Kris states that he has cited both residents as there have been complaints from each against the other. He states that this is the best way he can see to get the residents to ignore one another and leave each other alone. He further states that if the citations don't deter the behavior, the residents can then be held accountable and jail time would be enforced. There is discussion of this. The Mayor and Council agree that Kris continue in the direction he is going on the issue as the problem between the residents has been going on for years with no end in sight. The Mayor and Council thank the Sheriff's Office for all they do.

Discussion of Sewer Dump-Justin Anderson-Action: Justin asks the Council if there has been any further progress regarding the approval for the sewer dump requested to be put on his property. There is discussion of the issue as the COVID pandemic has affected the meetings and the progression of the issue. There is discussion of possibly holding a special P&Z meeting for the issue, as that is where the recommendation for the Council to consider it needs to come from. Allyson will try to get a special meeting put together with the P&Z just for this issue.

Citizens Comments: Mayor Haight asks if there are any comments from those citizens in attendance. Noel Raymond states that he is concerned about the City getting caught up in spending money on COVID supplies. There is discussion of this. It is an item on the agenda, so will be discussed in turn. Brian asks Tim about the tires on the property where the proposed storage unit is supposed to be. There is discussion of this. Justin asks about landscaping the corner of 3500 and Menan Lorenzo Hwy where his building is located. He is wondering if the City has any water available in the area for watering if he were to landscape it. Matt states that there is no City water there, so he would have to supply the water if that is what he would like to do.

Discussion of City Mitigation for COVID 19-Action: Ron states he has spoken to Rebecca Squires about the funds for cities in the CARE act. He then states that Rebecca told him that Menan has \$27,800.00 in the fund for items that the city may need, as long as the items are pre-approved as necessary in relation to the COVID virus. There is discussion of sanitizer stations at the City office building, park and Town Hall. There is discussion of some kind of sneeze guard for the office, also possibly face masks. There is discussion of a power washer to spray down the park playground and table. There is discussion of making a list of ideas of what may be needed or used, but all have to be pre authorized before purchase. The money is reimbursed to the City after purchase.

Property Taxes-Poulsen Property-Action: There is discussion of Dennis asking to be reimbursed for the property taxes he has paid for the past year and a half on the property the city purchased from him. There is discussion of how many payments have been made. The Council and Mayor feel it is fair for the City to reimburse the amount of the taxes he paid. Allyson will find out the amount Dennis is proposing.

Water Rights for Poulsen Property-Action: There is discussion of the water rights attached to the land that was just purchased. Allyson states that after talking to Shaney at the title company, she thinks that Agcredit should have them as they were holding them until the full purchase was complete. There is discussion of this. There is discussion of how many shares should be in the deal. It is discussed that it should be 5 full shares. Allyson will find out and ask how many share there are.

County Impact Area Agreement-Action: There is discussion of the meeting in May and the confusion of whether to meet with the County Commissioners or the County P&Z. Kris states that the meeting should be with the P&Z. There is discussion of this. Kris states that Allyson needs to call Eric at the County to set up the meeting. He asks if she can ask for several dates then call Kris so he can make sure he is available to be there. There is discussion on what the city wants to accomplish at the meeting. There is discussion of what is most important to be in the agreement. Kris states the best way to address the County would be to ask them what they want to get out of the agreement, then go from there. There is discussion of this. There is discussion of needing to find common ground. There is discussion of what happens if no agreement can be made. Allyson will contact Eric to find the date to set the meeting.

30 ft Strip North & South of City-Action: Kris addresses the Council stating that his office is still working on getting all of the legal descriptions together so he can do all of the letters at once. As soon as he has it all put together, he will email Brian the letter to look over, then send it out to everyone. There is discussion of this. There is discussion of how to talk to the residents when they receive the letter.

Discussion of Backhoe Purchase-Action: The Mayor and Council instruct Allyson to send a letter of intent to purchase to Pioneer.

Public Discussion: Rhett Watson needs to talk to the City about the alfalfa planted on the city ground he farms. He states he cant sell the crop to the dairy he normally sells to because the alfalfa has been treated with the sewer water. There is discussion of how the DEQ made the city plant the alfalfa. Matt states he will take over the crop and sell it to his contacts. There is discussion of redoing the contract with Rhett. Kris states he will update the contract and email it to Rhett.

Maintenance Update: Matt states that the mosquito spraying has started. There is discussion of this. He then states that the new replacement tractor is in. There is discussion of the Poulsen property and the crop of hay on it. Matt states he sold it and there should be a check on the way. Matt then states that he hired Keith Nelson and his kids to weed eat the canal and that it will be cheaper than hiring another employee. There is discussion of this.

Treasurers Report-Action: Allyson asks if there are any questions. She then states it is time to schedule a work meeting for the 2020-2021 budget. It is decided to have the work meeting on July 22, 2020 at 7:00 at the City Council chambers.

Ron Jones made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report. Brian Storms seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Bills: Allyson asks if there are any questions on the bills. There is a question of the Haddon Fence bill. Matt states it is for repairs on the Bronson fence as it was damaged by the snowplow this past winter. Allyson asks about the repair bill for the backhoe and whether it should have been split between the general and sewer funds. Matt says it should be split. Allyson will have a check to reimburse the general fund next month.

Brian Storms made a motion to pay the May 2020 bills. Ron Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Minutes: There is discussion of the minutes from last meeting.

Brian Storms made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 14, 2020 meeting. Amy Gahn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ron Jones made a motion to adjourn. Amy Gahn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Meeting ended at 9:04 pm.

Allyson Pettingill,
City Clerk/Treasurer