

REGULAR MEETING

The Town Council of the Town of Weber City met in a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 14, 2021. The meeting was held in the assembly room of the Weber City Town Hall. Mayor Christopher J. Powers called the meeting to order. Justin Addington led the council in prayer. Pledge of Allegiance by all in attendance.

PRESENT:

Mayor: Christopher J. Powers
Council Member: Justin M. Addington
Council Member: V. Eileen
Deckard
Council Member: Robert P. Hammonds
Council Member: Gregory W. Smith
Council Member: Teresa A. Tilson
Town Attorney: Michael Carrico

ABSENT:

Council Member: Larry W. Wagner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to accept the November 16, 2021 regular monthly meeting minutes was made by Teresa Tilson; Justin Addington seconded the motion; the motion passed with 5 voting AYES: none voting NAY 1 ABSENT.

Motion to accept the November 2021 Financial Report was made by Teresa Tilson; Eileen Deckard seconded the motion; the motion passed with 5 voting AYES: none voting NAY 1 ABSENT.

Public Presentations: Chuck Bridwell and Dustin Mays addressed the board to discuss the expired contract stating the town has come a long way. The need for his services are needed more so now than before due to preparing for the upcoming audit. Disbursed his proposal for an ongoing agreement. The agreement would a lot 4 hours of time per month for any services needed. The contract would be for another 3-year term as before a total cost of \$750.00 per month. The previous contract was \$350.00 per month. He stated this first governmental audit presents a huge challenge to get everything ready. Stating the first audit will require much more effort. Greg Smith stated this was an instrumental time to get the audits back in motion and the audits should have never been stopped. Mike Carrico stated he would suggest this be put on the agenda for the January meeting. They agreed to go ahead and work the December month until a vote could be made at the January meeting.

Old Business:

Street Lighting: Greg Smith provided the council with an update regarding the AEP streetlight designs; he has preliminary designs for US 58 and US 23 stated that he as well as AEP has been trying to get in touch with VDOT, still not having any luck and he has no idea what is going on with them. AEP has the designs set to current standards. Depending on the exact border locations, the town would be looking at adding 38 lights, however the equipment is not available to order at this time. The lights would go from Little Caesars to the trestle. On 58 from Little Caesars to just past the Hiltons turnoff. He has the proposed designs with him if anyone would like to look at the design. The streetlights would need to go up to Terry's tack since that is inside the town limits. Greg Smith stated he has tried to find funding for the project and has yet to find possible funding for the projects. At this time, he does not have an official quote.

Building Inspection Fee: No updates from the County.

Snow Plowing: Mike Carrico stated that he has the new contract and the cost would increase by \$10.00 per hour over last year's contract. Mr. Carrico stated that Mr. Williams does have liability insurance policy available. The contract would be a one-year term.

Motion to approve the snow plowing contract with Mr. Williams was made by Greg Smith seconded by Justin Addington; the motion passed with 5 voting AYES; none voting NAY 1 ABSENT.

Legal: Mike Carrico stated that he has an ordinance that would need to be approved. The ordinance would require the town elections to be held of that as the General assembly.

Motion to vote and approve the ordinance that is required by the legislature to have what is in place for all town elections to be held in November was made by Justin Addington; Teresa Tilson seconded the motion; the motion passed with 4 voting AYES: none voting NAY 1 ABSENT 1 ABSTENTION.

Zoning: Mike Carrico asked if it was ok that he run a small announcement in the paper to invite members of the general public to come talk about possible zoning for the Town of Weber City.

Motion to approve newspaper notification was made by Greg Smith; Eileen Deckard seconded the motion; the motion passed with 5 voting AYES: none voting NAY 1 ABSENT.

New Business:

Committee Appointments:

ARPA committee: Eileen Deckard and Teresa Tilson

Finance Committee: Teresa Tilson and Greg Smith

Maintenance Committee: Justin Addington and Robert Hammonds

Personnel Committee: Justin Addington and Larry Wagner

Planning Committee: Eileen Deckard and Greg Smith

Street Committee: Robert Hammonds and Larry Wagner

Bank Signees: Eileen Deckard stated to the mayor since she is no longer on the finance committee, she didn't think she would like to be listed as a bank signee.

A motion for a resolution to replace Eileen Deckard as a bank signee and replace the name with Justin Addington was made by Eileen Deckard, seconded by Teresa Tilson; the motion passed with 5 voting AYES; none voting NAY 1 ABSENT.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Bruce Cross addressed the council to discuss the possibilities of joining the Town, Fire and Police together to make a town municipality building. He is in favor of this idea he stated this is good for the town. He wanted to know what amount of space the town would actually require for the Police Department and Town Hall areas. Mr. Cross stated the Fire Department would not relinquish the building to the town, he has worked hard to acquire the property and would like it to remain in possession of the Fire Department. Discussion was made regarding possible ways to occupy all the space within the building. He stressed how he would like to utilize the space for fire prevention education as well as hands on activities with children by making the station kid friendly as no station in the county is kid friendly. Mike Carrico questioned what space the Fire Department would make for the Town of Weber City. Mr. Cross said he would like to ask if the town and the police department join to the building, he would like to request the town cover all utility cost, and ask that the town clerk assist with answering phone calls for the fire department as well. He will be working with a grant writer to ask for funding. He stated that he will still have the Christmas event and that will help to promote the Fire department as well as the town. He would ask everyone to think about what would be needed and to let him know so that he can work on possible floor plan ideas. Mike Carrico asked how long is anticipated

before the Fire Department would be able to relocate to the new building. Mr. Cross advised the goal is a to be in the building by the year 2024. Mr. Cross stated he can not see any negatives for the joint location and this could be great for the town. He wants this to be everyone's fire department for the community. Mayor Chris Powers stated he would get a committee together so that the town would be able to determine how to proceed. Matt Ison with the Fire Department stated he had two quotes for possible radios for the use of the fire department and would request use of ARPA funding to make the purchase. Mike Carrico stated that Matt would need to acquire a third quote before the next meeting.

Police Department: No Report

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Teresa Tilson, Robert Hammonds seconded the motion; the motion passed with 5 voting AYES: none voting NAY none 1 ABSENT.

Mayor: Christopher J. Powers

Town Secretary: Rhonda Neeley