

Regular Board Meeting April 4, 2022

The Parsons City Council met for its regular monthly meeting, April 4, 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>
Dale Reynolds	Kevin Cagle	Lee Villaflor, City Administrator
Larry Townsend	Marty Carrington	Colleen Lawlor, City Recorder
Lanny Taylor	Joseph Fisher	Charles Taylor, Decatur County Chamber of Commerce
Jimmy Lynn Walker		

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

A motion was made by Dale Reynolds to approve and dispense of reading the regular monthly minutes for February 7, 2022. Second by Jimmy Lynn Walker. Vote: All Ayes (Kevin Cagle, Marty Carrington, and Joseph Fisher were 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 Jimmy Lynn Walker. Vote: All Ayes (Kevin Cagle, Marty Carrington, and Joseph Fisher were absent and did not vote).

Community Forum:

No discussion on this topic

Communications from the Mayor:

Employee Handbook - The Mayor opened a discussion on potential updates/changes to the employee handbook. It has been several years since it has been revised. This handbook not only protects the city but also the employee. Any changes will need to match the city's municipal code. He would like to have the city council members review the current handbook (with gray-highlighted suggested areas for updates) and re-visit this topic at next meeting.

Reports from committees, councilmen, and other officers:

TVA Permit Update (at intake) from Lee Villaflor:

No new updates on this project from last month meeting. We are still waiting on the Army Corps of Engineers to release the permit.

FEMA Grant - Hazardous Mitigation Update from Lee Villaflor:

No new updates on this project from last month meeting.

Sewer Lagoon Project Update:

The sewer lagoons were worn out, filled in and needing repair/maintenance at 34 years old. ARP Funds paid for this project. Ammonia discharge levels are now showing positive results.

Gas Line Expansion project (North and South Ends) update from Lee Villaflor:

Bids are due next week on April 15, 2022. We will award bids at the next meeting if the council so desires.

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

This new round of ARPA money is coming in. There will be restrictions in accepting this money – it must be used for water, wastewater, or stormwater. We have been in discussion with the countywide water departments (North Utility Water District, Town of Decaturville, Perryville Utility District and Scotts Hill Water System). We have had a couple meetings discussing plans to put a new 10” line under Beech River to supply Decaturville. The current line under Beech River would have something to happen to it, Decaturville would be left without water. This would ensure constant water to Decaturville. In addition, this new line could provide additional water volume to be able to supply additional water departments (i.e. North Utility from City of Parsons, and Scotts Hill from Decaturville). This would be a potential collaborative project with Decatur County to provide countywide water service. There will be further discussion on this item later.

New Business:

Resolution 04-04-2022-01 Entitled: A Resolution to approve a Consultant Selection Policy for Projects Funded in Whole or in Part with Funds Provided by Federal Highway Administration or TN Department of Transportation:

This resolution is required by TDOT. All local governments that work on state or federally funded projects with them to formally adopt TDOT’s procurement policy. Once this policy is adopted, it will be good for all future projects. Motion to approve this resolution as presented by Larry Townsend. Second by Dale Reynolds. Vote: All Ayes (Kevin Cagle, Marty Carrington, and Joseph Fisher were absent and did not vote).

Old Business:

Project Diabetes musical instrument update:

This project was discussed at the last meeting. We were told afterwards that this remaining grant balance had been denied. However, the Mayor was told that there still might be a chance that this could be approved.

Adjourn:

Larry Townsend motioned to adjourn the meeting. Second by Dale Reynolds. Vote: All Ayes

Tim David Boaz, Mayor

Colleen Lawlor, City Recorder