



## CITY OF DRAKESBORO

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### June 15, 2020 Council meeting Minutes

Mayor Mike Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Members present: Chadd Davis, Larry Shrodes, Frank Schmautz, and Joe Studer. Absent: Scott Newman and Tex Allen.

Financial report was read by Karen Ward. Joe Studer made a motion to accept the financial report and accounts payable. Frank Schmautz seconded the motion. All member in favor. The motion passed.

Mayor discussed the budget process to the council and informed them of the time frame to get the budget finished and published before July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

Mayor asked the council to purchase street signs. Frank Schmautz motioned to wait until the cities road aid money was restored. Joe Studer seconded the motion. All members in favor. The motion passed.

Mayor discussed the importance of hiring a full-time wastewater treatment plant operator to be compliant with Division of Water. Mayor informed the council that a fair and going wage for this position is \$18/hr. Frank Schmautz wanted more information on the cities ability to pay the salary. Mayor informed council of the budget meeting on June 24, 2020 in which such information could be attained.

Mayor discussed the importance of hiring a full-time gas distribution technician to comply with the Public Service Commission's instructions, and for the city to be able to run the gas system without assistance from outside contractors. Mayor informed the council that a fair and going wage to hire such a technician is \$18/hr. Mayor informed the council that hiring a second full-time gas technician was the alternative to comply with the Public Service Commission's Rulings. Council asked for more information on the cities ability to pay such a wage. Mayor informed council of the June 24, 2020 budget meeting in which they could get such information.

Joe Studer made a motion to give Terry Schmautz a discount on his bill for striking the city's water system with a backhoe without a valid 811 ticket under the once in a lifetime adjustment for water leaks. Chadd Davis seconded the motion. Larry Shrodes agreed. Frank Schmautz abstained. The motion passed.

Mayor informed the council that the gas line strike on HWY 176 was turned in on the city's insurance.