

MULVANE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2020

7:30 p.m.

The Mulvane City Council convened at the City Building at 211 N. Second at 7:30 p.m. Presiding was Mayor Shelly Steadman, who called the meeting to order.

Council Members Present: Barry Fleming.

Remote attendance: Brent Allen, Jenean Keck, Nancy Farber Mottola, Kevin Cardwell.

Others Present: Kent Hixson, Mike Robinson, Debra Parker, Gordon Fell, Joel Pile.

Remote attendance: J.T. Klaus, Chris Young, Megan Bryant, Lachelle Tootle.

Note: Remote attendance is due to COVID-19 and social distancing. The council meeting is also being streamed live on the City's Facebook page.

Pledge of Allegiance: All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Steadman.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes Dated 4-06-2020:

MOTION by Allen second by Mottola to approve the Regular meeting minutes dated 4-06-2020. MOTION approved unanimously.

Correspondence: None

Review and Closing of the Agenda: Add Item #1 under Old Business to continue COVID-19 orders until the next City Council meeting.

Appointments, Awards and Citations: None

OLD BUSINESS

1. Continue COVID-19 Orders:

Motion by Allen, second by Keck to extend the COVID-19 orders currently in place until the next City Council meeting on May 4th.

MOTION approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Swimming Pool Opening Update:

Pool Manager, Megan Bryant, reviewed a tentative schedule to open the pool this summer. Bryant has participated in several webinars and been in touch with other pool coordinators in the area regarding their plans to open. Based on the current stay-at-home and mass gathering orders, it was proposed to try and open the pool around the second week of June if possible. This would allow

time for training of the current and new lifeguards. There are currently 19 veteran lifeguards that are still certified. Some programs, swim lessons and parties would depend on current restrictions. If the pool has a delayed opening, the clownfish slide may not be installed this season. The situation will be reevaluated every two weeks.

Hixson advised that safety was a priority and there are also economic issues to consider when opening the pool.

2. Public Safety Dept. – Purchase a new chest compression device:

Mulvane EMS is preparing our new ambulance for service. While staying with the design of our new ambulances the need for a second mechanical chest compression device is needed for the vehicle. This device allows for the employees to be restrained in the seat while providing lifesaving patient care. When CPR is needed for long durations, while in a moving vehicle, during intra-hospital transport, or when rescue teams are shorthanded, the Lifeline ARM ensures the high-quality and continuous CPR associated with better survival for victims of sudden cardiac arrest (SCA). Staying with the same device, Life-Assist provided a quote for a Defibtech Lifeline ARM Mechanical Chest Compression Device in the amount of \$11,242.73.

MOTION by Keck, second by Mottola to approve the purchase of a Defibtech Lifeline ARM Mechanical Chest Compression Device from Life-Assist in the amount \$11,242.73.

MOTION approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

1. Ordinance Amending the City Code to Empower the Governing Body to Waive Utility Late Fees; Recognizing the Utility “Level Pay Program”; and Conform Other Provisions of the Code:

At its last meeting, the City Council requested the City Attorney prepare an ordinance that would permit the governing body to waive late fees, penalties, and additional deposit requirements, if it desired. It was also requested the City Council be authorized to allow non-payers to remain on the “level-pay” accommodation if it desired.

The Ordinance would empower the City Council, in its discretion, to waive utility late payment fees, penalties and administrative charges during times of emergency, recognize the City’s Level Pay Program and conform sanitary sewer billing practices to the remaining areas of the Code.

MOTION by Cardwell, second by Allen to adopt and approve Ordinance No. 1525 creating Title VII, Chapter 700, Article II (Utility Services), Sections 700.255 and Section 700.256 of the Municipal Code of the City of Mulvane and conforming Title VII, Chapter 715, Section 715.050 to the established billing practices, so as to empower the council to forgive certain late fees during times of emergency.

MOTION approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 1525

AN ORDINANCE CREATING TITLE VII, CHAPTER 700, ARTICLE II (UTILITY SERVICES), SECTIONS 700.255 AND 700.256 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF MULVANE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING WAIVER OF UTILITY SERVICE LATE FEES AND CHARGES DURING TIMES OF EMERGENCY AND RECOGNIZING A PROGRAM OF UTILITY LEVEL PAYMENT; AND AMENDING TITLE VII, CHAPTER 715, SECTION 715.050 TO CONFORM WITH EXISTING PROVISIONS FOR COLLECTION.

MOTION by Fleming, second by Keck that the City forgive the 5% penalty and \$30 Administrative Fee upon publication of Ordinance No. 1525 for all unpaid utility accounts from the amounts otherwise first due and owing on April 5, 2020.

MOTION approved unanimously.

Since there were no past due level payment customers, it was the consensus of the council to wait on taking any action regarding non-payment of the City's Level Pay Program until the next meeting.

Staff will send information to the council regarding the current number of customers that have not paid their bill or made payment arrangements. A payment plan for past due utility bills will be discussed with the council at the next meeting.

ENGINEER

1. Project Review and Update:

City Engineer, Chris Young, reviewed the project updates with the council which included the Sanitary Sewer Study Update, Rock Road Water Line (bidding and construction will be postponed), Flood Mitigation Grant – English Park and Styx Creek Drainage Improvement, Decommissioning the Boxelder Power Plant (demolition work will be postponed), E. Mulvane Street Drainage and Sports Complex Maintenance Building (the building construction has been postponed).

City Clerk: None

City Administrator: None

City Attorney: None

Consent Agenda Item 1 - 5:

MOTION by Fleming, second by Allen to approve Consent Agenda items 1-5.

1. Payroll dated 4-17-2020 (\$208,011.15)
2. March Warrant Register (\$682,187.81)
3. Tennis-Pickle Ball Court – Westfall Electric - Wiring and controls for lights (\$5,904.00)
4. Municipal Court – Jail Fees to Sumner County (\$5,565.00)
5. Approve the purchase of 48,000 lbs. of sodium hydroxide from Brenntag, Inc. for a total cost of \$10,214.00.

MOTION approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS AND NEXT AGENDA ITEMS:

- Monday, May 4th - next council meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Cardwell second by Mottola to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:17 p.m.

MOTION approved unanimously.

Minutes by:
Debra M. Parker, City Clerk