

Work Session Minutes
April 8, 2024
Meeting at 5:00 PM

Denise Lovett and Joyce Jeffreys were absent.

Police Chief Craig Knight presented to Council suggestions on what needs to be done Ordinance wise to handle the Dog Control issue. He informed Council that the veterinarians in the area, which he had spoken to about taking on the dog control both turned down the possibility of them handling the Cities problem. Chief Knight said that he, the City Attorney and the Court Clerk would need to meet and get the Ordinance drafted and bring to Council but it needed to be addressed as soon as possible so that his officers could do something when an issue came up. Also, he had spoken with Morgan County about the way they handle theirs and Ms. Lee ask that he try to get his contact there to come and speak to the Council at the next Work Session.

Chief Knight also spoke on the homeless in the area – he stated that we have some that have been staying the parks and suggested that there be an Ordinance that covered not only the parks but all City property to be closed at a certain time at night so that they could at least have a reason to approach someone if it was past that time. He spoke on the different issues that have happened at the parks in the past such as drugs etc and without cause his officers don't have anything to back them up when questioning people. He also stated that there would be exceptions to the time if there were events happening at the parks.

Council Members were very receptive of the items Chief Knight spoke on and Ms. Lee addressed her concerns with both issues and conferred that these items needed immediate attention.

Jason Newton Building Inspector was present and presented to Council information on the property at 2344 Byler Rd – he showed Council that all steps have been taken and published to the heirs of the property owner since she is deceased and that the property is a nuisance that has not been taken care of by them. The next step is for Council to rule to demolish the house and attach cost as a tax lien on the property so this is what will need to be decided on at the next Council Meeting. Mr. Newton has gotten 2 bids for the demolition. Prior to demolition the asbestos must be removed and he has the company and cost for that also. Council was appreciative of the files they were given on this property and the work Mr. Newton had done.

Fire Chief Brian Phillips was present and showed the Council pictures of the Rescue unit which is a 2005 where the Skid attachment is rusted out and needs replacing at an approximate cost of \$15,000.00. He would like for Council to approve this purchase at the next Council Meeting.

Ms. Lee ask Mr. Phillips where the City was on the Safe Haven Box. Mr. Phillips replied that the paperwork including making sure that the insurance coverage was adequate was being reviewed by the attorney prior to a contract being signed by the City and once the attorney approves then the paperwork can be completed.

Gas Superintendent Caleb Harville was present and ask that the Council consider approving extensions of the gas main to go up Hwy 36 to Co Rd 95 and also up Co Rd 100 to the Golf Course in doing so it should pay for itself in 3-5 yrs from the customers anticipated to be gained. He stated that their plans to do the AL Hwy 33 extension to Co Rd 249 has been delayed or held up because land couldn't be purchased for a station to be placed on in that area at this time.

Chris Proctor a citizen was present and ask that the Council consider the Tennis Courts when making decisions about the Park and the Pickle-ball courts because he and several others play there and have others from

surrounding areas that would play if the courts were redone or replaced and lighting was at night time.

Jennifer Taylor was ask also if she had any business for the Council as she was present and she had a question about who to contact on locating gas lines etc for a person who wanted to move their mailbox. Caleb Harville told her to have them contact 811 and they would make the necessary contacts for lines to be located.

Roger Weatherwax, Mayor

Deroma Pepper, City Clerk

Brent White, Council Member

Cassandra Lee, Council Member

Jason White, Council Member