

City Council Meeting
07/21/2025
@ 5:00 PM

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

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Weatherwax followed by pledge and prayer.

The Council were ask by Mayor Weatherwax to approve and dispense the reading of the minutes from the City Council Meeting on June 16, 2025.

Motion: Jason White
2nd: Joyce Jeffreys

Resolution 2025-014 to pay obligation of \$20,180.59 to Teacher's Retirement on behalf of Teri Dutton for the Cities part of time worked but not credited and paid in the early 2000's.

Motion: Denise Lovett
2nd: Jason White

Approved invoice from Quality Paving in the amount of \$20,756.00 divided as follows: Water Dept: \$2,495.00, Street Dept: \$3,640.00, & Golf Course Road: \$14,621.00

Motion: Jason White
2nd: Joyce Jeffreys

Gas Superintendent Caleb Harville was present and gave updates on Gas Projects that have been completed and are still in progress: started August 8th last year project was started due to supplies and engineering for the project and from 8/8 – 11/22 they put in approximately 8,072 feet of pipe which was on (all of)Co Rd

97, (500 ft)Co Rd 95, (2500 ft) Hwy 36, (3,000+)Co Rd 100, total project is approx. 15,364 feet and they have put in approx. 8,072 feet in the year 2024 and as far as 2025 there has not been any additional lines added to this project due to the rainy weather that has been unusual this year. Locates have been called in last week and today had planned on starting but delayed due to a change of plans and tomorrow should be starting the tie-ends on AL Hwy 36. Then there will be over 7,000 feet on Co Rd 100 and Al Hwy 33 to do. That will complete the original project. Ms. Lee thanked Mr. Harville for the information since the project was approved in 2023 to be started.

Shoals Electric is the only company that repairs Traffic Lights and there are 2 locations in need of repairs/replacement the intersection of Seminary St/Court St and East St/Court St the approximated cost was \$25,000.00. Daniel Woodard - Foreman/Street Superintendent & Solid Waste and Mayor Weatherwax believe that the light at East St/Court St will not need as much as the one on Seminary St/Court St so cost should be less than the original estimate of \$25,000.00.

Cassandra Lee – Council request that this item be voted on once an exact amount is received rather than voting on the item now. The vote is delayed until the cost is received for the 2 locations repairs/replacement.

Next on the agenda was Resolution 2025-015 approving Poll Workers – this item is not ready for approval due to some previous designated workers now not being able to work this will be finalized and ready for approval at next meeting.

Ms. Cassandra Lee stated it has been made known to her that the City owns McKelvey Park located at 814 Rosenwald St. in which ownership was in question previously but as of 7/15/2025 it was confirmed and told to her on 7/16/2025 that the City is the rightful owners of the said property. With the new information Ms. Lee would like the Council to approve of continuing searching for and applying for grants for McKelvey Park. She knows of other times that grants have been applied for but not awarded and feels the need to promote this for the physical and social development of children and adults by creating attractive and accessible spaces. By engaging the grant writers with simple grants and using Emily Edwards to continue applying grants will be awarded.

Motion to apply for grants for McKelvey Park continuously: Cassandra Lee
2nd: Joyce Jeffreys

Ms. Lee also expressed her appreciation to the Police Department for recognizing the trauma caused sometimes to children in situations where they are involved, by giving stuffed animals to them. Ms. Lee had spoken with Chief Knight about possibly doing something of this nature and found out that this has been a practice of the department for years. She expressed how much this meant to her with her career being a social worker and realizing the trauma that children are impacted by in difficult situations.

Motion to Adjourn: Denise Lovett
2nd: Joyce Jeffreys

Roger Weatherwax, Mayor

Deroma Pepper, City Clerk

Cassandra Lee, Council Member

Jason White, Council Member

Joyce Jeffreys, Council Member

Denise Lovett, Council Member