

GLENWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

September 15, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Smith at 6:03 PM a prayer was led by Charlie Caldwell and the Pledge of Allegiance by Joe May. Roll call by recorder Noble showed present at the meeting were: John Powell, Charles Caldwell, Karen Baker and Mayor Smith. Jimmy Clark was absent.

Agenda item two was a discussion of the park drainage project. The mayor presented an analysis of the proposed project costs showing the in-kind expenditures the city would be required to pay. The anticipated cash outlay was \$9500. The city still has \$20,812.00 of in-kind work that must be done in the City Park.

A motion by Charlie Caldwell to demolish the handball court at the City Park was seconded by John Powell and approved on a unanimous vote by council.

The mayor next recognized Kiron Browning the engineer for the park project. He recommended the council accept the low bid of \$73,717.50 from JCON Inc. Karen Baker moved with a second by John Powell to award the contract for the park drainage to JCON Inc. for \$73,117.50. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote.

Next item of discussion was the completed Lakeshore water project. The Mayor Noted he had received the letter of substantial completion from the engineers. The mayor also noted that it was assumed that there would be some settling and washing of earth during the winter and that it was too late in the season to plant hardy grass, therefore the contractor planted ryegrass to control erosion for the winter. Mayor told council we had a warranty of one year on the project. John Powell questioned the planning of ryegrass and the size of the rocks left in the ditch. Engineer Browning assured council that the contractor would return in the spring to touch up the project, planting like grasses, filling wash outs and settling. Browning also stated there was a performance bond in the contract as an assurance to the council. Powell question the need for a motion to approve payment of the project and the mayor stated that when the council voted to approve the project that included authorization to pay the contractor.

Agenda item 4 concern the moving of the utilities on the Caddo River bridge. Kiron Browning Stated that yesterday he received approval from the health Department and would be compiling the plans and specs to send to the highway Department for final approval, upon approval the project would be ready to put out for bid. Karen Baker agreed to contact Justin Gonzales to seek funding assistance for the bridge project.

Item 5 on the agenda was the approval of the July 23rd City Council meeting minutes. The Council had these minutes for review prior to the meeting and a motion by Powell with a second by Caldwell to approve the July 23rd minutes as presented was approved unanimously.

Council next addressed the June 2020 financials which had been in their possession since July. John Powell questioned the success of the installation of the lagoon commanders in the water holding reservoir. Mayor Smith informed council that the verdict was still out on the overall success of that project since algae had gotten out of hand early in the spring before the commanders were installed.

Motion to approve the June 30, 2020 financials was made by Baker and seconded by Caldwell and received a unanimous vote of approval.

Agenda item 7 was the July 2020 financials. Powell expressed his concern that we were over budget in several areas and thought we should meet and adjust the budget. Mayor Smith ask council if they cared to have a special meeting and adjust the budget, the decision was to wait for November and the budgeting sessions for next year. Smith agreed to provide copies of departmental financials to the Department heads. Motion was made by Powell and seconded by Baker to approve the July 30th city financials as presented. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda item 8 Was the discussion of resolution 2020-05 a resolution to approve tax abatement for improvements at the Great Southern Treatment Plant. The resolution was read and approved on a motion by Baker with a second by Caldwell and a unanimous vote.

On agenda item 9 the council viewed and discussed proposed logos for the city of Glenwood, there was no consensus, no decision was made and the meeting moved on to next topic.

Agenda item 10 was the ARWA presentation of July 23rd. The Mayors synopsis of the water study presented by Dennis Sternberg was Glenwood should move their base rate for in city to \$30.96 and for out of town to \$41.79 as base rate for both. Also expressed was the fact that Glenwood had some of the lowest expenses for systems our size in the state. John Powell commented that he could not make his numbers match the numbers presented. A 30 minute discussion followed and the result of that discussion was that more funding would be sought and more study would be done in reference to the water and sewer revenue of the city.

A citizen spoke in reference to a water leak at 307 Dwain Street, the mayor assigned the leak to the Water Department for action.

Agenda item 11 was discussion of the Tranquil Lane lift station. Smith informed counsel that Mr. Evans was anxious for the city to accept the lift station for maintenance. Smith told the council he had two concerns , one of them being that by ordinance the city must be furnished an additional pump before accepting a lift station and the other concern was the support system for electrical boxes was made of wood. Smith asked that he be provided a letter from Energy saying that a wooden platform was an acceptable structure to support that equipment. Council asked that Smith check with the Department of Health for the rules for acceptance of a lift station for city maintenance.

Agenda item 12 was the maintenance schedule for city owned water tanks. Smith asked to be allowed to start an upgrade to tanks. Smith said the quote for the Salem tank was \$73,000 and asked the council to approve spending up to \$73,000 on the upgrade of the Salem tank. A motion was presented by Karen Baker and seconded by Charlie Caldwell to move forward on the renovation of the Salem tank at \$73,000 or less, the motion carried on a unanimous vote.

The Mayor announced that Grant Farm Road should be chipped and sealed in October at the latest, that 1st St had a contractor coming to give us some pricing. The auction of surplus equipment was discussed and Council wishes the process to move forward.

The Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn from Karen Baker and a second by John Powell. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

APPROVED AT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 20TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2020

VOTE: YES: _____ NO: _____

SIGNATURES

MAYOR: BT SMITH _____

COUNCILMAN: JIMMY CLARK _____

COUNCILMAN: CHARLIE CALDWELL _____

COUNCILMAN: JOHN POWELL _____

COUNCILWOMAN: KAREN BAKER _____

RECORDER/TREASURER: SHARON NOBLE _____