

On June 20, 2024 the Coahoma City Council met in regular session at City Hall @ 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Jay Holt, Eric Barber, Chris Mulkey and David Alaman.

Guest present: Ray Seales, Robin Stephenson, Andrea Souflee, Mandi Rodgers, Shane Burt, Keatle Burt, Andrea Burt, Karleigh Burt, Avery Rodriguez, Baylor Wright, Brynn Rodgers, Brandon Rodgers, Mr. Rodriguez and Kalin Whitehead.

Prayer: David Alaman

Pledges: Eric Barber

Mayor Jay Holt presented a proclamation for the Coahoma softball back to back state champions.

Motion was made by David Alaman and seconded by Eric Barber to approve previous minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

No public comment was made.

Robin Stephenson requested permission to be allowed an RV as quarters in her backyard for a family member who is ill. Robin was asked to come to City Hall and fill out a temporary permit for 3 months.

Tim Taylor wasn't present. Item wasn't discussed.

Virgil Pacetti wasn't present. Item wasn't discussed.

Brittany Clanton wasn't able to make the meeting. Item will be discussed when she is able to present business idea.

Andrea Souflee was here from Grantworks to discuss the extra grant money. She gave ideas that the money can be spent on. City would like to spend some of the funds on a sewer camera. Motion was made by Eric Barber and seconded by David Alaman. Motion carried 3-0.

Money could be spent on city buildings, computers, softball/baseball fields, playground equipment, sewer pipe. Andrea said we will need bids or quotes and she can help us with this.

Kalin Whitehead presented updates on what is happening at the softball/baseball fields. He said a new maintenance board was created. Kalin is also getting donations for improvements to the fields. Board would like to redo the t-ball field. Move the fence to enlarge the t-ball field to make it a co-ed field. Add pavilions and shade to the fields. Redo the press boxes and add some. Add cement walk ways, scoreboards etc. They would like to create bylaws for the council to approve. He would also like for the city to pay the maintenance board to take care of the spraying at the fields. This will be put on the next agenda. They would like to name the complex "The Yard". "Youth athletics reaching dreams."

Jonathan Mendoza wasn't present. Items will be tabled until he is able to attend.

Motion was made by Chris Mulkey and seconded by Eric Barber to approve the adoption of the Texas Dev. Board resolution authorizing application for financial assistance for water system improvements. Motion carried 3-0.

Mayor Jay Holt gave an update on the CDC. Kelli Crouse resigned immediately. Murals were discussed.

Ray Seales gave an update on the lead/copper survey. He said he has spent around \$3500.00 in labor so far. We will need to replace 20 lines and Sage said it would cost more to apply for repayment then it would to just fix them. City has 10 years to complete the project.

Carports has been tabled.

Motion was made by Eric Barber and seconded by Chris Mulkey to approve the purchase of sewer camera out of ARPA Grant money not to exceed \$10,000.00 . Motion carried 3-0.

Motion was made by Eric Barber and seconded by David Alaman to approve current budget amendments. Motion carried 3-0.

Property abatement was discussed. Ray Seales reported that if we give bid to Baird Company he will clean up the house on S. 1st that the property owner has

torn down for \$1800.00. Motion was made by Eric Barber and seconded by Chris Mulkey to approve the bid go the Baird Company. City only received 1 bid for the abatement properties. Motion carried 3-0.

Community center bathroom walls were discussed. Ray Seales will get some bids on what it will cost to get them redone in tile.

Ray Seales discussed with the Mayor and Council what it would cost to get our meters all replaced. Cost to replace them all would be \$500,000.00 (meters only), with a quote from another company coming in at \$400,000.00 for meters and labor. Ray said it will have it's own tower. Council will entertain the idea if we can get a grant to pay for it. Ray said he is looking into grants.

Eric Barber said that the siren tested fine.

Future agenda items: spraying of baseball/softball fields, bids for tiling of community center bathroom walls, and 2 office computers if needed.

Motion was made by David Alaman and seconded by Chris Mulkey to pay current bills. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion was made by David Alaman and seconded by Eric Barber to adjourn into executive session @ 8:30 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion was made by David Alaman and seconded by Chris Mulkey to approve a 4% raise for all employees. Motion carried 3-0. Retroactive to April 1.

Motion was made by Chris Mulkey and seconded by David Alaman to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Jay Holt, Mayor

Tammy Griffith, Secretary