



**City Council Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2024**

Present: Susan Murre, Debbie Sheppard, Brandon Russell, Freda Jordan, Terri Brewer, Douglas Parker
Guests: Jerry and Tanis Williams, Tim Bierl, Ethan Joslin, Gus & Debra Gracia, Debbie Taylor, DeeAnn Sammons

Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Brandon gave the invocation

Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor invited Debbie Taylor, with MCPA, P.C., to present and go over the 2023 audit. Brandon made a motion to accept the financial audit as presented. Debbie seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

Mayor swore in Terri Brewer and Douglas Parker as council members.

The minutes for April 2024 were presented. Brandon made a motion to accept as presented. Debbie seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

Financials for April 2024 were presented. Debbie made a motion to accept the financials as presented. Terri seconded. All in favor - motion carried.

Tim Bierl gave an update on the Fire Department. The FVFD is hosting a "Meet and Greet" on June 7th, from 6:30-9. The Council is invited to attend. Brandon made a motion to pay up to \$300 toward expenses. Freda seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

Mayor announced that due to the Mayoral election, it was time to decide on Mayor Pro Tem. (This only happens when a Mayor is elected.) Freda nominated Debbie. Terri seconded the nomination. Debbie nominated Douglas. Debbie received 3 votes, Douglas 1. The new Mayor Pro Tem is Debbie Sheppard.

Mayor presented proposal to pay the bookkeeper who assisted in getting the books in order for the audit for her time. Books had not been reconciled since 2019. Debbie made a motion to pay \$500. Terri seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

Mayor announced that the mowing contract is up in May. Bid announcement will have to be placed in the newspaper.

Mayor announced that bids would be needed for demolition of the Annex property.

Mayor mentioned that the items from the Annex that did not sell could be stored to try and sell in the October Hwy 80 or an auction site. These items will need to be moved before demolition.

Mayor announced that the Fruitvale Church of Christ would be using the center in the near future to host a mental health class. Susan will let Tanis know as soon as possible to put in calendar.

Mayor brought the issue of flooding on CR 1912 and 1901 to the table. After discussion on how best to handle this problem, Douglas mentioned that it would be best to shoot the grades in the whole city limits, and then focus on the 2 problem areas identified at this time. This would help determine how deep the ditches need to be in areas of concern. Mayor will get with Jake Sammons, as he has the equipment to be able to accomplish this. Matter will be revisited when this is done.

Mayor also asked how the council wanted to handle culvert requests in general. A couple of residents have already asked about getting their culverts replaced. It was decided that unless we damaged it, or asked to replace by the county because flooding was causing road damage, it was the responsibility of the resident.

Scholarships for high school seniors were discussed. Council decided on 2 seniors. Mayor will give the names of these two individuals to Amanda Masterson so that she can prepare the certificates.

Freda made a motion to adjourn. Terri seconded the motion. All in favor – motion passed.

 Susan Murre, Mayor