

**MINUTES OF THE  
City Council Meeting for the City of Menan held November 8, 2018.**

**Presiding:** Chauncey T. Haight, Mayor

**Present:** Chauncey T. Haight, Ron Jones, Amy Gahn, Brian Storms, Noel Raymond, Allyson Pettingill, Matt Walker, Kris Meek, Sheriff Anderson, Corp. Wray, Jolyn Haight, Mark & Danielle Andrew, Troy & Lacey Hanson, Colleen Poole, Lynn Jacobs, Bill Hartleben, Rand & Carolyn Watson, James Zolman, and Tim Hale.  
INCOME: November 8, to December 13, 2018:

Sewer Payroll	2757.08
Garbage Payroll	124.76
Sept. Property Taxes	13.89
Town Hall Rentals	250.00
Copy of Menan Code for Danielle Andrew	13.85
General Fund Money Market Interest	1.03
General Fund Collateralized Money Market Interest	25.96
Sewer Fund Money Market Interest	.82
Sewer Fund Collateralized Money Market Interest	.24
Garbage Fund Money Market Interest	1.18
LGIP State Pool	3.12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,928.04</b>

<b>Income from Sewer Account Dec.:</b>	<b>\$ 10,378.28</b>
<b>Income from Garbage Account Dec.:</b>	<b>\$ 1547.00</b>

**Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Law Enforcement Report:** Crp. Wray addressed the Council with the report. He states that the report is for the dates of 9/22-10/19 2018. He further states that there were 64 hours logged. It is noted that the hours were a little low as he stated that can be a lull before the holidays. There is some discussion of this. He goes on to state that there were 19 complaints, 1 arrest, 2 citations, and 12 traffic contacts. The Mayor and Council look over the report. Mayor Haight asks if there are any questions for the Sheriff's Office. The Mayor and Council thank the Sheriff's office for their service.

**Noel Raymond made a motion to modify the agenda to move Prayer at City Council Meetings after the Citizen Comments to accommodate all in attendance for the issue. Amy Gahn seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Citizens Comments:** Rand Watson asks the Council about some City trees that are next to his property and if it is ok for him to maintain them. There is discussion of the issue. Rand is told he can trim and maintain them if he would like. Leo Hancock addresses the Council about putting a metal roof over the pergola at the Teton House. He states that Jeff Geisler the Building Inspector looked at it and determined it didn't need a permit as no structural changes were made. There is discussion of this. Danielle Andrew addresses the Council about the prayer at Council meetings. She brings up several different legal cases that may set precedent. Mark Andrew makes a comment that prayer at meetings would be good. There is discussion of the subject. There is discussion of inviting all religions to come and take turns praying at the meetings. Kris advises on how legally to pursue the issue. There is discussion of this.

**Prayer at City Council Meetings-Action:** The Council continues to discuss the issue. There is discussion of how to send out the invitation to all religious institutions around as to fulfill the legal requirements. It is then suggested that possibly having a moment of silence at the beginning of the meeting for individual prayer might be a good idea. There is discussion of this.

**Brian Storms made a motion to start the Menan City Council meetings with a moment of silence for individual prayer. Ron Jones seconded the motion. Roll call; Noel Raymond-aye, Ron Jones-aye, Amy Gahn-aye, Brian Storms-aye. Motion passed.**

It is asked that Allyson put on the agenda next month a Resolution for Silent Prayer.

**Grant Writer for the City-Action:** Mayor Haight explains that he asked Alice Wilcox to come to the meeting as he has spoken with her about writing grants for the City. She does have experience and has agreed to come in and discuss it with the Council but she is not present at the meeting. This item will be added to the agenda for next month and the Mayor will talk with her again.

**Subdivisions-Danielle Andrew:** Danielle addresses the Council with her concerns about the issue of splitting property and the Ordinance requirement of giving land to the City as greenspace. She has an issue with the Ordinance as she sees it as the City is taking property from people. She views this as the City is stealing land from its residents. There is discussion of this. There is discussion of the greenspace requirements and why the requirements are there. It is suggested to Danielle that if she would like to see something changes in the Subdivision or Land Use codes, that she address it at the P&Z meetings as that is where the changes should originate.

