



City Council Minutes February 2, 2020

Present: Vicki Ferguson, Susan Murre, Jami Tillery, Tamara Jackson, Brandon Russell
Guests: Jim Ferguson, Phillip Tillery, Eric and Jill Garner

Vicki called the meeting to order at 2:05pm.

Brandon opened with prayer.

Susan presented the minutes from the January meeting. Brandon made a motion to accept the minutes. Tamara seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Susan presented the financials for December 2019 and January 2020. Brandon asked that the correct total, \$9563.14, of the bathroom remodel be added to the December financials. So noted. Tamara seconded upon this recommendation. All in favor; motion carried.

Vicki asked Brandon if he was willing to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem, and he confirmed that he was. Tamara nominated Brandon to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem. Susan seconded. All in favor - motion carried.

Vicki swore Jami Tillery in as council member.

Vicki presented the roof bids. She has contacted all of the contractors and checked references. The council did want to know what provisions would be made in the case of inclement weather after the job was started, as well as what the process would be if any interior damage was found once construction was started.

Brandon made a motion to go with the 3 Generation Steelworks bid, with a 5% contingency, and to have the aforementioned questions answered. Tamara seconded. All in favor – motion carried.

Tamara discussed the sale of the items in the storage room. She noted that she has not had an opportunity to contact an auctioneer yet, as a live auction would be better than an online sale. She will look into the cost of an auctioneer.

Vicki discussed the position of Rental Coordinator. Tanis is still interested. She has a cell phone that the coordinator could use. The cost of the phone is \$79, with a local number. There would be the \$15/month charge for the line. Susan made a motion to purchase the phone for \$79 and the cost of the monthly line charge of \$15. Tamara seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

Vicki updated the council on the status of the grant. We are waiting on ETCOG's approval letter.

Tamara discussed our social media situation. It is her desire to see the Face Book page reactivated. Vicki said that we are working on a social media policy.

Brandon noted that the purpose of social media is for the dissemination of information and promotion of local events. City Council should not comment even on personal pages.

There was discussion about several properties around the city that need attention. Susan will check to see if the Fire Marshall's office might be able to assist.

Tamara also discussed having better signage for the carnival

In new business, Susan made a motion that since Jami is now on the council and quite skilled in bookkeeping, that she would like to turn over the financial responsibilities to Jami. Brandon seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

Vicki asked Jami if she would be able to perform a complete audit, and she said that she would. Council decided that the just the year of 2019 would be sufficient.

Tamara asked who would be using the laptop and printer. Jami will have the laptop and access to the printer if she needs it.

Tamara also inquired as to when the website might be back up and running. Susan informed the council that the contract with Word Press is almost up, and we might consider another host that is more user friendly.

Tamara also noted that there needs to be a fire extinguisher in the center. Susan had just purchased one last fall. Apparently, it has been stolen. We might even need an additional one for the small room.

Tamara mentioned that the March concert is coming up. She is also planning an alternate date in case of inclement weather. It was agreed that better signage would be helpful in promoting this event; maybe even something across Hwy 80. Vicki will contact Grand Saline to see who does their large signs. Maybe 3 signs to start with, for events that we tend to have annually.

Brandon reminded council about conversations and not violating the Texas Open Meeting Act.

Susan made a motion to adjourn. Tamara seconded. All in favor – motion carried.

_____ Vicki Ferguson, Mayor