

## **Regular Board Meeting, May 5, 2008**

The Parsons City Council met for its regular monthly meeting, Monday, May 5, 2008 at 7:00 p .m. at the City meeting room Mayor Tim David Boaz called the meeting to order.

Roll Call:

Present

Absent

Harold Fisher

Dwight Lancaster

Dale Reynolds

Joe Don White

Mark Davis

Joseph Fisher

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and to approve as handed out by Joe White. Second Reading by Mark Davis

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to approve financial statements March 2008 by, Joe Don White, Second by Dale Reynolds Vote: All Ayes.

### **Community Forum:**

Decatur County Habitat members came before City Council and stated that they had talked to the Mayor about the land behind the Municipal Building. We wanted to build some homes here in Decatur County. We have the funds to do so, and someone thought that this land was available. We are coming to you with the proposal that you make this land available to us for a nominal fee or whatever. There are people in this County that need housing, and cannot afford it. These houses aren't give away houses. The people have to pay mortgages on these houses, and work on them. We will try to try to put regulations on these houses so that they stay nice. A proposal on how we may lay out one of those lots back there. We are requesting lot # 7 . We will purpose to put five houses on this lot, with a playground for the children, along with a storm house. Habitat would maintain it, and City would not have to maintain it. Decatur Habitat has come to the board to ask you to grant this to us. Mayor stated that he was unaware the situation that the City was in on this thing. This came up a few years ago because that someone wanted to buy this land. Attorney Edwin Townsend, Jr. stated that it is not as simple as it sounds. It comes under the charitable contribution; also it deals with the surplus property. The recorder will contact MTAS for an opinion on this. Darla Horner said she knew that under the City's Charter that you cannot give it away, but you could sell it for a nominal fee. Attorney stated that it might not be able to do this unless we do it at an auction, and then has to be advertised in the newspaper. Table-until the opinion comes from MTAS.

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**Communications from Mayor:** Mayor stated that he want to go over a few things that he has put together consisting of storm drains and street infrastructure. We are getting a lot of things done, and it is because of our Street Superintendent Wayne Lyles who is doing a fantastic job.

He also showed a power point showing the jobs done lately. This consisted of storm drains, sidewalk repair, and where a crest was taken off a hill to correct a dangerous situation because you cannot see the cars. Flood areas were talking about where culverts were too small or have rusted out and sunk down and have been replaced. Replacing of certain bridges that have been washed out. Wayne and his workers have been built these forms, and they have it down to science. Metal culverts only last 8 or 10 years. The box culverts should be good for a hundred years or more. Wayne got a price on a metal culvert, and it was \$7200.00, the concrete box culverts run around \$5,000.00. There will be other metal culverts that will be replaced later.

**Presentations:** A Certificate of Appreciation was present to Wayne Lyles.

### **Old Business:**

**I: Second Reading on Ordinance No: 281 An Ordinance Entitled An Ordinance authorizing a lease of the old City Hall to the Decatur County Emergency Management Agency. Motion to past this ordinance on first reading by Joe Don White. Second by Mark Davis Vote: All Aye**

### **New Business:**

**I: First Reading On Ordinance No: 282 An Ordinance Entitled An Ordinance Providing Funding and land for a Recreation complex. No Action at this time. (Waiting to see what the County is going to do with their budget)**

**II: First Reading on Ordinance No 283 An Ordinance Entitled An Ordinance providing a bridge Loan for the UTM Martin Parsons Center. More information at next meeting; maybe able to do this in an Resolution.**

**III: First Reading on Ordinance No 284 An Ordinance Entitled authorizing a lease agreement between the Decatur County Historical Society and the City of Parsons for a portion of the airport property for a site for a Historical Farm Site.**

**Attorney Edwin Townsend, Jr. suggest that some of the Historical Society Members talk to the present lessees before Council voted on this. So this item was table.**

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**IV: First Reading on Ordinance No 285 An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No 272 An Ordinance of the City of Parsons appropriating funds for the fiscal year July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Motion to pass this Ordinance on first reading By Joe Don White Second by Dale Reynolds. Vote: All Ayes**

**V: First Reading on Ordinance No: 286 An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of a used 1996 Ford Bucket Truck. Motion to passed this on First reading by Dale Reynolds Second by Joseph Fisher. Vote: All Ayes**

Motion to adjourn by Mark Davis Second by Harold Fisher Vote: All Ayes.

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Tim David Boaz, Mayor

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Judy Daugherty