

Council Meeting
March 2, 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 February 2, 2021 minutes as read. All were in favor.

Claims: The claims were discussed. A motion was made by Jaime seconded by Anna to pay the claims from check number 15614 through 15625 in the amount of \$21,804.04. 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 at the meeting. He updated on the department. The big power outage that occurred seemed to have caused a pump to fail. After the electrician and him checked it out it was just an electrical failure. The problem is fixed now, and the new pump has been received. We no longer need an additional pump because we have a spare. The water system is running well.

Rc Askew stated that he will be checking into getting the new plow for the next winter season.

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

Sheriff Department: Sheriff Toth was at the meeting. He updated on the department. The jail is back up and running. They are taking it slow right now. The department has been busy. They will be getting another deputy who would like to live in Alberton. Tina Reinicke stated that there have been some people who are driving extremely fast on Railroad Ave. It looks like it is usually on Saturday afternoon. The Sheriff said that he would have the deputy spend some time here on Saturday.

County Planner: Andy Short was at the meeting. He updated on the county. They have been getting lots of comments on right of way abandonments. He had received a call from a resident who shares a sewer connection on Adams St. They would like to hook a separate line directly into the main and not use the shared line anymore. The Mayor stated that he and the Clerk had discussed this and there is no reason that they cannot hook directly into the main.

Roman Zylawy County Commissioner was at the meeting. He stated that he was just there to observe.

Lower Alberton Meadows-Anderson-Montgomery: Paul Montgomery from Anderson-Montgomery was at the meeting via zoom. He had an analysis that they had performed for the proposed subdivision Lower Alberton Meadows (LAM). The town is

currently in a 4-phase project. Phase one has been completed. The town would run out of water if the well did not work. The town needs to upgrade the source water by drilling a new well. This is part of the project later. The town would also need to upgrade the storage capacity with an additional 200K water tank. This is also part of the project later. The town's water rights are not in bad shape now. They would need to be amended to reflect the actual usage of the spring and the well. The town should not have to purchase anymore water rights. Jaime wanted to if we annexed them would we be able to have them hook into the sewer system only at this time until the water system is up to date. Andy Short recommended that the town really look at whether annexation is the right thing to do and think about the design. The Mayor thinks that the town could use some legal advice on annexation. Tina Reinicke stated that she was glad that the town council was looking into this. Paul went over the sewer portion. The system has the capacity to accommodate the subdivision. The east end lift station would need to be upgraded.

TAP Grant Application: Jaime stated that the TAP grant application is available, and we should start applying. We will look for assistance for the application.

Cemetery – Discussion Only: The Mayor stated that he had a long conversation with Andy Short regarding this. There are many steps that need to be done and it is very involved. We will not investigate this anymore at this time.

Ground's keeper/Maintenance Assistant: The town needs to replace Eryn Odell who was the grounds keeper/maintenance assistant. We will post the position making sure that it is noted that this person will need to be able to assist in the park along with assisting James whenever needed.

Public Comment:

The Clerk stated that the Mayor, Jaime, and Anna were up for election for a 4-year term. Marvin is up for a 3-year term to finish the term that he was appointed to. Filing opens April 21st and closes June 21st. She will be taking the following Thursdays off in March for the extra time. March 4, 11, 18, and 25th. The speed signs need to have at least a 5" diameter pole for stability. Rc stated that he thought that steel poles would be better than wood. The town's utility billing software would accommodate e-bills for those that would be interested.

Marvin wanted to know what was going on with the museum. The clerk has the key. The Mayor and the clerk will go over next week and check it out.

Tina Reinicke wanted to know what was going on at the old feed store lot. There seems to be a lot of junk showing up.

The Mayor read a thank you note from Connie Acker regarding the library floor.

Marvin made a motion seconded by Jaime to adjourn.

Being no further business, this meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk

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