

REGULAR MEETING

The Town Council of the Town of Weber City met in a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. The meeting was held in the assembly room of the Weber City Town Hall. Pledge of Allegiance by all in attendance. Justin Addington led the council in prayer.

PRESENT: Mayor: Vacant
 Interim Mayor: Greg Smith
 Town Attorney: Michael Carrico
 Council Members: Eileen Deckard, Justin Addington, Casey Kinkead, Teresa Tilson,
 Larry Wagner

ABSENT: Steve Smith

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to accept the April 20, 2021 regular monthly meeting minutes was made by Teresa Tilson, the motion was seconded by Justin Addington; the motion passed with 5 voting AYES: none voting NAY: 1 Absent.

Motion to accept the April 2021 Financial Reports was made by Larry Wagner; the motion was seconded by Eileen Deckard; the motion passed with 5 voting AYES: none voting NAY: 1 Absent.

Public Presentations: None

Boundary Adjustment /Ordinance Committee: Mike Carrico stated we would need to pass on this for now. Eileen Deckard spoke stating nothing has been done for quite some time, and advised Mr. Carrico the town needs to set a timeframe to get this completed by end of summer. Interim Mayor Greg Smith stated he agreed. Mike Carrico stated for now the town should focus on the budget.

Budget/Finance Committee: Eileen Deckard advised the council of the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Fire Department: No Report

Legal Affairs. Mike Carrico requested legal affairs be held in closed session.

Maintenance Committee: Casey Kinkead advised that the workers from the Scott Service Program should be here next week to start working inside the town limits. He suggested the town make a motion to purchase needed supplies for the workers. Mike Carrico stated we would wait until later in the meeting to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding agreement he has to present to the council in closed sessions.

Mayors Report: Interim Mayor Greg Smith reminded the board that the previous month he had spoken with the county supervisor, Darrell Jeter, regarding the Scott County inspection fees and the 911 street signs and he was advised, after Darrell had spoken with Freda Starnes at the County office, that the answer was, 'it was how we have always done it'. He suggested he himself would be willing to try to meet with Freda Starnes to try to approach this issue professionally before going to the entire board of supervisors.

A motion was made by Casey Kinkead for Interim Mayor Greg Smith to schedule a meeting with the County Administrator; the motion was seconded by Eileen Deckard; the motion passed with 5 voting AYES: none voting NAY: 1 Absent.

A street light quote is still not ready; the VDOT state engineer is reviewing it. The quote is now in Richmond with the state engineer. Greg Smith stated he has not been able to get an answer from the EDA board or Frank Kibler with Lenowisco regarding potential grants. To his knowledge, he is not aware of any grants available.

Audit proposals are out and due back by June 15, 2021. This will be an expensive process, as the town has not had an audit in several years.

Liquor by the drink petitions would need to be in 90 days prior to the election. The council will need to get the 100 signatures in order for this to be placed on the ballot in the next election.

Street Committee: Interim Mayor Greg Smith advised that Sunnyvale, Lee Street, and Wilmeth Street need to be looked at for pavement. Eileen Deckard advised follow up would need to be completed regarding VDOT drainage behind the Boones Heating and Cooling location. Greg Smith stated that he would speak with Wade Belcher regarding the drainage issues. Casey Kinkead questioned if quotes would be needed. Greg Smith stated he would add Larry Wagner and Justin Addington to the street committee. Casey Kinkead advised the budget would need more money added to the street repairs in the budget. Greg Smith brought up snow removal contract with VDOT. Larry Wagner advised how the program has worked in past years. Greg Smith stated new guidelines had been put in place by VDOT and the town would need to get specific details on the needed equipment before any consideration for the contract could be made. He asked the council to be thinking about this prior to the next meeting.

Larry Wagner advised that he had spoken with several residents regarding trash pick-up. He asked Mike Carrico if there was a way the residents could vote if they would prefer to end the trash agreement or continue the service. This would allow the town properly determine the way to proceed before the current contract runs out in two years. Mike Carrico stated the citizens of the town do pay the cost of the trash by paying real estate property taxes. Mike Carrico stated this should be discussed further in closed session.

Personnel Committee: Eileen Deckard and Teresa Tilson stated they wanted to provide at no cost to the town, a small get together on Saturday June 19, 2021 to meet employees and families. They would provide food.

Police Department: Chief of Police Matt Bishop stated he did not have the paper report from dispatch with actual numbers but he believed around 85-90 citations were written in the month of April. The new police officer, Donald Harding, is doing very well. As of last month, he had around 70 tickets with zero complaints. He was present for the meeting and introduced himself to the council.

Chief Bishop advised he had been off the last 14 days due to Covid quarantine. Lieutenant Fletcher is also back to work now. He advised the council several criminal cases going at the time. Officer Austin Hensley will graduate the academy this week; he is still a candidate to be the valedictorian of his class. He is doing a very good job.

Larry Wagner spoke to advise he has also checked into the 4-way stop behind Holston View Church. The Clerk advised she had spoken with VDOT and they plan to send engineers out to look at adding speed bumps or a 4-way stop, a timeframe for the study could not be given.

Justin Addington advised that workers at the preschool told him, when a situation involving a lockdown at the preschool was in place that the Scott County Assistant Superintendent Jason Smith had refused to suspend the bus routes, and in his opinion that placed several in danger. Chief Bishop advised he would follow up on this situation.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion to enter a closed session to discuss legal and personnel issues was made by Larry Wagner; the motion was seconded by Justin Addington; the motion passed with 5 voting AYES: none voting NAY: 1 Absent.

A motion to go out of closed session and back into regular session was made by Casey Kinkead; the motion was seconded by Teresa Tilson; the motion passed with 5 voting AYES: none voting NAY: 1 Absent.

CERTIFICATE OF CLOSED SESSION

The Mayor, Council members and the Town's Attorney entered closed session.

After returning from closed session, the mayor and council members hereby certify that only lawfully exempt matters, for which the closed meeting was convened, were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting by the mayor, and Council members. Voting "AYE" were Justin Addington, Eileen Deckard, Greg Smith, Teresa Tilson, Casey Kincaid, Larry Wagner and none voting "NAY".

Action from closed session: A motion to enter into a memorandum of understanding agreement with the Commonwealth attorney was made by Teresa Tilson; the motion was seconded by Larry Wagner; the motion passed with 5 voting AYES: none voting NAY: 1 Absent.

A motion to publish FY2021-2022 proposed budget for a public hearing June 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. and budget approval to be June 29, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. was made by Justin Addington; the motion was seconded by Larry Wagner; the motion passed with 5 voting AYES: none voting NAY: 1 Absent.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Justin Addington; the motion was seconded by Teresa Tilson; the motion passed with 5 voting AYES: none voting NAY: 1 Absent.

Interim Mayor

Town Secretary