CITY OF LA HARPE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 14, 2023

REGULAR MEETING 7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT OTHERS PRESENT

Austin Lee Mayor, Ella Mae Crowell

Danny Ware Jr City Clerk, Michelle Altis

Cynthia Carr City Code/animal Control, Penny Miller

Sharlyn Thompson Police Chief, Joe Stotler

Fire Chief, Marc Waggoner

Water Rep, Roy Caler

City Attorney, Fred Works

City Maintenance, Gentry Dougherty

**Call to order**

Mayor Crowell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance with 4 members present. Ron Knavel was absent.

**Approval of Agenda**

Sharlyn Thompson made the motion to approve the agenda. Austin Lee seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**Approval of Minutes**

Danny Ware Jr made the motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on May 10, 2023, and the special meetings on May 22, 2023 as presented. Cynthia Carr seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**CITIZENS CALL FOR BUSINESS**

1. No business discussed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Sunshine Jones was requesting the status on her variance. Austin Lee stated, the city is trying to get away from hoofed animals. Fred suggested adding a grandfather clause in the animal ordinance. Mayor Crowell suggested to Sunshine to fix the property so that you may fit into the grandfather clause. Michelle will email Fred the ordinance and he will get something to review for next month’s meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Fire Ordinance – Mayor Crowell stated part of the problem is the size of the pits throughout town. Austin Lee suggested we have a size guideline. Council directed Fred to Look over fire ordinance and see what can be done to get it cleaned up.
2. Burn Permit – will be reviewed after make changes to fire ordinance.
3. Animal Ordinance – discussed earlier under unfinished business.
4. Lift Station #2 pumps – Mayor Crowell stated the main station is operating on one pump and we have to have 2 pumps to keep up. She stated the pumps have been ordered, just need to know where you want to take the money from. Danny Ware Jr. made the motion to use the loan to purchase 2 pumps. Sharlyn Thompson seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
5. SRF/ State Revolving Fund – Mayor Crowell stated the SRF is due June 15, 2023 and the LCRR Application is due June 30, 2023. Both of these items will help with the requirements of the lead and copper research. Austin Lee made the motion to submit both applications. Sharlyn Thompson seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
6. Demo Bids – Mayor Crowell opened the only bid on demolition of 308 S. McKinley which came from Ray’s Metal Depot in the amount of $1,500.00. Sharlyn Thompson made the motion to accept the bid provided. Austin Lee seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
7. Park Concession Stand – Joe Stotler, with La Harpe Days, stated the committee would like top remodel the concession stand and are requesting the city bring power and water to the building. The council was agreeable in doing so.
8. Gym Floor – Danny Ware Jr stated that Brian Ramirez measured the floor and stated he thinks the floor tiles have asbestos in them, Danny suggested we send off a tile for testing and will get the information to Michelle. Mayor Crowell stated we are looking into other grant options for funding to get this project done.

**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

1. Fred Works, City Attorney – Shared a contract for Kenny Rose and Kyle Rayburn to release permission for the city to go in and clean the property. He also had a quit claim deed for Janet Garber’s place, stating that Glen Garber wants to obtain the property and get it cleaned up. Mayor Crowell requested a motion to accept both items. Danny Ware Jr made the motion to accept the paperwork as presented. Cynthia Carr seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
2. Roy Caler, Water Representative – Nothing to report
3. Joe Stotler, Police Chief – Shared his monthly time cards and report. Joe asked Fred if he could help a resident in town that is trying to obtain a property that went through the tax sale. He stated there are squatters living on the property and it was on the tax sale but they were able to pay enough to get it off the tax sale. Fred stated he would be happy to help the situation.
4. Penny Miller, Code/Animal Control – Shared her monthly reports. She stated, we’ll look at the kennel license later. She also warned everyone about parvo and it is very contagious and deadly to other animals.
5. Marc Waggoner, Fire Chief- Shared the meeting minutes: The La Harpe Volunteer Fire Department met for the monthly meeting. Present: Matthew Waggoner, Mehan Sparks, Josh Sparks, Marc Waggoner Sr., Bill Gay, Gentry Dougherty, Dennis Sidebottom, Pamela Waggoner & Ronald Splector. La Harpe firefighters started meeting, took out all firetrucks and went to the park to setup slide barrel for La Harpe Days. Started training Gentry on how to run the firetrucks and will be additional training on each meeting. Then returned to barn and adjourned the meeting.
6. Maintenance Department –The workorders and Dereck’s progress report were shared. Mayor Crowell stated that Dereck has the opportunity to do some work with KMEA, which in turn will help setoff some of the work we need done here. Mayor Crowell stated she told Dereck he could go as long as the risers in the streets were done first.
7. Michelle Altis, City Clerk – Michelle asked about when to submit the special assessments and would it be better to wait to submit them. Fred suggested we submit them as we always have. Michelle stated a special meeting to review the budget is scheduled for July 5th. She also shared pricing on carpet for the library, the council wanted more bids.

**DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS –**

Mayor Crowell requested a motion to go into executive session 20 minutes. Danny Ware Jr made the motion to go into an executive session 20 minutes. Cynthia Carr seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**TREASURER’S REPORT –** File for audit.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Danny Ware Jr made a motion to approve bills as presented. Sharlyn Thompson seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Cynthia Carr made the motion to adjourn. Austin Lee seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Adjourned at 9:05 pm.

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City ClerkMayor