

## **ANDALE CITY COUNCIL**

**JULY 24, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Andale City Council is called to order at 7:02 p.m. on Monday, July 24, 2017 by Mayor Jeremy Cawood. Council members Heath Harp, Ryan Harp, Roger Lies and Kristi Winter are present as well as City Clerk Patty Hein, City Attorney Austin Parker, Police Chief Mark Cook and Maintenance Engineer Sam Burkholder.

The minutes from the June 26, 2017 regular meeting are reviewed. Heath Harp moves to approve the minutes as written and Ryan Harp seconds. The motion carries 4-0.

The claims paid report is reviewed. Ryan Harp moves to approve the claims paid report. Heath Harp seconds and the motion carries 4-0.

The monthly financial report is reviewed.

### **2018 BUDGET**

City Attorney Austin Parker asks the Council if they are ready to vote on the 2018 City of Andale Budget. Roger moves to approve the proposed 2018 City of Andale Budget and Kristi Winter seconds. The motion carries 4-0.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Andale resident Bill Chaffin, 241 N Dale, speaks to the Council. Mr. Chaffin reminds the Council of the December 28, 2016 sewer backup that occurred at his home which he rents from Mike Gross. He tells the Council that he suffered \$11,500 in damages to his possessions. He acknowledges that a claim was submitted to the City's insurance carrier, EMC, but states that he thinks the report that was sent was not the correct report that was written up by Mayer Specialty Services, the company who responded to the emergency call by the City.

Mr. Chaffin would like the Council to review the decision on the claim and will bring pictures of the damages as well as a copy of the report from Mayer Specialty Services to the next meeting. He also tells the Council that Mayor

Cawood emailed the owner of the property, Mike Gross, and told him that he would talk to the Council about compensating him for the hotel costs that he incurred that night when he put his renters, Mr. Chaffin and his family, up in a hotel. Mr. Chaffin says that he doesn't think that Mayor Cawood followed through on this promise. He will also bring these emails to the next City Council meeting. Mr. Chaffin states that he and the homeowner are considering getting an attorney to handle this dispute. Mayor Cawood states that this was discussed with the Council members, but because EMC ruled that the City was not liable, the Council did not feel that the City should pay for hotel costs.

The Council members tell Mr. Chaffin that they will be glad to consider his pictures, reports, etc. if he wants to bring them to the next meeting. EMC did rule that the City was not liable for the damages that were incurred in this event, however, if new evidence is presented, the claim could be submitted for further review.

#### **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ONE DAY ALCOHOL PERMIT**

Max McPhail presents a one- day alcohol permit application to allow the Andale Chamber of Commerce to sell beer in the city park at the annual Summerfest on August 12, 2017.

Roger Lies moves to approve the application subject to state approval and insurance coverage. Heath Harp seconds and the motion carries 4-0.

Max tells the Council that they are planning a parade, a meat smoking contest and inflatables along with the beer garden. Max will tell Ryan Dugan to contact Mayor Cawood concerning the fireworks show.

#### **SCHWAB EATON INVOICE**

City Clerk Patty Hein asks the Council for approval to pay two invoices from Schwab Eaton for engineering services done on the First St. flooding area.

Roger Lies moves to approve the invoices from Schwab Eaton for a total of \$3276.00 and Kristi Winter seconds. The motion carries 4-0.

#### **POLICE REPORT**

Chief Mark Cook gives the police report. They have had more car burglaries in the City this month. Also, a black Yukon with two people in it has been going around the City begging for gas and/or money. Chief Cook spoke to them and advised them to be on their way.

Chief Cook tells the Council that oral board interviews were held on July 12<sup>th</sup> for the full-time police officer position. Chief Cook and the board have selected Robert McClelland as their first choice for this position.

### **MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Sam Burkholder gives the maintenance report. The water tower will need extensive repairs in the near future. A pump at the lift station was malfunctioning and needed repairs. It's now working fine. Because the City has been out of compliance with their sewer sample testing, they will now be required to do sample testing monthly. The streets look good. In the future Sam would like to purchase flammable cabinets for the shop and turf tires for the John Deere tractor. He will get bids.

### **POOL REPORT**

Melissa May gives the pool report. Two new 3 horsepower pumps were installed at the pool by Dave's Pools to replace the 30 year-old pump that quit working properly. An algae infection forced the pool to be closed for three days. Sky light covers were put in the bathrooms to prevent rain from coming in. There are quite a few parties scheduled from now until the end of the season. The closing day for the pool will be Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.

Ryan Harp leaves the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Roger Lies moves to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel matters and for attorney-client privilege. Kristi Winter seconds and the motion carries 3-0. The time is 8:15 p.m.

### **REGULAR SESSION RESUMES**

At 8:30 p.m., City Attorney Austin Parker states that no binding action was taken in executive session and the regular session resumes.

Roger Lies moves to approve the Mayor to give up to a 6% pay increase to all regular employees and a \$2.00/hour pay increase to Isaac Hilger. Heath Harp seconds and the motion carries 3-0.

Mayor Cawood appoints Robert McClelland to the position of full-time police officer at a pay rate of \$14.00/hour based on the fulfillment of all City employment conditions. Heath Harp moves to approve the appointment of Robert McClelland to the full-time police officer position and Kristi Winter seconds. The motion carries 3-0.

Heath Harp informs everyone that this will be his last meeting as a Council member since he is moving out of the city limits. Everyone thanks him for his time.

Roger Lies moves to adjourn and Kristi Winter seconds. The motion carries 3-0.

The time is 8:35 p.m.