

**MINUTES OF THE
City Council Meeting for the City of Menan held February 8, 2024.**

Presiding: Mayor Nathan Bronson

Present: Nathan Bronson, Amy Gahn, Ben Smith, Danielle Andrew, Victor Cammans, Matt Walker, Kris Meek, Allyson Pettingill, Noel Raymond, Rick Miller, Sgt. Sickenger, Nichole and Tim Thueson, and Brett Crowther.

INCOME: February 8, 2024 to March 7, 2024:

Sewer Payroll	2740.44
Garbage Payroll	124.76
Jan. 2024 Property Taxes	2,741.26
Motor Vehicle Fines	39.60
2023 Hay Crop	13,160.00
Watson Building Permit	1610.77
Town Hall Rental	150.00
City Park Reservation	40.00
General Fund Money Market Interest	20.45
General Fund Collateralized Money Market Interest	8.36
Sewer Fund Money Market Interest	13.66
Sewer Fund Collateralized Money Market Interest	3.40
Garbage Fund Money Market Interest	1.66
LGIP State Pool	2.53
TOTAL	\$20,656.89

Income from Sewer Account Mar.:	\$ 15,935.36
Income from Garbage Account Mar.:	\$ 3,057.00

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Meeting starts with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome: Mayor Bronson welcomes everyone in attendance and gives thanks to the community for their prayers given for the benefit of the Mayor and Council. He then reads a thought to start the meeting.

Law Enforcement Report: Sgt. Sickenger addresses the Council. He states that there were 122 hours logged, with 13 complaints, 4 arrests, 2 DUI, 7 citations, and 49 traffic contacts. There is discussion of the report. Kris asks about several of the incidents in the report. There is discussion of this. There is discussion of residents possibly witnessing crime and what they should do. Sgt. Sickenger states that if any thing is observed they should call the Sheriff's Office. There is discussion of this. It is noted that if able, getting license plate numbers would help the Deputy's. There is discussion of this. The Mayor and Council thank the Sgt. and Sheriff's Office for all they do.

Altura Introduction: Rick Miller introduces himself to the new Mayor and Council members. He states that their company has been involved in major sewer projects and they service about 9 counties. He then states that his company has recently undergone a name change to Altura. He says that they work mainly on infrastructure grants and services, like sewer and water. He also states they work with many smaller communities. He then states that they are currently working with the city on a water study. There is discussion of this. There is discussion of the economical status of Menan and how, according to the census, the area doesn't qualify for many programs and grants because of too much money made. There is discussion of this. There is discussion of going to the residents and surveying door to door to see if that would be more accurate than the census. This would possibly help to receive better grants if it changes the financial median. Lower incomes help to receive

better interest rates as well. The survey would last five years. There is discussion of this. There is discussion of the Council going door to door to conduct the survey. The Council thank Rick for the presentation.

P&Z Update: Noel addresses the Council. Noel states that the Commission is working on the fixes in the code for the Short Plat Application. He states that P&Z will have a Public Hearing in March and will then send the recommendation to the Council. He then states that they are looking at and discussing cargo containers, if they should be allowed or not. There was discussion of what would make them permanent structures or not. He states that the Commission is looking at if the container is dropped off and left it is not permanent, but if a structure is built around it, it is permanent. He then reports that Gary is working on a possible ordinance change, and if it is acceptable, they will schedule a Public Hearing for the next meeting. They also discussed containers as possible dwellings, and this prompted the discussion of accessory dwellings in the future. There was discussion of if containers are over 200 sq ft, there would need to be an application for building permit submitted and the process followed. There was also discussion of the Clark property, but as that is next on the agenda, it will be discussed then. There was then some discussion of possible ordinance violations on 630 N., with livestock and trailers, discussion of having Matt look at the property.

Discussion of Clark Property-Action: Noel explains the issue that the County P&Z made him aware of, again. There were two compliant lots recorded and one noncompliant lot recorded. There was discussion of what Jefferson County does. It is noted that they send a letter to alert the property owner that there will be a Notice of Title recorded on the property to note some restrictions/issues with the property. There is discussion of sending Mr. Clark a letter from the City stating the issue and allowing time to work with the City to resolve it. If no contact made, then attach a Notice to Title on the property.

Danielle Andrew made a motion to have the City send a letter to Mr Clark stating the issue and the City's intent to file the Notice to Title unless he attempts to contact the City within 28 days to work out the issue. If no contact is made, then send in the Notice to Title.

