

City Council Meeting
May 1, 2023
@ 5:00 PM

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Weatherwax followed by pledge and prayer. Council was asked to approve and dispense the reading of the minutes for the March 20, & April 3, 2023 Council Meeting.

Motion: Brent White
2nd: Denise Lovett

Resolution 2023-002 Authorizing City Officials to Establish and Execute Financial Documents for \$289,605.63 Solid Waste Loan. Signers being Mayor Roger Weatherwax, Mayor Pro-tem Brent White and City Clerk Deroma Pepper and it will require 2 signatures at all times on checks.

Motion: Jason White
2nd: Denise Lovett

Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance rates had an increase and needed the Council to approve how the City was going to handle the increase. The Council was presented with the current amounts where the City pays 60% and the employee pays 40% except on Employee only where the City pays the entire cost. The Council was also given the rate increase amounts for each level and figured at the same rates along with the percentages of 65% for City and 35% for employees for the new rates. Craig Knight spoke on behalf of his department and ask that the City consider another plan or paying more because one of his employees' spouse had given him just prior to the meeting the rates that employees at Trinity have to pay for Blue Cross Blue Shield (Local Government Insurance). Council member Jason White ask if we had checked into other plans and Deroma Pepper, City Clerk stated that she had and that the Council had that information in their packets also

where she had checked on Local Government Rates, which were higher. Council member Cassandra Lee ask if someone could come and speak to the Council about the rates and plans. Ms. Pepper stated that the renewal was June 1, 2023 and that a decision needed to be made soon. Ms. Lee ask for a Work Session to be held the following Monday and to have representatives at the meeting to give information to the Council. Mayor Weatherwax said there would be a Work Session the following Monday and that the agents would be contacted to be present to answer questions if possible.

Contract for approval the Thompson and Associates to serve the City was present to Council for approval.

Motion: Denise Lovett

2nd: Jason White

Shoals Electric had done various work for the City that included lights at the storm shelter, lighting on 157 and some work at City Hall in the amount of \$5,216.72 for invoice #29784.

Motion to approve invoice: Jason White

2nd: Denise Lovett

Mark Heflin was present with 3 separate requests:

- 1) Request to allow bids to be let for the Centrifuge Bldg.

Motion: Brent White

2nd: Denise Lovett

- 2) Spare Fight Pump as a backup in the approximate amount of \$22,794.00

Motion: Jason White

2nd: Denise Lovett

- 3) Bypass Pump in approximate amount of \$31,867.00

Motion: Brent White

2nd: Denise Lovett

Tank Pro had a finalized Water Tank Maintenance Contract for the Council to approve which will be paid annually for 6 years.

Motion: Brent White

2nd: Jason White

Permission was ask to let bids for projects at the Water Treatment Plant which the Kelley Group will handle the process in doing so. It will be paid for from the money that has already been awarded by ADEM for repairs.

- 1) Repair Pipe Galley
- 2) Clear Well Coverings
- 3) Basins
- 4) Flocculators

Motion: Brent White

2nd: Denise Lovett

Craig Knight – Police Chief gave a report that he is still in search of officers to fill positions and has not had in viable candidates at this point and ask the Council to consider his recommendations and anything that they can do to help in bringing applicants by pay, benefits, etc would be greatly appreciated.

Mayor Weatherwax gave an update on the repairs done in conjunction with the County at Court St just passed the 157 intersection – due to the help of the County it saved actually \$28,000.00 more than the originally estimate.

There being no other business Mayor Weatherwax ask for a motion to Adjourn.

Motion: Denise Lovett

2nd: Brent White

Roger Weatherwax, Mayor

Deroma Pepper, City Clerk

Brent White, Council

Joyce Jeffreys, Council Member

Jason White, Council Member

Cassandra Lee, Council Member

Denise Lovett, Council Member