

## COUNCIL MINUTES

October 12, 2021

6:00 P.M.

Pastor Bill Caldwell of the Community Fellowship Church gave invocation before the meeting.

Mayor called the meeting to order with a roll call. David Comstock: present, Warren Myers: present, Judy Martin: present, Jason Meyer: absent, Preston Reynolds: absent, Larry Wald: present, Cris Henkle: present, Brenda Cupp: present. Six present representing a quorum, the meeting was called to order. Also present were Will Cline, Clint Worley, Carze Brown and Debbie Cornell. Mayor Griffin asked all stand for the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Alan Griffin stated that prior to the meeting Preston Reynolds brought his resignation to him. He sold his house and has moved. Also he told all in attendance that Attorney Derek Snyder had been asked last month to attend the meeting.

Judy Martin made the motion to accept the tentative agenda, Larry Wald made the second and all agreed. Motion carried.

Judy Martin made the motion to accept the September minutes, David Comstock made the second and all agreed. Motion carried.

### **New and Old Business**

Mayor Alan Griffin thanked Will Cline and Cris Henkle for getting Quick Books set up so we can get away from the Summit program.

Cris Henkle made the motion to read Bill 21-10 (2021-2022 Budget) by title and number only, Larry Wald made the second and all agreed. Motion carried. Debbie Cornell read Bill 21-10 by title and number only. Cris Henkle made the motion to accept the first reading of Bill 21-10 by title and number only, David Comstock made the second and all agreed. Motion carried.

Larry Wald made the motion to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Bill 21-10, Warren Myers made the second and all agreed motion carried.

Cris Henkle made the motion to have the second reading of 21-10 (2021-2022 Budget), Warren Myers made the second and all agreed. Motion carried. Debbie Cornell read Bill 21-10 by title and number only. Cris Henkle made the motion to accept the second reading of Bill 21-10 by title and number only, Warren Myers made the second with a roll call vote. David Comstock: yes, Warren Myers: yes, Judy Martin: yes, Jason Meyer: absent, open 3rd ward seat, Larry Wald: yes, Cris Henkle: yes, Brenda Cupp: yes. Six yes, one absent, one open seat. Motion carried. Bill 21-10 becomes Ordinance 2982.

Cris Henkle made the motion to have the second reading of 21-08 (Wald de annexation), Jason Meyer made the second Larry Wald abstained with the remaining council agreeing. Motion carried. Debbie

Cornell read Bill 21-08 by title and number only. Cris Henkle made the motion to accept the second reading of Bill 21-08 by title and number only, Judy Martin made the second with a roll call vote. David Comstock: yes, Warren Myers: yes, Judy Martin: yes, Jason Meyer: absent, open 3rd ward seat, Larry Wald: abstain, Cris Henkle: yes Brenda Cupp: yes. Five yes, one absent, one abstain, one open seat. Motion carried. Bill 21-08 becomes Ordinance 2980.

The Baptist Church sent an extension request to close Main from Tennessee to the Baptist Church from 2-4 on October 30, 2021 due to the event getting bigger than originally planned. Judy Martin made the motion to extend the Hallow Fest to Main, Larry Wald made the second and all agreed. Motion carried.

Mayor Alan Griffin let all in attendance be aware that the meeting in November will be Monday, November 15 at 6 p.m.

Cindy Myers gave the council a report for the park. The 50/50 pot at the truck show was \$124.00 At this time it has not been claimed. General agreement was to give it 6 months to be claimed. The Ribbon Cutting at Super Tam went great. Bearsun visited Carterville walking down Route 66 and enjoyed ice cream. There is a contest for Yards for Halloween decoration with a gift card for the winner. At Hallow Harvest the Park committee will do a cake walk and little Debbie has donated some cakes. There will be a Christmas Parade starting at 5 on December 4th with Cookies with Santa following at the Community Center (Gym). The Baptist Church will have trophy's for the parade.

Next Mayor Alan Griffin added the scoring sheets for the trash company

Warren Myers	Republic
Cris Henkle	Republic
David Comstock	Republic
Alan Griffin	Republic
Jason Meyer	Absent
Judy Martin	Republic
Larry Wald	Republic
Brenda Cupp	Republic

Mayor Alan Griffin had Debbie Cornell confirm the count on who was selected. Debbie Cornell stated 6 for Republic. Republic got the bid. Mayor Griffin asked if there was any more Business.

### Department Report

Clint Worley said that he received the LEST Grant for 21,000.00 for Equipment and repairs. This is a 100 % reimbursable grant the city pays and receives the money back within 30 days of payment. Cris Henkle made the motion that he gets the items for the grant, Larry Wald made the second with a roll call vote. David Comstock: yes, Warren Myers: yes, Judy Martin: yes, Jason Meyer: absent, open 3rd ward seat, Larry Wald: yes, Cris Henkle: yes Brenda Cupp: yes. Six yes, one absent, one open seat. Motion carried.

