

**MINUTES OF THE
City Council Meeting for the City of Menan held September 10, 2015**

Presiding: Kent Clark, Mayor

Present: Matt Walker, Gary Maples, Brian Storms, Cathy Harding, Ron Jones, Kris Meek, Phyllis Bradshaw, Linda Radford, Deputy Allen Fullmer, Sheriff Steve Anderson and Mary Lou Ramirez.

INCOME September 10 through October 7:

Sewer Payroll	2,879.90
Garbage Payroll	124.76
Jefferson County-August property tax	438.79
Townhall donations	75.00
Park donations	20.00
2 nd Half of Hay/Land Payment	5,103.00
State Liquor Revenue	5,382.00
VW Coop Dividend	40.48
General Fund Money Market Interest	2.67
General Fund Collateralized Money Market Interest	17.12
Sewer Fund Money Market Interest	3.17
Sewer Fund Collateralized Money Market Interest	4.36
Garbage Fund Money Market Interest	.35
LGIP State Pool (Sewer)-	<u>7.01</u>
TOTAL	14,098.61

Income from Sewer Account September:	\$ 18,516.90
Income from Garbage Account September:	\$ 3,174.00

City Council Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Oath of Office: Cathy swears in Kent Clark as Mayor after being appointed last meeting. Kent thanks everyone for the privilege to serve as Mayor. Kent said he really appreciates the employees and that they are great to work with.

Police Report: Deputy Allen Fullmer reports that last month they put in 93 hours, had 25 complaints, 1 arrest and 10 citations. Kent asked Fullmer if our city is lower in crime than other cities. Fullmer said he agrees. Gary said he talked with someone the other day and he told them he was from Menan and they commented on how great and clean that little town was. Discussion ensues on how it wasn't always like that but it is clean now. Discussion then ensues on jake brakes and 18 wheelers. Cathy talks about the neighbor kid driving erratic through town and Fullmer knew who she was talking about.

Sheriff Contract: Cathy explains the contract is the same as last year and includes enforcement on our Code.

Brian Storms made a motion to accept and sign the Sheriff Contract for fiscal year 2015-2016. Gary Maples seconded the motion. Motion passed.

"In God We Trust"/Phyllis Bradshaw: Kent introduces Phyllis Bradshaw who represents the "In God We Trust" movement.

Phyllis thanks everyone for giving her time. She explains the "In God We Trust" movement. She explains the person who started it and the history behind it. The main part of the idea is to post the words "In God We Trust"

at our City Hall and courthouses as it is our national motto. Cathy said she was shocked to see only one municipality in the entire State of Idaho had put this into resolution. Kris talks about a court case that explains that the motto is patriotic not religious. Discussion ensues on it being constitutional. Gary talks about our founding fathers setting this up with separation of church and state so we do not become a church state. Ron said the founding fathers relied on God and prayed for help to govern this country. Discussion ensues on our founding fathers and the awe of what they accomplished. Phyllis asked that we put it on a future agenda to pass. Cathy said she already prepared the Resolution so we can pass it tonight if the Council would like to. She reads the Resolution. Discussion ensues on getting an engraving or display of this motto for City Hall. Discussion then ensues on possible scout project to do this.

Gary Maples made a motion to accept Resolution No. 2015-01. Brian Storms seconded the motion. Roll call: Ron Jones-aye, Gary Maples-aye, and Brian Storms-aye. Motion passed.

Everyone thanks Phyllis. Phyllis thanks everyone and said this is her first municipality to pass it and thanked Cathy for being so friendly and willing to get this prepared to pass.

Planning and Zoning: Cathy explains how the meeting went last week. Ron Jones had resigned officially due to being appointed to Council. They have tabled electing a new Chair until next meeting. Cathy explained the Valleywide update. Kent explained how the discussion came about on the service bays. Discussion ensues on our building inspector and a lack of communication between the P&Z and his department. Discussion then ensues on the lack of a complete set of plans from Valleywide and the disconnect between the departments. Kris calls Jeff Geisler (building inspector) on his cell phone and leaves a message during meeting. Gary suggests Kent talk to Jeff as Mayor to pass on the frustration to him. Cathy gives Kent Jeff's cell number.

Maintenance Projects: Matt said we are cruising right along. Kyle is going to school but coming in after school to work. Matt discusses the trees that are broken. He had talked to Sonja Schaat and she got donations. Cathy said we have \$1,000 budgeted on tree maintenance but to tread lightly on spending over the next few weeks since it is the end of our budget year and we have had some large expenses. Matt discusses the tree situation. He said the fence between the City building and the maintenance building will be going back up. Discussion ensues on seasonal help.