**Property Tax Levy-Action:** The Council asks those in attendance what they would like the City to look like. There is discussion of the fact that the City is in need of generating more income to keep the day-to-day operations and some major projects funded. There is discussion of the City budget and the rising costs of keeping the City running. There is discussion of the two different ways to raise the levy, either a permanent levy raise or a 2 year levy. There is discussion of how to raise the property tax levy and what would be funded if there is a levy raise and what the City would have to let go of if there is no increase. There is discussion of the city roads and maintenance needed. There is discussion of how to get the needed information to the residents. It is then discussed that there will be a special Council meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November to start informing the residents of the possibility and the reason why the Council would ask for a raise in the levy.

**Zolman Permit Discussion & Other Development in City & Impact Area-Action:** The Council starts by discussing the Impact Area and the ordinances in the Impact Area and how to enforce the ordinances. There is discussion of the P&Z agreement with Jefferson County. Kris states that the County P&Z attorney Paul Ziel would like to work with Kris to update the agreement. There is discussion of this. James Zolman read a statement regarding his permit. He quotes the City's Comprehensive Plan and addresses the issue of gridded roads. There is further discussion with James regarding the placement of the building on the property. There is further discussion of the failure of the P&Z agreement with Jefferson County regarding the Zolman permit. The Council adds their comments to the Menan Planning and Zoning recommendation to Jefferson County for the Zolman permit. The comments are as follows: 1. The issuance of the building permit granted to James Zolman was a flagrant violation of the Agreement between Jefferson County and the City of Menan Planning and Zoning Commission which has resulted in an untenable position with Mr. Zolman. 2. The City Council of Menan disagrees with the issuance of the original permit as it was issued in violation of said Agreement which is a legal and binding document. These comments will be added to the recommendation letter from the Menan Planning and Zoning Commission to the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Commission.

**Noel Raymond made a motion to send a letter to the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Commission with the comments discussed included. Brian Storms seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

There is discussion of the subject of the grid pattern for the future roads in the City. There is discussion of looking into keeping the pattern going or getting rid of the idea. It is decided to send the issue to the P&Z and have them look into it.

**Planning and Zoning Update:** Rand discusses with the Mayor and Council the zoning ideas the P&Z have decided on to present to the Council. The Mayor and Council look over the proposed changes, mostly in the Impact Area that would address all of the zones in the Ordinances. There is discussion of the zoning changes. There is one small change suggested to take back to the P&Z then present again.

**Discuss County P&Z Agreement:** There is discussion of what will need to be done to continue with the Agreement.

**Noel Raymond made a motion to table the item until after the Work Meeting to discuss the issue on Nov. 14, 2018. Amy Gahn seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

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

**Report on Farm Lease-Poulson:** Kris states he is still working on them.

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

**Public Discussion:** There is a small discussion of the property being purchased for the sewer by the City. This is the Poulson property as stated above.

**Maintenance Update:** Matt states he has talked to Brent Crowther about the City asking Engineering questions when needing an impartial party. He has agreed to work with the City on an as needed basis. Matt then reports that he has the new plow hooked on the front of the red truck to do the snow plowing with. There is discussion of this. There is discussion of the completed 3500 E. road project. Matt then informs the Council that Harper Leavitt Engineering is looking at more grants for the city roads. There is discussion of this.

**Treasurers Report-Action:** Allyson asks if there are any questions on the budget sheets. It is noted that the reports for the last fiscal year should be complete unless an unforeseen item pops up from before Sept. 30, 2018.

**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 November 2018. Brian Storms seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Minutes:** There is discussion of the minutes.

**Noel Raymond made a motion to accept the October 11, 2018 minutes as written. Brian Storms seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

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

Council Meeting ended at 11:10 pm.

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Allyson Pettingill,  
City Clerk/Treasurer