

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF PARSONS CITY COUNCIL

April 3, 2023

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. Six of the seven council members were in attendance, quorum was present.

Present

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

Absent

Madison Cagle

Visitors

Lee Villaflor, City Administrator
Colleen Lawlor, City Recorder
Wes Woodward, Public Safety Director
Danny Haynes, The Newsleader
Mark and Kelly Dunavant, Perryville Utility Sys.
Ginger Teague
Tejas/Rinu Patel

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

Kevin Cagle made a motion to approve financial statements for February 2023. Second by Dale Reynolds. Motion Carried. Vote: All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

Community Forum:

The City of Parsons is applying for funding from Project Diabetes. Ms. Ginger Teague, on behalf of the Parsons Recreation Committee, addressed the council.

These are some of the comments that were mentioned at this meeting:

- "The City of Parsons has previously applied for this grant to create walking trails at the Parsons Regional Park"
- "Thank you to the City Council for your support"
- "It is a true bright spot in our community; it is so nice!"
- "This park will make such a difference in the lives of our citizens"
- We have the opportunity to apply for a couple of grants to finish out the walking trail
- We have plans to enhance the trail once it is complete
- This is a non-matching grant (100% grant fund 0% match)
- We would like the approval from the City Council to apply for this grant

Currently in Decatur County, childhood obesity rate is about 50%. When we make any improvements such as sidewalks, we are not only helping improve the lives of our children now, but for the children of the future. We want them to be able to work and not be chronically ill and hold jobs. We want people who visit our park to stop in local establishments that will have an economic advantage impact for the City of Parsons – especially for projects solely funded by 100% (no match) grants.

Communications from the Mayor:

Ginger Teague and Sylvia Palmer, who has written grants for the City of Parsons in the past, is the reason we have had these projects (Project Diabetes). The City appreciates what they have contributed from these grants.

New Business:

(A) Vote to accept lowest recommended bidder on Pipeline Heater

Lee Villaflor reported that we had the bid opening last week and two (2) bids were turned in. Engineer Hussey Gay Bell recommended that we accept the lowest bidder – Hayes Utilities.

First Bid: Hayes Utility Contractor with bid amount of \$148,367.00

Second Bidder: Contractor out of Hopkinsville, KY with bid amount of \$258,000.00

Discussion ensued. Kevin Cagle made motion to accept Hayes Utility Contractor – lowest bidder. Second Jimmy Lynn Walker. Motion Carried. Vote by Roll Call: All Ayes (Madison Cagle absent and not voting). Motion passed unanimously.

(B) Asphalt project approval – County Bid Price

Arrow Paving has the current County Bid with a price of \$125.00/per ton. The City has three projects that will require paving for the road that goes around the ballfield the Regional Park, a new pickleball court at the old park (where the volleyball net was) and Parsons Municipal Building.

The Ballfield and pickleball projects will be funded out of parks and recreation in the amount of \$69,375.00

The Municipal Building will be funded out of the General Fund in the amount of \$73,750.00

Discussion ensued. John Odle made motion to accept this project as presented. Second Marty Carrington. Motion Carried. Vote by Roll Call: All Ayes (Madison Cagle absent and not voting). Motion passed unanimously.

(C) First Reading of Ordinance 412 – An Ordinance Amending FY2022/2023 Budget to pay off Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund (Parsons Municipal Building)

Discussion ensued. Dale Reynolds made a motion to approve this first reading of this ordinance as presented. Seconded by: Jimmy Lynn Walker. Vote by Roll Call: All Ayes (Madison Cagle absent and not voting). Motion passed unanimously.

(D) Resolution No: 04-03-2023-1: Entitles a Resolution Authorizing Revenue from the Natural Gas Utility System to be appropriated to help fund the Diabetes Project at the Parsons Regional Park Walking Trail

Discussion ensued. Kevin Cagle motioned to approve this resolution as presented. Seconded by John Odle. Vote by Roll Call (Madison Cagle absent and not voting). Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

(A) Liquor Ordinance Update:

Last day to turn in applications was March 30, 2023 at 4:00PM. The City accepted three (3) liquor applications. They are currently in review with Police Chief Wes Woodward and City Attorney Ricky Wood.

(B) Approval of Verizon Tower Contract:

The Site access agreement has been signed. The revised contract has been sent back to Verizon for their approval. No vote on this item tonight. Will re-present at the next council meeting.

(C) Second Reading of Ordinance 411 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase for New Christmas Lights for the City of Parsons

Discussion ensued. John Odle made a motion to approve this ordinance as presented. Seconded by Dale Reynolds. Vote by Roll Call: All Ayes (Madison Cagle absent and not voting). Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Dale Reynolds. Motion was seconded. Vote: All Ayes

Tim David Boaz, Mayor

Colleen Lawlor, City Recorder