

CITY OF MOULTON
COUNCIL MEETING
April 18, 2022
@ 5:00 PM

Present – Mayor Weatherwax
Brent White
Joyce Jeffreys
Jason White
Denise Lovett
Cassandra Lee

Mayor Roger Weatherwax called the meeting to order, followed by the pledge and prayer.

Mayor Weatherwax ask that the minutes from April 4, 2022 be approved and the reading of the same be dispensed of.

Motion: Jason White

2nd: Brent White

A Proclamation designating May 2022 as “Older American Month 2022” was introduced. The proclamation state that the City of Moulton recognizes our need to create a community that provides the services and supports Older Americans need to thrive and live independently for as long as possible. May 2022 by motion and 2nd will be known as “Older Americans Month”.

Motion: Brent White

2nd: Joyce Jeffreys

Parks and Recreational Director Deangelo McDaniel presented two proposals from Boyett Construction:

- 1) Storage Building Block Wall in the amount of \$22,528.00
- 2) Block Electrical Panel Wall in the amount of \$5,500.00

Motion to accept proposal #1 in the amount of \$22,528.00 was made by Joyce Jeffreys

2nd by Cassandra Lee

Motion to accept proposal #2 in the amount of \$5,500.00 was made by Jason White

2nd by Joyce Jeffreys

Before adjourning Joyce Jeffreys ask for the paperwork which was said to be done to hire Ben Goldman for the City. Mayor Weatherwax stated after meeting he had that in his office and would give to those that wished to have it – there were issues with printer before meeting that had prevented him from having in the meeting. Cassandra Lee questioned the Mayor as to if he was the one who signed the engagement letter with the attorney. Mayor Weatherwax replied that he wasn’t sure but would have the paperwork shortly when the meeting adjourns. Some of the Council wasn’t sure why the Mayor wasn’t able to give a direct answer to if he had signed the paperwork or not. Mayor Weatherwax stated that it was done in 2020 and he wouldn’t lie about it he would show them with the paperwork. Denise Lovett gave an example of why we might need different attorneys for different aspects of business. Mayor Weatherwax stated that Mr. Goldman was versed in Municipal Law and that was the reasoning for having him. Denise Lovett made the comment that since the Council had also approved Jerome Thompson to assist in other matters that she was sure that the paperwork for him would also need to be given as well.

Joyce Jeffreys directed the question to the Mayor as to whether or not they should ask if anyone else had comments or questions (referring to the others present at the meeting). Mayor Weatherwax ask if there were others who wanted to speak.

Shane Aker, identified himself and expressed his disappointment in how things as a whole where handled by the City leaders, and that he had just witnessed this at the Council meeting. He referred to the Mayor not knowing if he had signed documents, also to the water issues that have been continuing involving the taste, odor and bleaching of clothing at his own residence. Mayor Weatherwax directed Mr. Aker to come to a Work Session to discuss such matters as these because that was when to address them not at a Council Meeting. Mayor Weatherwax stated that himself and Chief Operator Stanley Nichols had been speaking about having an informative presentation done at a meeting. Discussion over having outside sources (ADEM representatives, engineers, etc) to be present at the next Work Session between Mayor Weatherwax and Council ended with it being scheduled for May 9, 2022 at 5:00 PM, Mr. Aker stated he would be in attendance.

Also present was Alicia Roper and she spoke about the minutes since 2020 these issues have been talked about and something needs to be done other than just meetings. Mayor Weatherwax spoke of the things being done currently. She also questioned why the 2 attorneys are being paid out of the citizens tax payer money. Mayor Weatherwax reiterated several times that the reason was because you needed a municipal attorney for municipal matters. Brent White spoke that in an ideal world the City Attorney could handle this type of stuff but that the Mayor can seek outside Council if he thinks necessary. Denise Lovett gave an example of why one might need special attorneys for different situations in a personal matter, Ms. Roper said that was different it would be her money not the taxpayers. Cassandra Lee said that her confusion on the attorneys was that when originally hired it was for abatements, and now we are saying he can handle all issues. This being City money being spent that they should know specifically what is being spent per hour. Ms. Roper referred to minutes from Oct 15, 2020 as to the specifics of the hiring for abatements. Discussion continued and then Mayor ask for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn.

Motion: Cassandra Lee

2nd: Joyce Jeffreys

Roger Weatherwax, Mayor

Deroma Pepper, City Clerk

Brent White, Council Member

Jason White, Council Member

Joyce Jeffreys, Council Member

Cassandra Lee, Council Member

Denise Lovett, Council Member