Carze Brown told the council that he received 2 bids for the curb for 400 East Main Shafer bid was \$19,700.00 Blue Birds bid was \$6,203.00. Larry Wald made the motion to select Blue Bird for the curb, Cris Henkle made the second with a roll call vote. David Comstock: yes, Warren Myers: yes, Judy Martin: yes, Jason Meyer: absent, open 3rd ward seat, Larry Wald: yes, Cris Henkle: yes Brenda Cupp: yes. Six yes, one absent, one open seat. Motion carried.



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Famous Grill parking will be fixed by Ward Asphalt approved at finance for \$1,230.00.

Carze Brown told the council that they received \$2,790 for one dump and \$790 for the other dump truck that had gone out for bids. He just needs the difference of those 2 to fix the bobcat (\$1,420.00). Rick Smith will fix it. Cris Henkle made the motion to repair the bobcat using the proceeds from the old dump trucks and the additional \$1420. from repair budget, Judy Martin made the second with a roll call vote. David Comstock: yes, Warren Myers: yes, Judy Martin: yes, Jason Meyer: absent, open 3rd ward seat, Larry Wald: yes, Cris Henkle: yes Brenda Cupp: yes. Six yes, one absent, one open seat. Motion carried.

Mayor Griffin again thanked Cris Henkle for helping Will Cline set up Quick Books.

Will Cline told the Council that Empire is bringing 3 phase to the area of the second well. The ad for the bid on the well has been placed in the Joplin Globe. The bid opening will be October 28th for the second well. The MS4 plan is due by February. Allgeier Martin will complete that. Will said that he would take care of the trash contract. After we get Quick Books up and running good then we are looking at a different software for the water system. Garret from HSTCC is ready to get started on our CDBG application for the street. The engineers are looking at the lights for Tennessee and Main and for the Street grant.

### Visitors

\* Allison Pendergrass she first asked who came because of American water? A few people raised their hands. She asked if there will be a vote about American Water. Mayor Griffin said the council will go into closed session. She wanted to know why it could not be discussed where everyone can here the discussion. Mayor said they will give here her 5 minutes does she have anything else. What states that it has to be on the agenda to make a motion when Council member Martin made the motion at the last meeting, We would like to know why there is opposition for any water company to come in. Attorney Derek Snyder addressed some of the questions. He said that it is not a statue on the agenda and making motions but procedural, because that way your council is aware of what will be discussed. About going into closed session the state allows the cities to go into closed session on certain matters. Legal and for any sale or purchase is matters to keep in closed session while being discussed. Allison said that they want to hear what their opposition is and Derek said that needs to be in closed session even to have discussions to get anything started. Any decision will be given in a timely fashion and then there will be public hearings but until then it is all in closed. We send email to our council and we are not receiving responses back. Derek Snyder said again there is certain maters they cannot discuss until they make decisions and sometimes those decisions have to be in closed. I cannot make it any plainer than that. Was it in closed when the mayor said they talked to Liberty. Mayor said that sometimes you make mistakes and it is a learning to see what can be talked about and not. Derek said so now you are complaining when they do tell you something, even by accident. The state allows them to go into closed to allow them to get the best deal if they decide to sell. Allison wanted to know why this decision was made. Derek Snyder said no decisions have been made yet. Allison said that they were under the understanding this would be on the agenda. Derek Snyder said that certain matters are on the agenda under closed and cannot be discussed until completed. It is done that way to benefit the city as a whole. It does not benefit any council. When decisions are made everyone will know. She said that she wanted the council to know she appreciates them, and I know you are explaining things to them as well as us. I would like to point out before you go into i would like the council to know the estimated purchase would be 4.5 million with 3.5 going into fixing the water lines. City workers would just role into working for American water.

**Closed Session**

Cris Henkle made the motion to go into closed session, Warren Myers made the second with a roll call vote. David Comstock: yes, Warren Myers: yes, Judy Martin: yes, Jason Meyer: absent, open 3rd ward seat, Larry Wald: yes, Cris Henkle: yes Brenda Cupp: yes. Six yes, one absent, one open seat. Motion carried. (6:49 p.m.)

Cris Henkle made the motion to return to open session, Larry Wald made the second with a roll call vote. David Comstock: yes, Warren Myers: yes, Judy Martin: yes, Jason Meyer: absent, open 3rd ward seat, Larry Wald: yes, Cris Henkle: yes Brenda Cupp: yes. Six yes, one absent, one open seat. Motion carried. (7:40 p.m.)

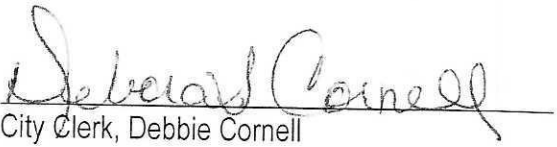
**Open Session**

Mayor Alan Griffin stated no decisions was made at this time.

**Adjournment**

David Comstock made the motion to adjourn, Larry Wald made the second and all agreed. Motion carried. The meeting was over at 7:53 p.m..

  
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Mayor

  
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City Clerk, Debbie Cornell