

September 17, 2020

The Fountain Green City Council held the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2020.

Attendance: Julio Tapia, Shelith Jacobson, Rod Hansen, Stuart Smith and Larry Woodcox.

Prayer: Larry Woodcox

Pledge

Oath of Office. Newly appointed Mayor Scott R. Collard was sworn in by City Recorder, Michelle Walker.

Minutes from August 6, 2020. Larry Woodcox made the motion to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Julio Tapia, all in favor.

Minutes from August 20, 2020. Julio Tapia made the motion to accept the minutes with changes to the wording of “wanted” to “recommended” in regards to the discussion concerning the Lamb Day Softball, Lamb Day Sheep Show and the Miss Lamb Day Pageant participation rules. Seconded by Shelith Jacobson, all in favor.

Minutes from August 27, 2020. Stuart Smith made the motion to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Rod Hansen, all in favor.

Appointment of Fire Chief. Julio Tapia made the motion to accept the appointment of Todd Robinson as the new Fountain Green Fire Chief. Seconded by Larry Woodcox, all in favor.

Some citizens in attendance were concerned as to how and why the Mayor and Council determined the appointment of the new Fire Chief. They also wanted to know why the current bylaws weren’t followed, why someone from outside the department was appointed and how come it was voted on in the closed meeting held on August 20, 2020.

The Mayor and Council replied that it was a personnel matter and the rough draft of the closed meeting minutes stated, “introduced” not “voted on”.

Conditional Use Permit/Brady Walker. Brian Allred, Planning Commission, presented a Conditional Use Permit to allow Brady Walker to build a shop on 290 S 100 W. in the R/A zone with the following condition: A home must be started within 3 years. If the condition is not met, the city will revoke the permit. **The Conditional Use Permit was already approved in the July 16, 2020 City Council meeting; Shelith Jacobson making the motion for approval. Seconded by Stuart Smith, all in favor.**

Permit/Well House. Shelith Jacobson made the motion to table agenda items #4-6 in order to have a combined work meeting with the Planning Commission and City Council. Seconded by Julio Tapia, all in favor.

The location of the well house will need to be amended and rezoned to a public facility zone.

2019 Planning Commission Report. Tabled

White Paper/David Church. Tabled

Speeding on Big Springs Road. Roy McGuyer is concerned about the speeding of vehicles and ATV's on Big Springs Road especially with the kids in the neighborhood. He explained that there is a telephone pole in front of his house that could be used to attach a speed sign. Crystal Lloyd said that there is also speeding on both sides of her road on Zion's Hill and 400 North. Mayor Collard asked Roger and Chad to check on putting speed signs in both areas.

State Street Planters. Tabled

Dog Barking Ordinance. Presenter not in attendance.

Updates on Council's Suggestion/Lamb Day. Eddie Hanson presented the Committee's response to the Council Meeting held on August 20, 2020. Eddie furnished the names of the Lamb Day Celebration Committee as well as the Softball Committee, Pageant Committee and Sheep Show Committee. He also read the history of how, when and why Lamb Day began.

Mayor Collard explained that the City did not want to take over the Lamb Day Celebration and the other Lamb Day activities, but have requested the Committee's written rules/standard operating procedures.

Amy Oliver said that the Sheep Show does have their rules in writing, but have had some of the elected officials ask them to make exceptions. She asked that they please respect their rules.

Rod Hansen explained that the majority of the Council does not know the current rules or standard operating procedures of the Lamb Day organizations. Rod agreed that they, elected officials, need to respect and help enforce those rules, therefore, having them in writing will aid in that process.

Burt Oldroyd commented that the Softball Committee also has their participation rules in writing. The Committee would like them to be accepted and respected.

Rod Hansen, once more, requested them from each committee then requested that they review them with each committee.

Chelsea Bailey asked them why get the rules if you choose to surpass them like you did with the Fire Department.

Shelith Jacobson expressed her disappointment with the committees who are not interested in working with the City to extend the participation boundaries. If the Committees insist on using the Fountain Green boundaries, the rules should only include Fountain Green proper.

Abby Ivory explained that it is the volunteers of the committees that are in the trenches. The City should let them have their rules and respect them. They have the current rules for a reason.

Don Despain suggested that anything to do with "Lamb Day" is an automatic reflection on the City. If someone wants to sue, they will come after the City, not the Lamb Day Committee. He recommended that the City send out a survey to see what the majority of the population thinks.

Mayor Collard asked the Council if they agreed with the idea of sending out a survey to gauge what the citizens would like. The question could be included with the updated Planning Commission survey.

Clint Hansen advised that the Mayor and City Council work for the Community. Suspending any organization's bylaws is not right.

Kathy Taylor. Have had the softball rules for 20 years. That is why it has worked. Rules are plain and simple.

Burt. Trying to be fair and equitable on both sides. Changing rules can cause loop hole problems. Softball has a limited time to be on the field.

Mayor. The City is just asking for a small change. Why can these people volunteer, but not participate.

