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MINUTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 22, 2021

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

TOWN HALL STAFF PRESENT:

Christie Eason, Municipal Clerk
 Jason Dobbins, Chief of Police
 Scott Worsham, Lieutenant
 Logan Johnson, Officer
 CT Locke, Maintenance
 Brandy Wilson, Court Clerk
 Shannon Drake, Fire Department

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Tim Wright.

Minutes from the May 25, 2021 Council meeting, minutes from the June 4, 2021 Council Work Session, and the current bank balances were presented by Christie Eason, Municipal Clerk. Larry Furlough made the motion to approve the minutes and bank balances. Scott Baker 2nd the motion. Terry Mann – Aye; Tim Wright – Aye; Scott Baker – Aye; Mayor Craig – Aye; Larry Furlough – Aye; James Mann – Aye

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Bristol Creek lights on Winstead have been installed and are working.
2. Document Scanning Clerk – Lora Martin was hired and started on June 15th.
3. Recreation Center Modifications – CT Locke reported that the project is approximately 95% complete. Current expenditures total \$9,635.68.
4. Pole Barn Build – CT Locke reported that project is moving along well, concrete next, then doors. Expenditures so far total \$16,319.73.
 Additional funding requested \$4060.
 Motion to Approve: Tim Wright; Larry Furlough 2nd

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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- 5. Amendment to Ordinance No. 21-018 – Annexation of Jennifer Guthrie Eldridge property. Land Description was incorrect for the Tax Assessors office.

Motion to Consider: James Mann; Terry Mann 2nd

Motion to Adopt: Tim Wright; Scott Baker 2nd

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Ordinance 21-020– Annexation of Kenneth Williams Property

Motion to Consider: James Mann; Terry Mann 2nd

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: Larry Furlough; Scott Baker 2nd

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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- 2. Ordinance 21-021 – Annexation of FBW Property

Motion to Consider: Tim Wright; Terry Mann 2nd

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: Scott Baker; Tim Wright 2nd

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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- 3. Ordinance 21-023 – OCR PD – Guidelines for Release in lieu of Jail Time

Mayor Craig asked Police Chief Dobbins to explain the Ordinance.

Motion to Consider: Larry Furlough; Scott Baker 2nd

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: James Mann; Terry Mann 2nd

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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- 4. Resolution 21-06 Acceptance of Thermal Camera for Drone

James – What do we owe the town of Gurley in return? What is the life expectancy of the camera?

Chief – We owe them nothing. They don’t have a drone to use the camera on. The camera was provided with funds from State Reps. Gurley PD and Town Council asked that we make an official request, and do a resolution accepting ownership and responsibility. The DGI Inspire is an obsolete model and the estimate life timeline is 3 – 4 years.

Motion to Accept: Tim Wright; Terry Mann 2nd

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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- 5. Proclamation of Lt. Robert Wright, Sr. Day
Motion to Accept: Tim Wright; Larry Furlough 2nd

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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- 6. Proposal for LED Sign for Town
Stewart Signs proposed \$16,639 (purchased by 6/30/21); Trav-Ad proposed \$36,215
Electric work for LED Sign
Holland Electric proposed \$6,215; ACW proposed no more than \$3,925
Mayor said this was looked into several years ago and it much more expensive then. This is a good deal.
James this this is a great idea to promote the town and communicate with the town.
Motion to Accept: James Mann with entire project not to exceed \$25K; Terry Mann 2nd

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Aye	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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- 7. Mayor motioned to reconsider the vote on the motion that Scott Baker made at last month’s council meeting (May 25). The motion was to hire enough firefighters to have 2 fire fighters on duty covering from 6 am to 6pm, 7 days a week bc the town needs fire protection. *Last month this motion passed 4 (TC, SB, TW, LF) to 2 (JM, TM).*
Motion to Reconsider: Tony Craig; Terry Mann 2nd

Terry Mann Aye	Tim Wright Aye	Scott Baker Abstained	Mayor Craig Aye	Larry Furlough Aye	James Mann Aye
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Re-Vote on Motion presented by Scott Baker on 5/25: James Mann; Terry Mann 2nd

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

- 1. Mike Wilson – stop sign missing at Old Big Cove and Old Hwy 431: CT said he replaced it today.
- 2. Brandy Wilson, Logan Johnson, Scott Worsham, Shannon Drake, Christie Eason, Elizabeth Craig had nothing to add.
- 3. C.T. Locke wanted to thank Officer Sistrunk for his assistance during Rec Center Modification and during sign installation around town.
- 4. Chief Jason Dobbins gave the May Report for the Police Department:
Calls for service 132, Traffic Stops 71, Case Reports 21, Arrests 6, Accidents 3, Written Warnings 27, Written Citations 49

Chief Dobbins also had someone call over the weekend asking if they can shoot fireworks for the Juneteenth holiday. What will be our stance on it?

- 5. Tim Wright, Terry Mann, Scott Baker, Larry Furlough had nothing to report or ask.
- 6. James Mann stated that we hired Ms. Martin as a contracted employee to fill the Document Scanning Clerk Position. The Equipment and Software for said position is to be delivered on Thursday, June 24th. James also asked Chief Dobbins about the car swap program that was voted on at a previous council meeting. Chief Dobbins stated that the cars have a build date of August 23rd and the vehicles would be available within 10 days of that date. Chief contacted MCA for quotes on outfitting said vehicle which is less than \$10K. Hope to have a new

vehicle on the road by mid-September. He plans on doing one (1) car this fall and then the 2nd one after the first of the year. James stated he helped the police department on the Spike Testing training this month and he enjoyed the one on one work with the police officers. He feels Jason has a great team of guys. Thanks to Christie for keeping up the Admin stuff while Mrs. Teresa is recovering at home from surgery. Prayers go out to her.

James also stated the town needs an official stance on Juneteenth for employee holiday, pay, fireworks, etc.

Christie stated that this would be covered in the Personnel Manual update this year.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Tim Wright at 6:34 pm; Terry Mann2nd.

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:
Christie D. Eason, Municipal Clerk