**Council Present Public Present**

Brad Smith (Mayor) Mike Allen (Fire Chief)

Barbara Northington Kip Mortimore

Susanne Hood

Lindsay Wenick

Matt Wenick

May 14th 2024 Council Meeting called to order @6pm by Mayor Smith

Minutes taken by Manager/Recorder Deborah Oatman

#1 Open Floor

Council Northington had a comment, “When I returned from vacation after the last meeting, I was told by people in town that there was a disturbing attack on our city manager during the last council meeting, and the council should be in the process of building our city up not tearing it down. The council and city manager should work together as a team to accomplish goals that best meet the city's needs, and the council members do not act as individuals ordering city employees as far as their actions. We should be community champions and we need to be part of the solution not the problem and we should not be focused on our individual agendas.”

Fire Chief Mike Allen stated that the fire rating report is a 5 which is right in the middle. The reason we got dinged on was the starting the fire department back up with no one being trained. Mike would like to equip the white-water truck (brush truck) to water the dirt roads. He has set us up on a program called FEPP, they give you equipment, you use it for so long, and if you don’t want it you give it back or keep it. It is like a layaway program.

#2 False Alarms

Mike suggested that we consider billing calls that are false alarms. Councilor M. Wenick stated that he did not think it was worth the time and effort. Mayor Smith asked if other cities do this, Mikes reply was yes, he has talked with other cities who send out bills every time they have a call. He also suggested the city be annexed into a fire district and receive tax revenue.

#3 DEQ Lagoon Update

The city had decided to forgo the I&I repair when they constructed the new lagoons due to cost as a result the 2022 snow fall caused the lagoons to overflow due to new employees not knowing about the irrigating. The city had discharging violations and paperwork violations that could possibly be up to $50,000. Up to 75% of the fine will go into the cost for repairs.

DEQ is requesting pricing for trenchless sewer repair and cost reevaluation of the engineering plans from HECO for future meeting.

#4 Maintenance Update

Park leaks fixed, new yield and stop signs up, and ambulance signs up. Councilor L. Wenick suggested looking at the 16rd rough crossings and fire protection around the city. Councilor M. Wenick suggested talking with Allen Hickerson with ODOT about bags of cold mix to patch the hole next to the post office and talk with Rally to coordinate repair.

#5 Pay Bills

Mayor Smith asked for a motion. Councilor Northington made a motion,

Councilor M. Wenick seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 6:46

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Attest: Mayor Brad Smith