

**TYRONZA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
September 8th, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Tyronza City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Charles Glover. With the roll having been called, the following council members were recorded as present: Kevin Skipper, Michael Hood, Shirley Hindman, Linda Hall and Barbara Ross. Absent: Tyler Permenter. A quorum was declared. Recorder /Treasurer Donna Wood and city attorney Noyl Houston were also in attendance.

The invocation was given by Kevin Skipper.

Mayor Glover asked if there was a motion to suspend the reading of the August 11th, 2020 regular council meeting minutes. Shirley Hindman seconded by Kevin Skipper moved to suspend the reading of the minutes. Upon a voice vote, the voting was as follows: Ayes: Unanimous.

Mayor Glover asked if there was a motion to approve the August 11th, 2020 minutes. Kevin Skipper seconded by Michael Hood, moved to approve the minutes. Upon a voice vote, the voting was as follows: Ayes: Unanimous

The expenditures were next on the agenda.

Charles asked for a motion to approve the expenditures for August 2020, Shirley Hindman seconded by Barbara Ross moved to approve the expenditures.

The expenditures were then open for discussion.

Michael Hood asked if E. J. Roach had been paid all that was due to him.

Mayor Glover said that he had been paid.

Shirley Hindman questioned a check written to Danny Marrs for Christmas Club.

Charles explained employees were allowed to have money deducted from their checks to be put into a Christmas Club account.

Barbara Ross questioned the sale of the Chevrolet brush truck for \$2,000.00 and asked if it should have not been bidden out.

Charles said the truck was in real bad shape and they found someone who was interested in the truck. He said he did not think bids had to be taken when the amount of money was low.

Fire Chief David Wood said more money had been put into the truck than what it was worth. He said the truck couldn't be driven more than 40 miles per hour or the front end would shimmy. The whole front end was going to have to be redone. He said he saw a chance to get some money back out of it and that was why it was put up for sale.

Charles said the person who bought it was not going to tag it and was going to put it out on the farm to use.

Shirley asked if the same thing could be done with the old water truck.

Charles said that truck too was not in good shape and the same thing could be done with it.

Barbara said she felt that something should be posted when the City was considering selling equipment.

With there being no further discussion on the expenditures, a voice vote was taken and the voting was unanimous to approve the August 2020 expenditures.

Charles said he would like to introduce three new employees. He then introduced Karmin Skipper as the new water clerk/dispatcher, Garen Tacker as the new police chief and Wyatt Wheaton as the new patrol officer.

The new manager of the Southern Farmer's Tenant Union Museum was on the agenda to address the council.

Penny Toombs then introduced herself to the council and told of some plans she had for the museum.

A resolution to extend the tax millage was next on the agenda.

Noyl then read the resolution entitled "RESOLUTION FOR TAX MILLAGE TO BE EXTENDED UPON THE 2021 TAX BOOKS" in full.

Shirley Hindman seconded by Barbara Ross moved to approve the resolution. Upon a voice vote the voting was unanimous to approve.

In old business, Mayor Glover gave an update on the water tank repair project.

He said the closing on the loan would be the week of September 24th, bids were being taken and the opening date of the bids would be October 1st at 11:00 am.

Charles announced that Vector would be doing a fly over for mosquitoes on Wednesday, September 9th.

Barbara questioned whether Vector offered chemicals to rice farmers this year. She said last year they did offer the chemicals for free.

Charles said he would check with Vector to find out if it was offered.

Charles said he had received a bid to replace the roof at the park pavilion. The bid was \$3,500.00 and that would include labor and material to put a metal roof on the pavilion. The metal would be 29 gauge. The bid was from Mack Carey.

Shirley Hindman asked had the City received any information on who owned the property located on Oak Street where a tree fell through the house during the October 21st tornado. The R/T said the house was in foreclosure and the mortgage company was Wells Fargo. The land next to the house was separate from the house and was believed to be tied up in a divorce settlement.

Barbara Ross asked if the City could clean the lot up and put a lien on the property.

Charles asked Noyl what the procedure was to do this.

Noyl said the City would need to give the property owner notice first telling them they are in violation of the ordinance and they need to clean it up or the City would do it and would post a lien on the property.

Charles asked if the information was gathered would he write the letter and Noyl said yes.

Shirley asked what could be done with the lots on Thelma Street, it had been a year since a letter was sent asking for the property to be cleaned up.

Charles said Willie Joe was currently working on the lots and had moved a lot of things off of the lots.

Barbara said the grass in the ditch running down Memphis and Church Street used to be mowed by the farmers. She asked if the City could not mow the grass.

Charles said the City could do that.

Shirley asked if a letter could be sent to the owner of the property located at 147 Frisco. She said his property facing Wood Street had junk in the yard.

Michael asked the police chief if there could be an officer on duty on the weekend.

Garen said there was a part-time officer on duty on the weekends but that officer was on call. He said the officer would take the car home with him and answer calls as they came in. He said part-time officer working on weekends took the stress off the full-time officers working during the week. He said the full-time officers were working 60 hours a week, so that gives 24-hour coverage through the week.

Michael said there was a lot of traffic on the weekends that go down Main Street speeding.

Charles said tickets were being given to speeders on Main Street. Officers were patrolling and watching Main Street.

Barbara Ross asked if schedules could be alternated so that an officer could work the weekend and then be off on Monday. She said people in town know the officer's schedules and this way with alternate schedules the people wouldn't know the officer's schedules.

Charles said they would work on that.

Garen said a problem with that was the part-time officers have full time jobs during the week and it would be hard to find someone to cover a full-time officer's schedule during the week for that officer to be on duty on the weekend.

Shirley asked if the \$2.00 fee was still being charged on the water bills since lunches were not currently being served at the Senior Center.

Charles said the \$2.00 fee was a voluntary fee put on the water bills was voluntary. If people do not want to pay the \$2.00, they do not have too. It was strictly volunteer to pay if they wanted to.

Kevin Skipper said the grass had been mowed in the field beside his house. He thanked the Mayor for getting that done. He said he talked to Susie McCorkle and she said she had problems mowing one location because someone had dumped a pile of concrete in the lot. She also said ruts were being cut in the ground and that made it hard to mow.

Charles said if the council members see anyone dumping concrete or making ruts to let the City know.

Barbara asked if the ditch beside the post office could be drudge out since it was pretty much dried out.

Charles said he would see about getting it cleaned out.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Shirley Hindman and seconded by Michael Hood to adjourn. The voting was unanimous to approve.



Charles Glover, Mayor



Donna D Wood, Recorder/Treasurer