

The Hoyt City Council met in regular session on July 11, 2023.

Present were council members Leonard Allen, Joe Romans, Justin Faulkner, Larry Valdez and Becky McClane. Mayor Robert Bell was absent. Also present were Amy Klotz, Kenny Bryan, city clerk Shawna Blackwood and Chief of Police Dan Wentling.

President of the council Leonard Allen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council was previously provided minutes from the June 6, 2023 council meeting. Larry Valdez made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 6, 2023 council meeting. Joe Romans seconded, motion carried.

Joe Romans discussed the sewer sludge tests results received from Charlie Schwindamann with KRWA. It was reported dredging is not necessary at this time and likely not necessary for at least another 10 years. An estimated cost of dredging at this time is estimated to cost \$100,000. Council discussed options for reserving funds for this expense. Clerk will discuss with accountant his recommendations for doing this.

Amy Klotz with Pride of Hoyt appeared to discuss the event and the tractor pull event on Friday and Saturday (August 18-19). Klotz discussed likely needing extra portable restrooms and trash dumpsters for the events. Larry Valdez made a motion to provide 15 portable toilets for the Pride of Hoyt and tractor pull events held on August 18 and 19th at Hoyt City Park. Joe Romans seconded, motion carried. The large tractor pull starts at 7 pm on Friday and the smaller event starts at 6 pm on Saturday. Relating to trash, Joe Romans made a motion to provide an additional 40 yard dumpster for the same events for the weekend of August 18-20, 2023. Justin Faulkner seconded, motion carried. Klotz discussed insurance coverage for the event. City clerk will work with the insurance company to make sure everything is covered. Klotz discussed using proceeds from the event to donate Christmas pole lights to the city. Klotz will discuss with Nancy Bailey and run options by Kenny Bryan before purchasing.

Klotz discussed a donation from the City for the event. Leonard Allen discussed using ARPA funds for the event. Larry Valdez made a motion to donate \$2,000 toward the Pride of Hoyt event. Joe Romans seconded, motion carried.

Leonard Allen discussed the disposable trash containers for the events. Bryan opted to not use these and continue with what he has done in the past.

Kenny Bryan discussed with the council the bid for grappling for the tractor. Larry Valdez made a motion to approve the bid from Hoffman Brothers in the amount of \$3,250 for grappling for the tractor. Joe Romans seconded, motion carried.

Kenny Bryan presented a bid for a new mower from Tarwater's. The amount is \$16,738. This is without a trade in as the council discussed keeping the old mower to have for backup and for possible part time help to use.

Kenny Bryan then provided a status update on the sewer pumps. The pumps are both now in and ready for install. Bryan had approved repair of the pump that had malfunctioned in March. The manufacturer provided the parts at no cost, but there was a repair cost from Lee Matthews in the amount of \$1,725. Bryan reported he had relayed his concerns regarding the electrical panel to Lee Matthews. Lee Matthews had in turn presented an estimate to install a voltage monitor and surge protector in the amount of \$3,324. Bryan noted he had already installed a surge protector and instead would like to have Lee Matthews install new floats and relays for the pumps. Bryan provided an estimated cost of repairs to date. Council did not approve the estimate in the amount of \$3,324 from Lee Matthews. Instead, they agreed for Bryan to ask Lee Matthews to replace the floats and the relays for the pumps at Holt Circle. Bryan will notify them to do this and check on the status of Lee Matthews returning the old pumps.

Leonard Allen discussed the bid from Tarwater that Kenny Bryan presented earlier. Larry Valdez made a motion to approve purchasing the mower now in the amount of \$16,738 using the Municipal Equipment Reserve Fund. Joe Romans seconded, motion carried.

Bryan discussed temporary help for next year for mowing.

Larry Valdez reported two people had fell at the Fourth of July event due to uneven concrete on the sidewalk leading to the basketball court. Valdez wanted to proceed with repairing the sidewalk. Justin Faulkner discussed wanting to replace the concrete on the basketball court also. Council would like to proceed with getting costs for repairing the sidewalk and basketball court.

Romans discussed options for help for Kenny. Council discussing looking at part options next summer primarily helping with mowing.

The city clerk presented the monthly financial report from the accountant. City clerk discussed having the final draft of the budget at the August meeting. Clerk discussed attorney's recommendation to once again give notice to the county clerk of their intention to exceed the revenue neutral rate. A proposed resolution was presented for exceeding the RNR.

Romans asked for an update on the second copper lead questionnaires previously sent. A good amount of those have been returned. Romans also asked for a status update on the income surveys. The clerk will check with Governmental Assistance Services for an update.

Joe Romans made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-2 regarding exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate. Justin Faulkner seconded, motion carried.

City clerk discussed a request to make an exception for back to back rentals for the community building. There have been many calls already for using the building for graduation for 2024. This person has been unable to locate another venue and is asking if the council would make an exception for back to back rentals for this weekend. Allen discussed allowing this but have the

person pay a non refundable \$50 deposit for having a cleaning person come in early to do so before the next event. Joe Romans made a motion to make an exception to allow a back to back rental for graduation weekend May 2024 with the lessee paying a non refundable \$50 fee to have someone come in to clean the building on the day of the rental. Justin Faulkner seconded, motion carried.

Leonard Allen discussed reopening the city building and clerk's office to the public but by appointment only. The office was previously closed to the public during COVID. Justin Faulkner made a motion to have the city building and clerk's office open by appointment only effective immediately. Joe Romans seconded, motion carried.

The city clerk on behalf of the Mayor discussed interest from citizens in a skateboard park and splash park. Council would like those individuals that are interested to put together a proposal for these ideas and bring them to the council for consideration.

Chief of Police Dan Wentling gave the monthly police report. Wentling reported only a small amount of people have come to the UTV inspections. A total of eight people have a UTV permit (this includes renewals from last year). Wentling will be looking at what is needed for equipment. He also would like to get costs for insulating the garage. Leonard Allen will look into getting bids for this project. Wentling reported no issues from the July 4th event. Wentling noted he will have officers on duty for the tractor pull events and Pride of Hoyt.

Becky McClane reported she also had people report to her the concerns regarding the sidewalk leading to the basketball court as well. She also reported the recycling bin will be pulled from Hoyt at the end of the month due to people continuing to put their trash and materials not allowed in the bin.

Clerk asked about the bids for the sidewalk and basketball court. A special meeting can be called if necessary.

Joe Romans made a motion to pay bills. Larry Valdez seconded, motion carried.

Clerk reported needing to adjust the trash rates again due to the annual increase by Waste Management. This can be discussed at next month's meeting.

Justin Faulkner made a motion to adjourn. Joe Romans seconded, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Shawna Blackwood
City Clerk