



COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

JULY 14, 2021

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tony Craig, Mayor
Terry Mann
Larry Furlough
James Mann

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tim Wright
Scott Baker

TOWN HALL STAFF PRESENT:

Christie Eason, Municipal Clerk
Jason Dobbins, Chief of Police
Logan Johnson, Officer
Shannon Drake, Fire Department

Call meeting to order & Welcome all attendees – Mayor Craig @ 5:35 pm

I. Staff Changes:

- a. New Hire – Vemar Wilson
- b. New Organizational Chart
- c. Executive Level Committee & Resolution No. 21-07
 - i. Explanation of purpose for the committee by James Mann and Mayor Craig
 - ii. Need to appoint Shannon Drake
 - iii. Title for Shannon Drake: Fire Department Administrator

2. American Rescue Plan Act

\$252,799.76 on July 14 2021 and \$252,799.76 on July 14 2022 = \$505,599.052

A. **Intended uses** as determined by the Federal Government are:

- 1) Support Public Health Response due to COVID-19
- 2) Replace Public Sector Revenue Loss
- 3) Premium Pay for Essential Works (bonus/one time pay raise for the employees who continued to interact with the public during COVID)
- 4) Address Negative Economic Impact
- 5) To make necessary investments and/or improvements in water, sewer, broadband infrastructure

B. These funds may **NOT** be used for:

- 1) no prior expenses or loans may be paid with these funds
- 2) they may not be used as grant matching funds
- 3) no deposits into pension funds
- 4) changes that reduce net tax revenue

C. The following are some suggestions to consider for discussion and vote:

- 1) Ditch clean out for stormwater drainage (this falls under water infrastructure and improvement) – very important
- 2) Sewer infrastructure improvement and expansion (this falls under sewer infrastructure and improvement)
 - a. Force Main Expansion from Sewer Plant across Highway 431 at Wilson Mann – allows us to expand sewer on the East side of Highway 431- most important at this time
 - b. Back Up Pumps/Pump Replacement – 3Phase Power
 - c. Old Highway 431 & Brockway – Bigger Force Main all the way to the Sewer Plant (this is also on the CDBG application) – looking for status update from Betty Loftin
- 3) Employee one-time pay raise (bonus) (this falls under Premium Pay for Essential Workers <any employee that touched something that the general public touched is eligible>)
- 4) Build New Public Safety Building to House Fire Department and Police Department --- checking on this possibility
- 5) Rehabilitation or demolition of abandoned or vacant blighted properties in low income areas (Sneed/TE McKinney/Wall Street) ---- move to bottom of list, other more pressing needs
- 6) Capital improvements to Town Hall using Covid-19 mitigation tactics (i.e. touchless soap dispensers, speaker box on sewer and court clerk windows)
- 7) Playground added to park (falls under supporting health response to COVID 19 – Early Childhood Development – promoting health/exercise) – add basketball goals
- 8) Rec Center Requests (falls under supporting health response to COVID 19 – Early Childhood Development – promoting health/exercise)
 - a. Update tennis courts – resurface court
 - b. Field 2 Score Board – transponder went out – won't communicate with box - did troubleshoot via telephone but did not rectify the situation. Next option is to replace or pay for repair person to travel here from another state. – not ARPA funds
 - c. Bush Hogging of park perimeter – not ARPA funds