

Regular Board Meeting May 2, 2022

The Parsons City Council met for its regular monthly meeting, May 2, 2022, at 6:00PM in the city council room. Mayor Tim David Boaz called the meeting to order.

Roll called:

Present

Kevin Cagle

Marty Carrington

Joseph Fisher

Dale Reynolds

Larry Townsend

Jimmy Lynn Walker

Absent

Lanny Taylor

Visitors/in attendance

Lee Villaflor, City Administrator

Colleen Lawlor, City Recorder

Dale King, Safety Director

Madison Cagle

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

A motion was made by Joseph Fisher to approve and dispense of reading the regular monthly minutes for April 2022.

Second by Jimmy Lynn Walker. Vote: All Ayes

Approval of the Financial Statements for the last month:

A motion was made by Dale Reynolds to approve the Financial Statements for March 2022. Second by Kevin Cagle.

Vote: All Ayes

Community Forum:

Kevin Cagle asked when the splash pad would be open.

- The splash pad will be open (with a set hours of operation) daily from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Joseph Fisher said the park was one of the nicest things the city has ever done. People all over the county are enjoying it. He had a couple of items that he wanted to discuss.

- 1) Round Pillars (gray and yellow) – people are running over the gray pillars. They are hard to see at dusk. We may want to consider painting all of them yellow to be more visible to all.
- 2) The Huntingdon Park hosts tournaments. They charge admission for people to enter these events and the city can collect up to \$20,000 per day. This might be something that the City of Parsons would want to consider when we plan for tournaments to come to utilize this potential revenue source.
- 3) We will need more parking to accommodate additional traffic

Communications from the Mayor:

- The sealed pavement at the park will re-striped to fix the crooked lines
- We have two PA's (outdoor speaker sound system) for the park ordered. One came in and one is still on its way
- We are still working on the walking trail. We are looking for someone to make benches out of logs.
- There has been a delivery of concrete blocks at the park – these are for the retaining wall on the walking trail
- We will be installing fencing at an open gate of the walking trail with leftover funds, one section at a time, to prevent vehicles from coming in and unloading items at the south end of the runway.
- TCAT Parsons CDL Program is doing very well. Reeves Trucking Company recently hired three drivers from this program. Other local driving companies are recruiting students for placement as well.
- TCAT Parsons LPN Program will be starting soon.
- The traffic light (for the main light) is still in China

- The traffic light at First Baptist is in process of being repaired. The lights were not initially installed properly. The sensors get hit with the afternoon sun that blinds the cameras causing the lights not to change. An extension will be installed to point the camera at a higher angle, that will not be affected by afternoon sun.

Reports from committees, councilmen, and other officers:

CDBG Generator Project (at intake) update from Lee Villaflor:

- The Army Corps of Engineers issued the permit to allow us to go under Beech Bend
- McFall Construction was onsite and will start boring the tunnel for this project
- Wednesday, May 4, 2022 will be the 1st of the 2 advertisements for bids for generator in the paper
- Friday, May 27, 2022 Bid opening at 12:00PM in City Council Room

TDEC – \$3.2M ARPA Funds (Water and Wastewater) update from Lee Villaflor:

- Decatur County Commissioners have not yet voted on this project. Mayor Mike Creasey has given a verbal agreement to Lee Villaflor but it will need to be approved by vote from the county commission to proceed
- City of Parsons will receive \$887,122 from TDEC
- City of Parsons sent Mike Creasey a letter asking for \$662,769 of the \$3.2M county TDEC funds
- City of Parsons will pay for the match \$154,989 and overage \$67,620
- Decatur County would not be required to match funds
- Total Project \$1,772,500
- Approval of this project would provide much needed reliable water service to Scotts Hill and North Utility District

New Business:

Resolution 05-02-2022-01 Entitled: “A Resolution to exclude future part-time employees from the political subdivision’s participation in the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-35-219”

- Motion to approve this resolution as presented by Kevin Cagle
- Second by Marty Carrington
- Vote: All Ayes

First Reading of Ordinance 403 Entitled: “An ordinance of the City of Parsons No 403 – Adopting the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023”

- Motion to approve this first reading of Ordinance No 403 made by Joseph Fisher
- Second by Larry Townsend
- Vote: All Ayes

First Reading of Ordinance 404 Entitled: “An ordinance of the City of Parsons Amending Ordinance No 400; Adopting a Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022”

- Motion to approve this first reading of Ordinance No 404 made by Kevin Cagle
- Second by Marty Carrington
- Vote: All Ayes

Awards Bids on the Parsons Natural Gas Line Extension Project (North and South End)

- City of Parsons only received (1) one bid for this project
- McFall Construction submitted bid proposal for \$496,000.00 for 2 inch gas project
- McFall Construction is BUTT FUSION CERTIFIED
- McFall Construction adheres to a substance abuse policy pursuant to TCA section 50-9-100
- McFall Construction is ready to start working once approved by the council
- City of Parsons has 50% of the pipe in inventory, just waiting on meters

Motion to authorize McFall Construction to be awarded the bid for the PNG Gas Line Extension project (North and South End – as one project) as presented made by Larry Townsend. Second by Kevin Cagle. Vote: All Ayes

Old Business:

None

Adjourn:

Joseph Fisher motioned to adjourn the meeting. Second by Larry Townsend. Vote: All Ayes

Tim David Boaz, Mayor

Colleen Lawlor, City Recorder