

Regular Board Meeting February 7, 2022

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

Roll called:

Present

Absent

Visitors/in attendance

Kevin Cagle

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

Lanny Taylor

Danny Haynes, The Newsleader

Larry Townsend

Dale King, Public Safety Director

Jimmy Lynn Walker

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 January 10, 2022 and the special called meeting minutes for January 24, 2022. Second by Marty Carrington. 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 December 2021. Second by Larry Townsend. Vote: All Ayes

Community Forum:

Charles Taylor, Decatur County Chamber of Commerce Director spoke to the board giving an update of upcoming events. Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Bob Rolfe will be guest speaker on Friday, February 11, 2022, Economic Development luncheon that will be held at Parsons Municipal Building. He will be discussing Haywood County and how it's industrial growth it will impact West Tennessee and Decatur County. RSVP to Charles for a head count. Little Josh's will be catering the meal. Charles Taylor said this presentation will be very interesting and good for our community.

Communications from the Mayor: N/A

Reports from committees, councilmen, and other officers:

Surplus Sales Update:

Lee Villaflor, City Administrator, reported that the City of Parsons sold the 2002 Ford Police Ranger for \$500.00 to Richard Redmond. This item did not require bidding as listed below in City of Parsons Charter Purchasing Policy Section 33.

Section 33: Sale of obsolete, surplus, or unusable property. That the City Administrator may sell city property which is obsolete, surplus or unusable, after advertisement as provided in Section 32(b), by sealed bids or at public auction; provided, however, that any sale for more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or any sale of real estate shall be subject to approval by the Council. The City Administrator may sell any item valued at less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) without taking bids, but each such sale shall be reported to the Council at its next meeting. [As amended by Priv. Acts 2020, ch. 53, § 13]

He also reported that he has someone interested in purchasing the 40 ft box van semi-trailer. The reserve price for this piece of equipment has already been previously approved for a sale price of \$1000.00. This item has not yet been sold.

New Business:

FYE June 30, 2021 Annual Financial Report from the Comptroller's Office:

The City of Parsons received the 2021 Local Government Audit letter review from the Comptrollers Office. As directed by the Comptroller's office, this letter was included in the monthly packets to ensure delivery to the Mayor and all council members and is attached to these minutes.

Gas Line Extensions in the northern and southern end of the county:

Lee Villaflor, City Administrator presented two (2) future gas line extension projects to the city council for approval.

Project #1: SOUTH – Rt 202/Brooksie Thompson Rd

Total coverage: 6.6 miles

Potential new customers: 35-50

Description: This line extension would be an extension of the Martins Landing area. This new extension would make a complete loop and will provide higher level of service to the surrounding areas that tend to lose gas pressure at times.

Project #2: NORTH – Hwy 641/Jeanette Holladay Rd

Total coverage: 8.1 miles

Potential new customers: 50+

Description: This line extension would be an extension of the northern part of the county that will include estimated 3.1 miles of Jeanette Holladay Road off Hwy 641, Boyd Lane and Horny Head Creek Road and would tie into current gas line.

Between these two projects combined the city would add 14.7 miles of gas line. Time frame would be spring/summer 2022. The city would supply the materials but bid out contractor to install service line and potential customer taps at the same time. This project would be funded out of the gas enterprise fund.

Motion made by Larry Townsend to approve these 2 gas line extension projects presented, bidding out contracting work, city supplies materials. Second by Kevin Cagle. Vote: All Ayes

Approval of reserve price for Surplus Property:

Lee Villaflor, City Administrator asked the city council to approve reserve prices that were not already approved for two (2) 2005 Honda Remcon 4-wheelers with an opening bid of \$2000.00. Per the City of Parsons purchasing policy, the bid offer announcement will run in the Newsleader for 2 weeks. Bid opening will be March 4, 2022, at 12:00PM.

Motion made by Larry Townsend to approve the reserve price of \$2000.00 for each surplus vehicle/4-wheeler. Second by Dale Reynolds. Vote: All Ayes

Old Business:

City of Parsons Financial Plan for the Beech River Regional Airport:

On December 14, 2021 Spragins, Barnett & Cobb, PLC sent a letter to the City of Parsons on behalf of Beech River Regional Airport Authority/Joint Funding Agreement, File #6370-15. This letter advised the City of Parsons that there was an outstanding balance of \$19,797.50 for the year of 2021 and a balance of \$46,965.00 for the year 2022 for a total amount of \$66,762.50.

The City of Parsons does not agree with this letter. The City has paid all previous years statements. There were several questions the City raised by the Mayor and City Council members. Mayor Tim David Boaz wants this to be a fair process for all parties involved. Vice Mayor Joseph Fisher stated the amount per capita is unfair compared to the per capita cost of the residents of Henderson County. The City does not know which agreement this attorney is basing this letter on. There were two (2) agreements – one in 2001 and one in 2002. The 2002 funding agreement was passed by City of Parsons, Decatur County, City of Lexington, but not presented to Henderson County Commission. The agreement from 2001 expired in 2021 and therefore the City would not be responsible for the year of 2022. The 2nd agreement in question was made in 2002, that added item:

(C) Henderson County Personal Property Tax: All property taxes assessed against aircraft located at the Regional Airport and used for business and professional pursuant TCA Sections 67-5-101, 67-5-102, 67-5-903 collected by Henderson County shall be paid and deposited into the Airport Authority Operating Fund.

If this 2nd agreement is current, then Henderson County should be held accountable for \$107,425.00 collected Personal Property Taxes for years 2007-2011 that was not deposited into the Airport Authority Operating Fund.

Motion made by Kevin Cagle to pay \$19,797.50 to clear prior year (2021) balance for the airport and have City Attorney, Rick Wood negotiate the terms of the 2nd agreement for the city – decisions will be made after. Second by Joseph Fisher.
Vote: All Ayes

City Attorney, Rick Wood will receive the check to send, and will include a letter on behalf of the City of Parsons to the Beech River Regional Airport Authority.

Adjourn:

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

Tim David Boaz, Mayor

Colleen Lawlor, City Recorder