

-Council Meeting  
January 5, 2021  
7:00 P.M.

Council Present: Mayor John Bigart III, Jaime Odell, Marvin Garding, Anna LeDuc, and Joe Hanson.

**Minutes:** The Clerk read the minutes. A motion was made by Jaime seconded by Anna to approve the December 1, 2020 minutes as read. All were in favor.

**Claims:** The claims were discussed. A motion was made by Jaime seconded by Marvin to pay the claims from check number 15979 through 15601 in the amount of \$26, 155.92. All were in favor.

The Council received and reviewed the bank reconciliation and cash report. They have access at the Expenditure to Budget and Revenue to Budget financial reports.

**Water Sewer:** James Claxton was not at the meeting.

RC Askew updated on the flag poles at the vet's memorial. There have been two more flags that have come down during wind. He has been looking into new flag poles. The commercial ones cost about \$1,250.00 each. The Mayor stated that he had been in touch with Mike Taapken and that Mike has been speaking with Doug Lausch about making some poles out of something stronger to withstand the wind. Doug is willing to make them for \$100.00 each plus the cost of material. The door at the old fire hall has been repaired. He is still looking into a plow for the sanding truck to use as a back up plow when needed.

**Fire Department:** Chief Joe Calnan was not at the meeting.

**Sheriff Department:** Sheriff Toth was not at the meeting.

**County Planner:** Andy Short was at the meeting. He updated on the county. The county added 70 new addresses in 2020. There is a pre-ap for a 36 lot sub-division at the Thompson Ranch. The area is between the old highway and I-90. This property is not currently annexed in the town nor would it be able to hook into the town's sewer at this time. The Mayor thought that maybe we should consider the possibility of annexing the property. Bob Summerfield wanted to know how the growth is distributed in the county. There were mostly sub-division addresses. The Mayor stated that there are several residents that would like to have a cemetery in town for any residents that would like to be buried there. There might not be any place that the town owns that would accommodate this.

**Engineer Grant Writer:** Jaime discussed the TAP grant that is through the MDOT and could be used to repair/replace/add sidewalks on Adams St. and Railroad Ave. Molly Davidson from Morrison-Maierle stated that she had been researching this grant and they fund most of the project. Safety is a big issue in getting funding along with connectivity with the school. The grant process opens mid-February and there is three months to

apply. It looks like the project could cost around \$750,000.00. It is possible to get the entire project funded. The town will move forward with this.

**Partnership with Brovold Orchard:** Jaime stated that the Brovold orchard had developed a committee. Bob Summerfield stated that they have not obtained their 501C3 non-profit status yet, they are still deciding on that. They would like to have a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the town and the school. After further discussion Joe made a motion seconded by Marvin to approve the MOU. Marvin, Joe and Anna voted yes, Jaime abstained. The motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

Steve Piccard from the school was on the phone. He wanted to let everyone know that the school is back in session now. They are getting started on the lead project.

Jaime made a motion seconded by Anna to adjourn.

Being no further business, this meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor

Attest:

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Clerk

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