

Minutes May 21, 2019

The City of Dover in Pope County, State of Arkansas, met in regular session May 21, 2019, at the Dover City Hall. The following were present: Mayor Roger Lee presiding and the following alderpersons: Chris Loper, Myra Harris, Pat McAlister, Ila Anderson, Carl Wetzel and Fred Standridge. Attorney Luker was absent.

Prayer: Fred Standridge

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chris Loper

The minutes of the April 16, 2019 meeting were reviewed and there being no corrections, Alderman Loper made motion to accept the minutes. Alderman Standridge 2nd. A Voice Vote: Yeas: 6. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

The minutes of the Special Called Meeting, April 23, 2019 were reviewed and with one wording correction, Alderman Wetzel made motion to accept the minutes. Alderman Loper 2nd. A Voice Vote. Yeas: 6. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

The monthly bills were received and signed. Alderman Loper made motion to approve payment of the bills. Alderwoman Harris 2nd. A Voice Vote. Yeas: 6. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Mayor Lee stated Jeremy Stone, the engineer for sewer plant, has stated he needs a few days to work on sewer loan with the alternative plan. The alternative plan is to sell the sewer line to City Corporation from the Sonic south. Mayor Lee is setting up a meeting with City Corporation the first week in June to discuss this plan. He also wants to discuss getting a discount on the sewer bill from City Corporation. Mayor Lee stated the Sewer Reserve CD is up for renewal May 25, 2019. The CD amount is \$72,079.54. He suggests we cash the CD in and use that money to keep the Sewer Account operational until a decision is made to either sell the partial sewer line to City Corp or get the Sewer Loan from USDA. He suggests putting the CD money into the Sewer Operations checking account, 13-570-77. Alderman Loper made motion to cash in the CD and put the money into the Sewer Operations checking account. Alderwoman McAlister 2nd. A Voice Vote. Yeas: 6. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Mayor Lee stated the council needs to think about asking for a \$.01 sales tax increase for the city. He also stated the council needs to decide at next meeting the rate increase for water and sewer bills. He stated he has notified all department heads that discretionary spending must be suspended until further notice.

Sherry Simpson gave the Library Report. She stated the summer reading program will start in June and they plan to have programs for adults as well as children.

Ron Walker stated the Planning Commission had a request from an owner of storage buildings on Hwy 7. They were planning on building more storage and ask for a variance to build directly on the property line. The Planning Commission denied this request.

Mayor Lee stated he has "pulled the plug" on the walking trail grant. The city does not have the money for the additional cost that would have to be paid.

Yancy Poynter gave the Utility Report:

WATER DEPT.

- RICK AND FRED ATTENDED THE A.W.W. & W.E.A. CONFERENCE.
- WILLIS ATTENDED AN INTERMEDIATE DISTRIBUTION CLASS. (32 HOURS)

- REPACKED RAW WATER PUMP # 1.

SEWER DEPT.

- REPAIRED 2 MANHOLES.
- REPLACED TWO CIRCUIT BOARDS L.S. # 4 TRANSFER SWITCH.
- TWO CLEAN OUTS REPAIRED.
- REPLACED WATER PUMP AND THERMOSTAT L.S. # 4.
- FILMED APPROXIMATELY 1400 FT. OF MAIN.

STREET DEPT.

- REMOVED TREES NORTH ELIZABETH, CITY PARK, AND HANKINS DRIVE.

Fire Chief Duvall was absent. The fire report showed 3 drills, debris removal, power line down, and a motor vehicle accident with injuries.

Chief Walker gave the police report. There were 897 total calls, 258 contacts, 386 property checks and 465 extra patrols.

Alderman Standridge made motion to go into executive session. Alderman Loper 2nd. A Voice Vote.

Yeas: 6. Nays: 0. Council went into executive session at 6:34. Council came out of executive session at 6:50. Mayor Lee stated there was no action taken.

Alderwoman McAlister made motion to adjourn. Alderman Standridge 2nd. A Voice Vote. Yeas: 6. Nays: 0. Meeting adjourned.

Regina Kilgore
Recorder/Treasurer

Roger Lee
Mayor

The undersigned certification of the City of Dover, Arkansas, hereby certifies the foregoing pages 1 and 2 are true and correct copy of the meeting of the City Council at Dover City Hall, at 6:00 pm, on May 21, 2019.