

Council Meeting

August 18, 2019

Mayor Mike Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge was led by Mayor Mike Jones

Citizen Roger Frazier conducted prayer for the Council meeting.

Roll Call:

Tex Allen

Frank Schmautz

Larry Shrodes

Joe Studer

Scott Newman

Chadd Davis

Mayor Mike Jones

All councilmen were present for the meeting.

Mayor Mike Jones addressed the rules of the Council meetings to the citizens and councilmen.

Karen Ward updated the councilmen on the financial report, she informed the councilmen that almost all the City's bills are paid except a few. The City is in better shape financially than it was back in January.

Frank Schmautz asked about an update on the gas contractors, Mayor Mike Jones informed the councilmen that if we stuck with the plan and pay off the bill within the year, or if we pay the balance before the end of the year, Vanguard has stated they would possibly reduce our payment by \$5,000-\$7,000.

Larry Shrodes motioned to accept the budget for the gas company

Frank Schmautz seconds the motion

All councilmen accept the motion

None of the councilmen opposed

Motion carries

Mayor Mike Jones updated the councilmen on the progress of the City. The city has deposited from August 1, 2019 to August 16, 2019 approximately \$45,000.00. The Mayor also stated that the new staff are working with each other and the citizens of our community, and it is going very well.

Gas Update:

We are currently patrolling the gas line, including a complete leak survey. We have had multiple requests for new services to be hooked up. The City is currently working to install new services for these customers.

Sewer Update:

The City has rebuilt the lift station on 431 by Gregory's Recycling using about \$18,000.00 from the sewer depreciation fund. This lift station services about 60-70% of the wastewater that then runs through the sewage plant. This repair enabled us to have a more accurate run time and the pumps are not being overworked. It has been 6 months and so far, there has not been any issues.

Open to Public:

Citizen George Humphry expressed his concerns about the City's employees not having health insurance. Mayor Mike Jones informed the citizen that the City has kept the workman's compensation and death and dismemberment insurances for the current employees. Mayor Mike Jones said the City was hoping to offer the employees insurance and a retirement plan sometime in the future.

Frank Schmautz asked the Mayor why Councilmen Scott Newman had a City of Drakesboro sticker on his personal truck. Mayor Mike Jones stated he wants the citizens to know who the employees and councilmen are. Mayor advised Frank Schmautz that if he or any of the other Council member wants a sticker for their vehicle they were welcomed to come by the city building and pick one up.

Mayor Mike Jones thanked Councilman Joe Studer for responding quickly to the call to repair the A/C unit at the fire department. Inmates were cleaning brush and debris behind the building and hit the line for the A/C unit. Joe Studer came to the city building in a timely matter and completed the repairs.

Frank Schmautz spoke to citizen Roger Frazier about the property at the corner of Simmons and Leslie Smith Road. One of heirs, who has a 20% interest in the property, said he gives the Church or the City of Drakesboro permission to clean the property up, but could not speak for the other four heirs. Frank was unable to contact any of the other heirs of the property, so he informed the citizen of what one of the owners said.

Old Business:

South Elementary School requested an adjustment of sewage rates at the prior council meeting. We have investigated the billing system; the City has found an error on the system. The City of Drakesboro has agreed to give the school a credit for the next billing of sewage. Frank Schmautz suggested that the city wait until March 2020 until we investigate the rate or adjusting the bills for the sewage.

New Business:

Citizens came forward for the acceptance of the Sales of Alcohol on Sundays. Frank Schmautz mentioned that he was an advocate for Sunday sales. Larry Shrodes agrees to Sunday sales of Alcohol in the City Drakesboro. City of Drakesboro will amend the current ordinance for sales of alcohol. There will be a separate license for the sale of Alcohol on Sundays. Scott Newman motions for allowing Sales on Sunday, Frank Schmautz seconds the motion, Tex Allen and Chadd Davis opposes, Larry Shrodes, Joe Studer approves. Motion carries with a 4 to 2 vote.

Sunday Alcohol Sale Hours were discussed, and council made several suggestions with regards to hours of operation as follows:

Joe Studer- 1p.m.- 5 p.m.

Frank Schmautz- 1p.m.-9p.m.

Larry Shrodes- 1p.m.-10 p.m.

Scott Newman- 1p.m-10p.m.

Frank Schmautz made a motion for the hours of Sunday Alcohol Sales to be from 1:00 p.m. until 10 p.m., Larry Shrodes seconds the motion, Scott Newman and Joe Studer approves, Tex Allen and Chadd Davis opposes. Motion carries with a vote of 4 to 2.

A special meeting for the Sunday Sales of Alcohol will be held Wednesday August 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. A special meeting for the second reading of the Sunday sales of Alcohol Ordinance will be on Thursday August 22, 2019.

Mayor Mike Jones approached the council with the Annexation of more citizens. Mayor would like to annex Ditney Hill and other locations into Drakesboro. We are going to continue to investigate the procedures for annexation.

Mayor Mike Jones request for volunteers for a board to review RFQ's for upcoming gas, water and wastewater projects. Scott Newman, Frank Schmautz, Larry Shrodes all volunteered to be the committee.

Hope2All Finding of Facts and Resolution to Transfer Property statement was signed by all Councilmen.

Water Tank Inspection was completed by Pittsburg Tank. The water tank will need to be rehabbed to fix the sediments and flaking inside of the water tank. The contractor, when chosen, will help with the cleaning, valves, and with the painting the outside of of tank.

The pressure reducing valve has been rebuilt. The city has overflowed the water tank.

Mayor Mike Jones asked Frank Schmautz for the login information for the City's website. Frank Schmautz is going to set an appointment up for Saturday August 24th, 2019 to release the information to the City Administrator Samantha Nasielski or City Clerk Teresa Fulkerson.

Mayor Mike Jones addressed the councilmen on Adopting a Resolution for the bank loan. It has been tabled until a later date to discuss the options for collateral to secure the loan.

All the City of Drakesboro employees asked the Council to consider the approval for direct deposit for payroll. Frank Schmautz made a motion to approve direct deposit for all employees. Scott Newman seconded the motion. All members in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Department of Transportation has come to the Mayor with a proposal of funds to resurface city roads. The stipulation of these funds is that the City would pay for the resurfacing of the roads then the Department of Transportation would reimburse the money back to the City.

A special meeting will be held on Tuesday August 20, 2019 at 7 p.m. regarding the DOT resurfacing service, and we take suggestions on roads that need repairs.

City Administrator Samantha Nasielski provided the councilmen with information regarding the increase of the Tax rate. Example was stated if your home was valued at \$60,000.00 your taxes would be increased approximately an extra \$20.00 yearly. The tax rate according to Roger Frazier a prior councilman has not been raised in several years as far as he knows. Mayor Mike Jones asked if there was anyone that wanted to make a motion for the raising of property tax. Larry Shrodes made a motion to raise property tax, Scott Newman seconds the motion. Opposed were Frank Schmautz, Tex Allen, Chadd Davis, Joe Studer. Motion did not pass.

Citizen Roger Frazier addressed the council about the reading of last month's meeting minutes. Mayor Mike Jones told the citizens and councilmen that the meeting minutes from last month will be on the agenda for the special meeting on Tuesday August 20, 2019.

Scott Newman made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned. Tex Allen seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion Carries. Meeting Adjourned.



Mayor Mike Jones



Teresa Fulkerson City Clerk