Sheriff Anderson arrives to meeting and he is welcomed. Everyone thinks he is doing a great job. Cathy explains the self-defense class and how the Sheriff's office is sponsoring it. Discussion ensues on the classes. Discussion then ensues on the jail and the Sheriff explains the contracts he has gotten in place to house inmates in the jail and bring in a lot of revenue. Cathy tells the Council how the night before the Jefferson Lake Celebration, they were shorthanded at the jail. She explained that instead of ordering someone else to cover a double shift, Sheriff Anderson took the shift himself. She said that is a sign of a great leader who is willing to do exactly what he wants his employees to do. Sheriff Anderson thanked her for saying that. Discussion ensues on the publicity of all the good things the Sheriff's office is doing now.

Pioneer Paperwork: Cathy explains how the lease purchase paperwork had included sales tax even though we are a municipality and not subject to sales tax. She explained how she got the Association of Idaho Cities involved with their attorney who in turn listed statutes explaining how they cannot charge municipalities sales tax. The company relented after reading the emails. This saved the City over \$5000 in sales tax. The paperwork is signed and official now.

Pivot/Sprinkler System: Kent explains that this is a lesson learned on both the City's standpoint and Golden West's standpoint. Their lease/purchase paperwork was not in the benefit of the City and therefore we have to get this taken care of out of our reserves after the fact the system is already put in. Cathy explains the payment schedule she has come up with to get this taken care of. Since the interest is so low on the USDA sewer bond and we are so far ahead of schedule on the loan, she suggested paying less than usual on this fiscal year payment and putting that amount towards the pivot/sprinkler system. Then paying the remainder next month once the new fiscal year has started. Discussion ensues on Golden West Irrigation. Cathy has prepared the appropriate check for her plan to pay it off in the bills already to be passed this meeting.

Council Projects/Appointment Discussion for open Council seat: Gary suggests we have one more meeting until after the election and perhaps appoint someone who has won. Discussion ensues on the logistics of waiting versus appointing now. Kris looks it up in State Code. While he is looking it up, Cathy gives an update on the election and who is running at this point. Kris said that in the Code, it says "shall appoint" which is not permissive.

Ron Jones suggests Greg Nelson. Discussion ensues on either Greg or his wife, Becky. Gary will talk to them to see if they would hold a Council position for a few months.

Appropriations Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2015-2016: Cathy had already emailed out the Appropriations Ordinance for the Mayor and Council's review.

Ron Jones made a motion to accept and pass Ordinance No. 411, the Appropriations Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Brian Storms seconded the motion. Roll call: Ron Jones-aye, Gary Maples-aye, and Brian Storms-aye. Motion passed.

Cathy reads the title of the Ordinance.

Gary Maples makes a motion to suspend the reading of the Ordinance on three separate occasions. Ron Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Brian Storms makes a motion to pass the Ordinance having been read by title only. Gary Maples seconded the motion. Roll call: Ron Jones-aye, Gary Maples-aye, and Brian Storms-aye. Motion passed.

Discussion on an update for Rushton's permit for trailer in space #2. The state inspector found all the necessary inspections completed so Jeff will do the skirting inspection and it will finally be in compliance. Discussion ensues on property issues.

Bills: Gary asks about the Zions credit card charges. Cathy explains the charges and Matt explains the signs, tools and equipment repair charges. Matt also explains the townhall door invoice.

Gary Maples made a motion to approve the bills as submitted. Ron Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed.

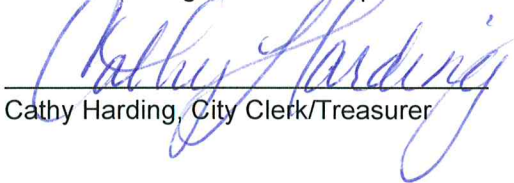
Treasurer's Report: Cathy discusses the townhall revenue versus the utility bills on the building. It is not paying for itself and we are getting into the season for high heat bills on it. Discussion ensues on the townhall. Discussion then ensues on whether canal companies are tax-exempt status. Discussion further ensues on when they had asked for a gravel donation. Cathy explains her conference coming up in Boise.

Minutes: Council reviews the minutes again. Brian asks a question from the minutes about Watson's. Discussion ensues on the band and the noise last Friday night.

Gary Maples made a motion to approve the minutes for the August 13, 2015 Budget Hearing and Council Meeting. Ron Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Brian Storms made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ron Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Council meeting ends at 9:40 pm.


Cathy Harding, City Clerk/Treasurer