

PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF PARSONS CITY COUNCIL

March 6, 2023

Mayor Boaz opened the Public Hearing for Amending the Municipal Zoning Ordinance – Removal of three-side restriction for business identification signs request – on March 6, 2023, at 6:00PM in the city council room. No public input, and Mayor Boaz closed public hearing.

Immediately following, the Parsons City Council met for its regular monthly meeting in the city council room. Mayor Tim David Boaz called the meeting to order. Roll was called by City Recorder. All seven council members were in attendance, quorum was present.

Present

Kevin Cagle
Madison Cagle
Marty Carrington
John Odle
Dale Reynolds
Linda Taylor
Jimmy Lynn Walker

Absent

Visitors

Lee Villaflor, City Administrator
Colleen Lawlor, City Recorder
Wes Woodward, Public Safety Director
Rick Wood, City Attorney

Kevin Cagle made motion to approve and dispense reading of previous meeting minutes. Second by Dale Reynolds. Motion Carried. Vote: All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

Madison Cagle made motion to approve financial statements for January 2023. Second by Jimmy Lynn Walker. Motion Carried. Vote: All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

(A) VCIF (Violent Crimes Intervention Fund) Police Grant Resolution

Discussion ensued. This is a 100% Reimbursement grant – grant in the amount of \$37,524.00 for the purchases of: new body armor, tasers and rifles. Madison Cagle made motion to accept this resolution as presented. Second Dale Reynolds. Motion Carried. Vote by Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

(B) USDA Grant Resolution

Discussion ensued. This is a grant in the amount of \$50,000 and match \$16,500 to assist in the purchases of equipment – vehicle (Police Department). Dale Reynolds made motion to accept this resolution as presented. Second Marty Carrington. Motion Carried. Vote by Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

(C) Discussion on Pipeline Heater

Discussion ensued, no action. The city has been in touch with Hussey Gay Bell Engineers (Robert Stegall) to provide services for this project. The city has used Robert Stegall in previous projects. This is their expertise.

The proposed budget for this project is \$175,000.00. No monies have been spent for this project. The city has advertised for bids. The bid opening will be March 30, 2023 at 12:00PM. This is a much-needed project. Without a pipeline heater, the cost of repairs and maintenance to the master gas meter at Largo will only increase (due to freezing without this heater). Will present bid results at the next meeting.

(D) Liquor Ordinance Update

Applications will be available for pick up. All completed applications must be turned in by 4:00PM, March 30, 2023. The city will then have 30 days (April 2023) to investigate and complete background checks. The city

council will approve/not approve the issuance of a certificate of compliance at May 2023 meeting. Lottery may/may not be needed. Will update received applicants at next meeting.

(E) Discuss TN Municipal Bond Fund Loan

Discussion ensued no action. Mayor Boaz and the city council discussed the option to pay off the Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund Loan early due to the uncertainty of rising interest rates in the future. Currently the outstanding balance is \$1,382,000.00 with a variable interest rate. The Council agreed and will vote on the first reading of the budget amendment ordinance next month.

(F) Approval of Verizon Tower Contract

Discussion ensued, no action. City attorney needs to review terms of lease agreement. Will update at next meeting.

(G) First Reading of Ordinance Authorizing Purchase Christmas lights/decorations

Discussion ensued. Motion to purchase \$20,158.00 in new Christmas lights as presented by Jimmy Lynn Walker. Seconded by Marty Carrington. Vote by Roll Call: All Ayes, None Opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

(A) Second Reading of Ordinance No. 410 – Entitled “An Ordinance of Parsons, Tennessee: Removing the three side restriction for business identification signs”

Dale Reynolds made motion to accept this ordinance as presented. Second Jimmy Lynn Walker. Motion Carried. Vote by Roll Call: All Ayes, none opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Jimmy Lynn Walker. Motion was seconded. Vote: All Ayes

Tim David Boaz, Mayor

Colleen Lawlor, City Recorder