

7:00 pm

July 15, 2020

**683rd MEETING OF THE
HORSESHOE BEND CITY COUNCIL**

Mayor Goff called the meeting to order with Councilpersons Riley, Corvinus, Chartier and White present. Also present Gina Elmer City Clerk and Attorney Tony Pantera.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Riley made a **motion** to approve the agenda with the removal of the public hearing, Council deliberation and Jon Dufresne. Councilman Chartier **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.

Councilman White made a **motion** to approve the minutes for the June 17, 2020 meeting of the City Council. Councilman Corvinus **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.

Councilman White made a **motion** to pay the City's bills as presented. Councilman Riley **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**. Councilman White added that he would like public works to look into buying a small tractor instead of renting one a couple times a year for mowing.

Public Comment:

Teresa Cooper- Teresa said she had read the draft copy of the Comprehensive Plan. As a past Councilmember she understands the importance of having the Plan. She said that a lot of the people who helped on the committee do not even live within the city limits. The biggest problem she saw with the plan was the consideration for zero lot lines. She does not believe that the citizens of Horseshoe Bend want an urban life style. She does not want a lot of side by side buildings and apartments. She thinks that the Council really needs to take some time and look the draft of the Comprehensive Plan over before making a decision.

Bree Shamblin- realizes that to look at growth is necessary but she does not want to see Horseshoe Bend turn into an urban development. She feels the new Comprehensive Plan does not make sense. She also does not think getting rid of wood burning stoves is right. Cheryl Pleak says that this is just a suggestion for new construction to consider. Councilman White asks the Mayor to explain the reason for a Comprehensive Plan. Mayor Goff states that a Comprehensive Plan is required by the State and many of the grants require you to have an updated plan. The Comprehensive Plan is a five year plan that is used to support the city ordinances and plan for the future. There will be a public hearing for the Comprehensive Plan at the August meeting. He would like to have the public's testimony at this time. Bree would like to know what the plan was modeled after. Cheryl states that it was modeled to fit the State statute requirements. Tony Pantera adds that the plan is not an ordinance. It has no force of law and is just to be used for guidance.

Nick Gibler if the City intends to force new laws to obtain grants. Mayor states that he will bring any big changes before the citizens before they are made. He wants to make sure everyone is included. Councilman Riley asks how the plan backs up our ordinances. Tony says that Planning and Zoning looks to the Comprehensive Plan for guidance on staff reports for Planning and

Zoning applications. Mayor Goff asks that the public please make their concerns known by writing them down and bringing them to City Hall.

New Business:

- Approval and Publishing of the Tentative Budget :
Councilman Riley asks if the tentative budget allows for employee raises. Mayor Goff said that he would make sure that the raises were considered in the budget. Many questions were raised by Council so Terrie Nolan was contacted by phone to provide answers about ambulance funding, fireworks funding and expenditures of the water and sewer departments. Councilman Corvinus made a **motion** to approve and publish the tentative budget. Councilman Riley **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.

Department Updates:

- EMS:
Mayor Goff says as far as he knows everything is going well.
- Public Works:
Michele said they have been busy putting in new services and dealing with the new growth in Horseshoe Bend. The water plant has been running ten to twelve hours each day to keep up with the demand. They have also been kept busy doing lots of clean up.
- Grant Writer:
Cheryl introduced the newly elected officers of the Chamber of Commerce she helped to organize. Kim Welch, president, said that they would like to get a strong core group to organize and keep Horseshoe Bend growing. Cheryl is very proud of this group. Cheryl said that the EMS grants will not be awarded until September. Hopefully, the City will receive one. The City clean up went well and she is working to find people to help more seniors with their yards. She is also working on the Sidewalks for Kids initiative. She would like to start a separate fund and start doing fundraisers for match money on grants. Cheryl also explained how the Comprehensive Plan to be. It was based on the old plan but she would appreciate any comments on the new plan. The mayor reiterates that any comments can be brought in to City Hall.
- City Engineer:
Amy Woodruff was not present for this meeting.
- Attorney:
Tony said that he had nothing new to report. He has prepared a Resolution to replace the current Comprehensive Plan with the new one for the August meeting.
- Mayor:
The Mayor thanked everyone for coming.

Councilman White made a **motion** to enter into executive session pursuant to IC 74-206 1(F) at 8:04 pm. Councilman **Corvinus seconded**. **Roll call: Councilman Corvinus-aye, Councilman White-aye, Councilman Riley-aye, Councilman Chartier-aye. Motion carried.**

Council came out of executive session at 8:15 pm.

Meeting Adjourned 8:16 pm.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor