

## MINUTES OF THE CITY OF HULL MAYOR AND COUNCIL

May 23, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Barber at 7:00 p.m. at Hull Fire Department. Those in attendance in addition to the Mayor were the Clerk, and council members Shawn Bozeman, Cindy Bozeman, and Mike McElroy. City Attorney, Danny Love, was unable to attend due to an illness in his family. Also presents were Mr. and Mrs. Hollingsworth from Hidden Falls Subdivision and Eddie Pritchett and Jonathan Cook with Madison County Code Enforcement..

A moment of silent prayer followed the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the April meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Cindy Bozeman and a second by Shawn Bozeman..

The financial reports were approved unanimously after a motion by Mike McElroy and a second by Shawn Bozeman.

Mayor Barber gave an update on the work being done at City Hall. The outside repair and painting has been completed and the bulletin board has been hung and hopefully the sign will go up in the next couple of days.

The Clerk reported that the City's Comprehensive Plan had been accepted by the State and the file had been closed by NEGRC.

The Clerk reported that the invoice from the county for the special election conducted last year had been paid and she has been in contact with County Elections Director, Tracy Dean concerning the upcoming special election to fulfill the term of council member Kathy Connell who passed away earlier this year. The Clerk issued the call for the special election to be held in conjunction with the November election. Qualifying dates will be July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Motion was made by Shawn Bozeman and seconded by Mike McElroy approving the dates and times for qualifying. The vote was unanimous.

Eddie Pritchett, Chief Building Inspector for Madison County, spoke to Mayor and Council about services that would be available to the City with respect to code enforcement, animal control, etc. The City Attorney and County Attorney will need to confer to make sure the proper intergovernmental agreements and City Ordinances are in place. Mr. Pritchett also advised that the County would not enforce City zoning ordinances, be involved with violations, applications for variances and anything else concerning the City Ordinances unless the City adopted the County Zoning Ordinances which were currently being revised. This matter will be turned over to the City Attorney.

Mayor Barber advised that the heating and air unit at the current city hall has been in since this building was used for the fire department, approximately 30 years and it would most likely need to be replaced before we could have the gas turned back on. Members of the fire department have offered to assist the city to help cut down on costs of replacing this unit. Mayor Barber will get more information on this to report back to council hopefully by the next meeting.

Mayor Barber along with council member McElroy reported to council about a water issue at 124 Carrie Lane. There was some discussion as to how much of the work, if any, the City could be responsible for since part of the problem was on the property of the resident. Mayor Barber is also going to follow up on this and provide more specific information to council once he has been able to look into this further and be able to have the City Attorney weigh in on the City's responsibility to fix the problem.

Mayor Barber reported that he had also taken a look at the two streets in Hidden Falls that had not been previously paved. Neither street looked too bad at this time however he did get estimates from Garrett Paving and All About Asphalt both of which were in the neighborhood of \$60,000.00. This could be paid for with TSPLOST funds however the City does not have enough funds in that account currently and also has some other projects to look at as well. No action was taken on this at this time.

The Clerk advised that she would be out of town on June 27<sup>th</sup> and requested that the June meeting be moved up to June 17<sup>th</sup>. Motion was made by Shawn Bozeman and seconded by Mike McElroy to change the June meeting to June 17<sup>th</sup>. The Clerk will place the proper notice in the newspaper.

The Clerk also advised that she had received an inquiry about the City Flag and reported that the City Flag had not been returned by the former Mayor. She had determined the name of the company that had done the original flag and contacted them concerning reproducing the flag. She determined that a new flag could be purchased for slightly more than \$300.00 and that the company had one available to ship immediately although the former Mayor had also contacted them about getting another flag and was supposed to pick it up next week. However if he doesn't come to pay for it and pick it up they will ship to the City. Motion was made by Shawn Bozeman and seconded by Mike McElroy to purchase a new City Flag. The Clerk will contact the company to make arrangements for purchase.

The floor was turned over to the Hollingsworths who are requesting a variance to place a site built metal building on their property in Hidden Falls Subdivision. This would require a variance with respect to distance from the back property line from 20 feet to 10 feet. They were advised that the City was not in a position to take any action on this at this time but would look into what needed to be done as soon as possible. The City thought that the County would be able to handle this but had determined earlier in the meeting that this was not the case. The Clerk will get with the City Attorney so that he can address this with Mayor and Council as soon as possible.

Council member Shawn Bozeman advised council that he had spoken with Alan Lapczynski with the County Road Department concerning the paving on Glenn Carrie Road. The County plans to pave the entire road although a portion of the road is within the City Limits. Alan had indicated that any assistance the city could provide would certainly be helpful and appreciated. After some discussion a motion was made by Shawn Bozeman and seconded by Mike McElroy and unanimously approved that the City provide \$10,000.00 to the County to assist with the cost of paving the road. The Clerk will issue a check to the County BOC to cover this.

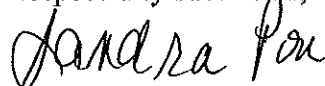
Mayor Barber also advised council that he would like to see some improvements made to the interior of City Hall. He had gotten a price from Mr. Barnes to paint the main room and the hallway of \$1,975.00 and he and council member Shawn Bozeman had looked into new flooring. No action was taken on this to allow the Mayor to get some more definite plans and pricing.

Mayor Barber advised council that Clerk's appreciation week had occurred earlier in May and that in the past the council had voted to allow the Clerk and her spouse to go out for a nice meal at City expense to show their appreciation to the Clerk for her hard work. Motion was made by Shawn Bozeman and seconded by Mike McElroy to provide a meal to the Clerk and her spouse at a restaurant of her choosing. Motion was unanimously approved.

As a final matter of business Mayor Barber advised that he had received a request from council member Shawn Bozeman to receive his check for service due in June early. After conferring with the Clerk as to the available funds Mayor Barber recommended that the Clerk issue checks to all council members, the Clerk and Mayor for their semi-annual salary in May rather than June since the June meeting would be held earlier anyway. Motion was made by Cindy Bozeman and seconded by Mike McElroy and unanimously approved to accept this recommendation. The Clerk will issue the checks.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned after a motion by Shawn Bozeman and a second by Mike McElroy.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra Pou".

Sandra Pou  
Hull City Clerk