Kris asks to modify the motion to read instead of 28 days to contact it read before the next Council meeting.

Danielle Andrew made a motion to have the City write a letter to Mr Clark to notify him of the situation and ask him to come in and work with the City to rectify the issue before the next Council meeting to make it right, if not compliant, then a Notice of Title will be filed. Victor Cammans seconded the motion. There is discussion of the motion. Motion carried.

Amy Gahn made a motion to amend the agenda to allow the agenda item of Discussion of the 4th of July to prior to the Discussion of Survey for Accurate City Property Lines. Victor Cammans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion of 4th of July-Action: Nichole addresses the Council. She states that they had their first meeting. She says there were not that many in attendance but all the committee heads will be back. She states that the biggest thing from the meeting was the car show asking if it would be possible for some kind of vendor to be at the park to serve lunch as those at the show found it difficult to leave and walk over to get food. There is discussion of this. There is discussion of how to do this without making the other vendors upset. The Council states they are not opposed, but would like to look into the issue further. There is discussion of the donations and seeing if any of the firefighters would be willing to help with the donation collections this year as they are fantastic at it.

Discussion of Survey for Accurate City Property Lines-Action: Matt states that he has talked to a surveyor that Husk recommended. He states that the price for the line the west side of 3600 E from Menan Lorenzo Hwy to 665 N will be \$875. It will be \$3500 for the rest of 3600 E. He also states that it will cost \$2100 to put all the monuments back on Menan Lorenzo Hwy, and to do all the center lines in the City it will be \$5700. So somewhere around \$10,000 for all. There is discussion of this and what is most important. There is discussion of the budget and how and where the funds would come from. There is discussion of this project not being budgeted for. There is discussion of doing the first two, and budgeting for the rest next fiscal year. There is discussion of if the surveys are done and the City puts the markers in the road, it would make it easier and cheaper and more accurate for residents to survey their property. Matt states that having the first two projects done this fiscal and the rest next fiscal would work.

Ben Smith made a motion to contract to have the have the surveys conducted as discussed. Amy Gahn seconded the motion. Motion passed.

There is discussion of what to do if some of the current resident's property is actually on city property. There is discussion of the possibilities. It is decided to defer any decisions until the survey's are complete.

There is a short recess taken.

Public Discussion: No public discussion.

Mayor's Thoughts: Mayor Bronson states that he would like to take approximately 15 minutes at the Council meeting to present some thoughts that he has. He passed out a list of his thoughts. There is a discussion of the ideas on the list. Mayor's Youth Council, this would be to get the youth involved in the city and ask them how to improve things. The Council likes this idea and would love to explore this more. He also has asked the principal at Midway Elementary to ask students about writing essays to the Mayor of Menan. This is already in the process and he will let the Council know how it goes. He then asks the Council to think about what they can do to strengthen families in the City? There is discussion of this. There is discussion of reaching out to Altura to find out if any grants for a community center that would be part of the new library. Also, how to encourage family meals at least once a week? And also, discussion of allowing multigenerational cohabitation (accessory dwelling). There is discussion of how to improve the general prosperity of the residents. The Mayor also wanted to talk about how to strengthen neighborhoods. He states he has a few thoughts on how to do this. He suggests having a city walk on a weekly basis where he is on the walk path to talk to. There is also discussion of having a farmer's market for locals. There is also discussion of having Halloween and Christmas events this year. The final thought is how to get more people to run for office. There is discussion of talking up the positions and not complaining about being on the Council. There is then discussion of making an official Facebook account for the City. Danielle and Victor state they would be willing to put this together.

Maintenance Update: Matt states that the road grater is really nice. He states that the pot holes around town are terrible. He is planning on overlaying the roads this summer. There is discussion of the roads and pot holes. There is discussion of turning off the Christmas lights, Matt said he just did.

Treasurers Report-Action: There is discussion of the financials provided.

Bills-Action: There is discussion of the bills from last month. There is discussion of Gary Anderson and the costs for his services. There is discussion of his services being extremely valuable, but not budgeted for.

Ben Smith made a motion to accept and pay the bills. Danielle Andrew seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

Amy Gahn made a motion to accept the minutes from the Jan. 11, 2024 meeting. Victor Cammans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Amy Gahn made a motion to adjourn. Victor Cammans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Meeting ended at 9:10 pm.

Allyson Pettingill,
City Clerk/Treasurer