



**City Council Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2024**

Present: Susan Murre, Daniel Miller, Brandon Russell, Freda Jordan
Guests: Jerry and Tanis Williams, Terri Brewer, Tim Bierl, Commissioner Chad LaPrade

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

Brandon gave the invocation

Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance

The minutes for March 2024 were presented. Daniel made a motion to accept as presented. Freda seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

Financials for March 2024 were presented. Brandon made a motion to accept the financials as presented. Freda seconded. All in favor - motion carried.

Mayor introduced DeeAnn Sammons, the new President of the EDC.

Tim Bierl gave an update on the Fire Department. They want to put a conex right next to the station. This will increase their storage. They are also working on getting the backup generator hooked up. Just need assistance getting it hooked up.

Commissioner LaPrade gave an update on the high speed internet that is being installed around the county.

Brandon made a motion to remove Vicki Ferguson from the bank accounts (General, Park, and Grant), and add Terri Brewer and Deborah Sheppard. Daniel seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

Mayor discussed the possibility of installing a water shut off outside the fence where the meter is. We need an emergency shut off. Mayor was given permission to get bids.

Mayor discussed the possibility of getting outside assistance with the website and Facebook, as they are time consuming. We need to add the ordinances and local announcements on site. Brandon made a motion to pay \$120 the first month, because there would be a lot of catching up to do, and \$75 monthly thereafter. Freda seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

Mayor mentioned that the Engineering firm for the Block Grant needs the service agreement signed. This is just a formality, as we have already approved them.

Updates on the Annex/Park area were given. Daniel still needs the bricks. He and Susan will get together this week to purchase. Susan will also purchase the baby swing needed for the playground. Prices were discussed on the property in the Annex building – pews - \$50, pulpit - \$100 (obo). Susan will make sure he has a change bag.

Terri inquired as to the future of the Annex. An outdoor pavilion was mentioned. Susan did mention that until it is torn down, the Fire Department wants to use it for search and rescue training.

Terri asked about the pit bull dogs that are running around the park area. Susan will check into how we need to handle this if we have an ordinance, but nowhere to put the animals.

Susan did mention that the Fire Marshal told her to talk to the city of Commerce about their code enforcement officer. He teaches classes. Commissioner LaPrade also suggested talking with the city of Talty.

Daniel showed a picture of the blessings box his friend makes. Brandon made a motion to have a box built for the city. Freda seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried. Susan added that the city has the opportunity to have a food pantry. She has confirmed with TML that the liability insurance will cover such. The small room on the Northeast corner would be perfect. It was agreed that she should work through local churches.

Susan asked each council member to write down their goals and objectives for the city, the council, etc. What are their top three priorities? She will work up a list for the next meeting.

Freda asked if next month we could discuss trimming trees.

Susan noted that this is Daniel's last meeting as a council member. Brandon said that he will also be a part of the city and park projects. The city has been blessed by his generosity in volunteering for projects.

Brandon made a motion to adjourn. Freda seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Murre", written over a horizontal line.

Susan Murre, Mayor