Amy Goble expresses frustration regarding the sheep parade, held on Lamb Day, honoring the City's heritage. Didn't mean it to cause so many problems.

Inclusive/Exclusive. Jerime Ivory explains that there is inclusion/exclusion happening all of the time. There are always two sides (different perspectives) both can be wrong and both can be right about the same subject. Volunteers need support not guidance or direction even though you may not agree.

Sometimes people have to be told "No". He stated that the Mayor and Council do not speak for themselves, but for all citizens. Even in the church there is exclusion. City shouldn't dis-acknowledge rules/bylaws. Suggests the City Council and Mayor proceed with caution and compassion. Don't force the issue or it may move in the wrong direction.

Unity. Annette Hansen read Scott Collard's quote from the paper about unity. She stated that, "What is really meant is that we have to agree with you in order to be unified." Every game/organization has to have rules. Leave well enough alone.

Concerned Citizen. Clint Hansen is saddened by the state of the community over small things. Methods and approach are big and there is a lack of respect on both sides. Respect is earned. Look at everything objectively. Cannot apologize for calling Scott a liar.

Discuss 3 things:

1. Expressed his concern regarding the funding of the New Public Safety Building.
2. The City has limited resources so having volunteers is critical. Volunteers have never been turned away. The Mayor and City Council work for the citizens. They should follow the rules created by the Committees and give support.
3. Transparency. Too many closed/secret meetings. Lack of records and back dating records is disturbing.

Mayor Collard described that what happened with the Fire Department's leadership was beyond reproach and consequently resulted in the City receiving a letter from the State banning Fountain Green Fire Department to participate in wildland fires. Mayor Wood did not want to share the details in an open meeting. The decision to replace the Fire Chief was not just because a group of people came in. Councilman Rod Hansen referred any questions about the subject to Jerime Ivory.

Jerime Ivory replied that the Fire Department has been reinstated to fight on Wildland Fires. He also asked why the current Assistant Fire Chief wasn't appointed to serve as the Fire Chief.

Mayor Collard requested that the different Lamb Day associated committees get their written rules/standard operating procedures to the Council.

Irrigation. Rod Hansen reported that the springs flow through the summer was better than anticipated. Bylaws are being reviewed and will be put on their website.

Planning Commission. Shelith Jacobson stated that the only thing to report was the Conditional Use Permit for Brady Walker.

City Report. Roger Aagard confirmed that the municipalities that already use the Sewer Acoustic Assessment had good reviews on this type of cleaning. **Rod Hansen made the motion to move forward. Seconded by Stuart Smith, all in favor.**

Police Report. Office Huff reported that there had been 32 events: animal control, welfare checks, citations. He left the speed limit sign at 175 N. state for 33 days. The results of the data was as follows: 73,000 vehicles traveling in both directions. The average speed was 35.8 mph, the high speed was 113 mph.

Truck Maintenance. Fire Chief Todd Robinson pointed out that the Brush truck (the main truck used for wildland fires) needs to be reconfigured (to better serve the crew while on wildland fires), needs a new battery, new tires, and a tool box. Beck's Auto has quoted \$3356.00.

Chief Robinson also expressed the need of uniforms for the Department. Quote of \$2500.

In addition to the above, the Department would like to purchase coolers for each of the trucks. Quote of \$680.

Julio Tapia made motion to approve the Fire Department's expenditure of \$6,536.00 as described above and being taken out of their annual budget. Seconded by Larry Woodcox, all in favor.

Grant extrication equipment was purchased through the rural grant. About 5 of the fire fighters have been trained to use.

Bills. **Stuart Smith made the motion to pay the city bills. Seconded by Julio Tapia, all in favor.** Rod Hansen asked Michelle to include a more detailed description with the bills as well as a general ledger report.

Misc.

Julio Tapia requested to include EMS training on next month's agenda. Julio also explained that the class would be open to private citizens as well as the fire department.

Shelith Jacobson reported that the Public Safety Building expenditures are on track. CARES ACT funding will be used to upgrade items to touchless to meet COVID standards. The Meredith's purchase of the current city hall is still solid.

Rod Hansen. Explained that the financing of the new building, coming from CIB, had been explained several times at the beginning of the project.

There is the reoccurring question of what the City will do with the empty SW corner next to the Public Safety Building? Elected officials will ask for the citizen's help in deciding what to do with it as well as use the landscaping around the building as a city project to save money

Bryan Allred. Planning Commission needs a computer

City Recreation Director. The City has had one call asking about the opening.

Riley Hansen. Reads a written statement that he wrote as a citizen (not as a Planning Commission member). Would like to submit it for the record.

Mayor Collard stated that there will not be a closed meeting unless it's regarding the character of an individual or the purchase/sale of city property.

Stuart Smith made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Larry Woodcox, all in favor.

Meeting adjourns at 10:00 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle Walker", written over a horizontal line.

Michelle Walker, City Recorder

