

**CITY OF PERRY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 8, 2020**

Council president R.J. Brown called the July 8, 2020 meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll was called. Members present Ross Smith, R.J. Brown, Derek Aldrich, Jason Phillips and Sheri Kuenzi. Mayor Clay McHardie was absent.

MINUTES

Council member Smith moved to approve the June 10, 2020 minutes. Council member Phillips seconded the motion. Motion carried,

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Council member Aldrich moved to approve the accounts payable. Council Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Paul Crawford was present to let the council know what all he does for home zoning inspections. His fee is \$36.00 per hour \$18.00 per travel an hour and \$.26 per mile. Council member Brown would like to see our permit priced to go up to compensate for the inspection fees. Lee will check with other cities to see what they charge and bring those numbers to the next meeting.

Bill Culver was present to represent the United Methodists Church. He is here about a tree that is on our easement that needs to be removed. Chris Alexander will remove the tree for \$1200.00. Mr. Culver added that the church is willing to pay for half. Gene did say that the tree roots are growing into the sewer line. That being said just because a tree is on our easement and we don't have any problems with the infrastructure we will not just cut down their trees.

Council member Smith made a motion to have Chris Alexander with proof of insurance take down the tree for \$1200.00 with the city to pay \$600.00. Council member Kuenzi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Beth Roe was back to address the council about changing the ordinance to allow chickens. She brought a petition with 85 signatures that were for allowing them, There were also about 15-20 people in support of allowing them outside of City Hall. Council president said that no action would be taken at this meeting until Mayor McHardie would be back next month.

Council member Smith then made a motion to move forward with an ordinance, Council member Kuenzi seconded the motion. Motion failed for lack of votes. There were two yes's.

Council members would like to have a sales tax increase to help pay for new infrastructure replacement. Lee said it would need to be on the ballot by September 1, 2020. The council would like to request a 1% increase making the city tax total of 1.5%. Lee will find out more on this.

County commissioner Wayne Leddbetter was present to inform the council about the federal CARES ACT. The county has been allotted a certain amount of money and they have disbursed it out to schools and cities. These funds can be used for any covid-19 expenses or future expenses. We have a very short time period to have this request back to the State. Lee will write a letter for us to distribute to our business.

Council member Smith made a motion to have Lee, Tyler and Vicki to move forward with gathering this info and keeping track of all time spent on CARES business and give them the power of attorney. Council member Aldrich seconded this motion. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE AND COUNCIL REPORTS AND CONCERNS

Chief Wade informed the council of the police calls for the month. We have had two break in's this month and we caught one on video thanks to installing cameras at the City Shop.

We also have a new map for the walking trail. It will be installed this week.

ADJOURNMENT

Council member Aldrich made a motion to adjourn. Council member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Vicki Walbridge
City Clerk