

**CITY OF PERRY
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2022**

Mayor Clay McHardie called the February 9, 2022 meeting to order.

Roll was called. Members present were Mayor Clay McHardie council members Issy Higgins, Facility Ross, Derek Aldrich, Jason Phillips and Sheri Kuenzi.

MINUTES

Council member Aldrich moved to approve the January 12, 2022 meeting minutes. Council member Phillips seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor McHardie began the meeting addressing the public about the increase of the water rates and the new sewer charge. He told the public that we have crumbling sewer system and water lines. We had no choice but to raise the rates. Mayor McHardie apologized to the public for not sending out something sooner to inform everyone that the increase was coming.

Brett Wagner explained to the public and council what the time line of the loan would be and how many years it will take for the construction of the sewer and water lines. He also spoke about government money called BASE and would apply for it for both projects. The cost to fill out and file each application would be \$8950.00 each.

Council member Phillips made a motion to have Mr. Wagner to apply for the BASE loan for both projects for a total of \$17900.00 empowering the Mayor to sign the contract for the application. Council member Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Wagner said that the funds would be refunded if the project is not eligible for funding.

Council member Higgins said she has been getting complaints about Bishop's property on Main Street that it is an eye sore. Council member Ross said the same thing about Ron Roe's property on Front St.

Council member Aldrich made a motion to have a \$400.00 building permit fee for new homes and the builder will pay all inspection fees in order to receive the occupancy certificate. Council member Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor McHardie asked the council to make a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss none elected personal.

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Regular meeting resumed at 8:20 p.m.

Council member Ross made a motion to give Austin Low a \$1.00 raise dating back to November 1, 2021 to the present date. Council member Phillips seconded the motion, Motion carried.

Council member Phillips made a motion to give Wagner permission to get with Hamby to get site plan for sewer and water line repairs. Council member Aldrich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Council member Phillips made a motion to adjourn. Council member Aldrich seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.