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MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING

May 25, 2021

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tony Craig, Mayor
 Terry Mann via conference call
 Tim Wright
 Scott Baker
 Larry Furlough
 James Mann via conference call

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

TOWN HALL STAFF PRESENT:

Teresa Carpenter, Asst Clerk
 Jason Dobbins, Chief of Police
 Scott Worsham, Lieutenant
 Tim Gaines, Administrator
 Logan Johnson, Officer
 CT Locke, Maintenance

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Craig.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Tim Wright.

Minutes from the April 27, 2021 Council meeting and the current bank balances were presented by Teresa Carpenter, Assistant Clerk. Larry Furlough made the motion to approve the minutes and bank balances. Tim Wright 2nd the motion. Terry Mann – Aye; Tim Wright – Aye; Scott Baker – Aye; Mayor Craig – Aye; Larry Furlough – Aye; James Mann – Aye

Mayor noted that the only citizen present was Andrew Craig who had nothing to discuss.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Bristol Creek lights on Winstead – Dan Nash told Mayor Craig the check for the lights was mailed to Town Hall on Friday, May 21 and should arrive any day.
2. Document Scanning Clerk – James Mann gave update that applications have been reviewed and interviews with potential candidates have been scheduled.,
3. Recreation Center Modifications – CT Locke reported that the project is approximately 50-60% complete. Current expenditures total \$2,787.64. Items that still need to be purchased include appliances and a few cabinets.
4. Pole Barn Build – CT Locke reported that the materials are on the ground and waiting on the metal parts to be delivered. Expenditures so far total \$11,160.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance 21-018– Annexation of Jennifer Guthrie Eldridge property

Motion to Consider: James Mann; 2nd: Tim Wright

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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Motion to Adopt: Tim Wright; 2nd: Terry Mann

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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2. Ordinance 21-019 – Annexation of Mike Doyle Property

Motion to Consider: James Mann; 2nd: Tim Wright

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Abstained	James Mann Aye
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Motion to Adopt: Larry Furlough; 2nd: Scott Baker

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Abstained	James Mann Aye
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3. Resolution 21-05-25 Employee Sick Leave Accrual

Motion to Accept: James Mann; 2nd: Tim Wright

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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4. Resolution 21-05-25A Sick Leave Conversion for RSA Service Time

Motion to Accept: Tim Wright; 2nd: James Mann and Scott Baker

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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5. Resolution 21-05-25B CDBG Grant Firm Selections

Motion to Accept: Larry Furlough; 2nd: Scott Baker

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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6. Resolution 21-05-25C CDBG Grant Application Submission and & Financial Officer

Motion to Accept: Larry Furlough; 2nd: Tim Wright

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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7. Resolution 21-05-25D Property Tax Rate to be Levied

Motion to Accept: Tim Wright; 2nd by James Mann

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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Survey of Employees and Council:

1. Teresa Carpenter, Scott Worsham, Logan Johnson, CT Locke, and Tim Gaines had nothing to report.
2. Chief Jason Dobbins gave the April Report for the Police Department:
Calls for service 388 Case reports 22 Arrests 9 Accidents 1 Written warnings 29 Written citations 54
3. Tim Wright, had nothing to report or ask.

4. Scott Baker made a motion to hire enough firefighters to have 2 firefighters on duty covering from 6am to 6pm, 7 days a week because the town needs to have fire protection. Tim Wright 2nd the motion.

Terry Mann No	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann No
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5. James Mann expressed his feelings and objections to Scott Baker’s above referenced motion regarding hiring of firefighters. He stated that there is information and procedures that have been discussed that must not have been heard. He stated that there is need for another work session when he returns from vacation on or about June 3. He said factors to be considered included how much money that would cost the town, how many people would have to be hired, the fact that Town Firefighters currently would not have a building from which to work and where the money would be taken from in order to meet the financial aspect of hiring those firefighters. Mayor Craig stated that this needs to be tabled until issues can be more carefully analyzed. James Mann stated the town would be out \$200k per year and that the town fire department would have to be a volunteer department. J Mann stated that Shannon Drake, Fire Chief for OCR is filing paperwork for a new fire department and that a new department must be built in tiers. Mayor Craig stated that the new department would have to be set up through Madison County. Mayor Craig requested that a work session be scheduled for Friday, June 4th at 2pm or 3pm to discuss this matter further.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Tim Wright at 7:00pm; 2nd by Larry Furlough

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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Respectfully submitted by:
Teresa Carpenter, Assistant Clerk