CITY OF LA HARPE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 8, 2025

REGULAR MEETING 7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT OTHERS PRESENT

Angela Barker Mayor, Ella Mae Crowell

Sharlyn Thompson City Clerk, Michelle Altis

Cynthia Carr City Attorney, Fred Works

Ron Knavel

**Call to order**

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

**Approval of Agenda**

Cynthia Carr made the motion to approve the agenda. Sharlyn Thompson seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**Approval of Minutes**

Ron Knavel made the motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on December 11, 2024 as presented. Sharlyn Thompson seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**CITIZENS CALL FOR BUSINESS**

No citizens call for business was discussed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Bruce Boettcher with BG Consultants presented updated contracts that need the mayor’s signatures. He stated they are close to the same contract as before just had to change some verbiage for USDA. Ron Knavel made the motion to authorize the mayor to sign the updated contracts. Sharlyn Thompson seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
2. Kennel Fees – tabled until February.
3. Employee handbook changes – A number of changes were discussed in a workshop and those changes were presented to council for approval. Cynthia Carr suggested life insurance be included with the medical, the council agreed. Mayor Crowell requested a motion to accept the handbook with the new changes. Sharlyn Thompson made the motion to accept the changes as presented. Ron Knavel seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Lift Stations - Mayor Crowell stated 3 of our lift stations are operating on one pump, we are waiting for pricing to decide what needs to be done.
2. Core & Main - Michelle shared a quote from Core & Main in the amount of $1,982.65 for the purchase of needed water meters. Ron Knavel made the motion to purchase the water meters. Cynthia Carr seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
3. Council Pay – No action was taken.
4. Condemning of 2 properties – Penny requested approval to move forward with the condemnation of 1202 and 1212 S. Washington. Ron Knavel made the motion to allow Penny to start the process. Angela Barker seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

1. Fred Works, City Attorney – Nothing to report.
2. Roy Caler, Water Representative – Absent from meeting
3. Penny Miller, Code/Animal Control –Shared her monthly reports.
4. Marc Waggoner, Fire Chief- Absent from meeting
5. Maintenance Department - The workorders were shared.
6. Michelle Altis, City Clerk – Michelle asked the council if the vision and dental policies could remain through the city’s name and the employees pay their monthly premiums to the city. The council was agreeable in doing so.

**DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS –**

Nothing was discussed.

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

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Sharlyn Thompson made a motion to approve bills as presented. Ron Knavel seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Angela Barker made the motion to adjourn. Ron Knavel seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Adjourned at 7:58 pm.

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City ClerkMayor