

Regular Board Meeting March 7, 2022

The Parsons City Council met for its regular monthly meeting, March 7, 2022, at 6:00PM in the city council room. Mayor Tim David Boaz called the meeting to order.

Roll called:

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Visitors/in attendance</u>
Kevin Cagle	Lanny Taylor	Lee Villaflor, City Administrator
Marty Carrington		Colleen Lawlor, City Recorder
Joseph Fisher		Rick Wood, City Attorney
Dale Reynolds		Charles Taylor, Decatur County Chamber of Commerce
Larry Townsend		Dale King, Public Safety Director
Jimmy Lynn Walker		Madison Cagle

Approval of regular monthly minutes and special called meeting minutes for last month:

A motion was made by Kevin Cagle to approve and dispense of reading the regular monthly minutes for February 7, 2022. Second by Joseph Fisher. Vote: All Ayes (Lanny Taylor was absent and did not vote).

Approval of the Financial Statements for the last month:

A motion was made by Dale Reynolds to approve the Financial Statements for January 2022. Second by Marty Carrington. Vote: All Ayes (Lanny Taylor was absent and did not vote).

Community Forum:

Charles Taylor, Decatur County Chamber of Commerce Director spoke to the board giving an update on The Rivertime Players production of "Steel Magnolias". The play dates are March 4, 5, 6, 11 and 12th. "Facebook" critics have been written giving the show rave reviews.

Charles Taylor also reported that we were turned down to use excess funds from the Grant at Beech Bend Park to use for the speakers at the ballfield at the Parsons Regional Park. He was told that the funds were non-transferable and could only be used at Beech Bend Park.

Communications from the Mayor:

TLM Progress Report: (handed out to the council members at the meeting)

Parsons CDBG 2020 - 6333

- Construction plans and specifications ready to go to CDBG for review once permits are closer
- TVA permit acquired
- ACOE is currently reviewing the permit application
- NO TLM invoice submitted in February

Reports from committees, councilmen, and other officers:

Surplus Sales Update from Lee Villaflor:

We sold 2 of the 4-wheelers at \$3800.00 a piece. Dennis McKenzie was the highest bidder for both 4-wheelers. The vehicles did not sell as they did not meet reserve price of \$500.00. We might look at lowering the reserve price in the future if we are looking to sell these unsold vehicles.

TVA Permit Update (at intake) from Lee Villaflor:

TVA released the permit. Now we need to get a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers. The project is currently on hold due to flooding in the area, while waiting on this permit. When this gets approved, the project will then be bid out. Timing will be reflected in this process. Specifications are ready to be sent for approval to CDBG but will not be looked at until we obtain the final permit from Army Corps of Engineers. Funding has already been previously approved. The city already has an existing tower to tie on to. We will need to pour some concrete next to the existing tower. The city will duplicate the plans from the original foundation depth when building this new project.

FEMA Grant – Hazardous Mitigation Update from Lee Villaflor:

The City of Parsons is still waiting on results. Lee just received an email to set up a meeting to discuss reimbursements for the last FEMA grant we applied for.

Sewer Lagoon Project update from Lee Villaflor:

This project is 99.9% complete. We are waiting on one cooling fan to wrap this project up. We are bubbling, and both compressors are running, and windows are open.

New Business:

Discussion on the intent to Apply for Project Diabetes grant that will fund the purchase and installation of musical instruments at the park:

Mayor Boaz reported that the City of Parsons would like to apply for a \$30,000 grant to finish the Project Diabetes grant at the park that would include the purchase and installation of outdoor musical instruments at the park to complete this project. This grant will not have a match. The mayor opened the floor to allow for discussion on this matter. The placement for these instruments will be located throughout the walking trail. Councilmember Larry Townsend has walked a portion of the trail. Councilmember Jimmy Lynn Walker was wondering if these musical instruments were going to be like the ones that are at Dollywood. Lee Villaflor stated that the walking trail is still in construction and final decisions on what type of base for the trail is still being made – the theme will be a nature/outdoors trail. Council members were able to view online the website that contained these musical instruments after the meeting.

Resolution 03-07-2022-01 Entitled: A Resolution to support restoring the historic revenue sharing relationship between the state of Tennessee and its local governments and to return the local share of the single article cap to local governments:

This resolution is a joint effort with TLM and other local cities to restore the state shared sales tax percentages that were changed in 2002. This will benefit the City of Parsons if successful. Motion to approve this resolution as presented by Larry Townsend. Second by Kevin Cagle. Vote: All Ayes (Lanny Taylor was absent and did not vote).

Old Business:

Beech River Regional Airport – Joint Funding Agreement Update:

We distributed copies to the board of the letters that were sent between the City's attorney and the airport attorneys. Rick Wood, City Attorney reported on the airport. The City of Parsons has completed all contractual obligations and paid the final amount in full. All 4 mayors (City of Parsons, Decatur County, City of Lexington and Henderson County) have a meeting scheduled on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 2:00PM. Mayor Boaz and Lee Villaflor will attend on behalf of the City of Parsons.

In a letter Rick Wood sent to the airport attorneys on February 21, 2022, quoting, "The City of Parsons is willing to discuss a more equitable division of contributions by the various parties and divide it on a pro rata share based on the population of the City of Parsons. We are willing to discuss this and look for a solution that will mutually benefit the City and the airport authority."

Gas Line Project (North and South end projects) update from Lee Villaflor:

We have received 30% of the material. We took lowest bid on material but have not opened contract bids just yet due to needing a TVA permit for this project. We just sent in for the TDOT right-of-way permit and anticipate receiving the TDOT permit soon.

Adjourn:

Kevin Cagle motioned to adjourn the meeting. Second by Marty Carrington. Vote: All Ayes

Tim David Boaz, Mayor

Colleen Lawlor, City Recorder