

CITY OF MOULTON
COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 2017
@ 5:00 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Roger Weatherwax

Council Members: Brent White
Jason White
Joyce Jeffreys
Denise Lovett
Cassandra Lee

Mayor Weatherwax called to order the meeting and ask for a motion to dispense reading of the minutes for September 27, 2017 and approve them. A motion to this affect was made by Joyce Jeffreys and seconded by Jason White, with all in favor.

A public hearing was held at the beginning of the Council meeting due to a request from Dex II, LLC for a Liquor License. The Mayor had a recommendation letter from the Alcohol Review Board stating that everything was in order for them to receive a license and all that was needed to complete the process was approval by Council if there were no opposition from the Public. Mayor Weatherwax ask if there was any opposition by anyone present and hearing none he called for a motion which was made by Denise Lovett and a seconded was made by Jason White. A Roll Call vote was taken by all Council Members: Cassandra Lee – Aye, Jason White – Aye, Joyce Jeffreys – Aye, Roger Weatherwax – Aye, Brent White – Aye and Denise Lovett – Aye with all in favor and none opposed the Resolution 2017-012 was approved for Dex II, LLC d/b/a Court Street Grill to obtain a liquor license.

Mayor Weatherwax introduced Allen Hughes with Magnolia River to speak on the Hillsboro Gas Line Completion. Mr. Hughes gave a hand out with the breakdown of the project and gave great detail to the cost that incurred that were not included in original bid. (See attached sheets)

Jack's Restaurant sent a letter to Mayor Weatherwax proposing that they were looking at locating on Hwy 157 and request that the City participate in a revenue sharing plan by splitting the sales tax 50:50 for a period of 10 years with them. Mayor Weatherwax recommended that the City not participate in this offer. Cassandra Lee said she didn't understand why we wouldn't do so if it would bring more jobs and a new business. Jason White said he wasn't against giving some type of incentive but wasn't sure what. Other Council members seemed to agree that the City needed new businesses and why not look into providing something in order to get them to come. Mayor Weatherwax commented that this had not been done for other restaurants or businesses that he was aware of and it wouldn't be fair to those that were already here. Cassandra Lee questioned if any of the previous businesses had requested any tax breaks or incentives, no one knew of any previous request and it was said well they didn't ask. It was agreed to discuss this matter at the next Work Session.

The Council was presented with an application to organize a downtown redevelopment authority the Council decided to discuss this matter also in greater detail at the next Work Session.

Mayor Weatherwax requested permission from Council for himself and Jackie Burch to attend the Auction at Courtland and make needed purchases for equipment up to \$25,000.00 on October 20, 2017. A motion was made by Joyce Jeffreys, and seconded by Cassandra Lee.

Ryan Jolly the Fire chief presented Council with an explanation for his request at previous meeting for the additional sets of turnout gear in which they only approved 2 other sets rather than the 4 requested by him. He said that now he has the need for the total of four sets because of the number of volunteers and with the price he had been quoted he can save the City money by purchasing now. After hearing his explanation of the extra need a motion to purchase the 2 additional sets was made by Cassandra Lee, and seconded by Brent White.

Renay Saint presented the Council with a report on the properties that he had been working on to find out the owners and getting progress done in the clean up around in all areas. He mentioned that this month was free landfill pickup by the City and that he had made several people aware of that because some could not afford the \$10.00 charge to have items removed. Cassandra Lee questioned Mr. Saint about what could legally be done to those that he had already talked with but had not preceded to make any effort to abate the nuisance. Mr. Saint said that some revisions needed to be made to the current ordinance. Cassandra Lee and Brent White both referred to Callie Waldrep speaking to them at a past Council Meeting and that she had expressed to them that the Ordinance was enforceable as it was and that it only needed to be followed through with when a process began. Cassandra Lee directed Mr. Saint to talk with Callie Waldrep and to get an understanding of what could be done and to proceed with the next steps, because these issues have lasted too long. Mr. Saint said by the next month meeting he would have met with Callie Waldrep and would report to Council at that time.

A motion to adjourn was made by Denise Lovett, and seconded by Brent White.

Roger Weatherwax, Mayor

Deroma Pepper, City Clerk

Brent White, Council Member

Cassandra Lee, Council Member

Jason White, Council Member

Joyce Jeffreys, Council Member

Denise Lovett, Council Member