

7:00 pm

January 20, 2021

**689th 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 White made a **motion** to approve the agenda. Councilman Corvinus **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.

Councilman White made a **motion** to approve the minutes for the November 18, 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**.

Public Comment:

There was not any public comment at this time.

Public Hearing: opened at 7:02 pm.

Water/ Sewer Rate Study:

Tony Pantera explained the process for raising rates more than five percent and what this public hearing would be covering. The Council was provided with a copy of the rate study.

Oral Testimony:

Leonard Hicks is in opposition of the rates being changed.

Jon Dufresne is neutral and asked what the new rates would be. He was informed that was yet to be decided and the reason for the rate study.

Written Testimony:

Tony read written comments received by Leonard Hicks on behalf of the Legion Hall.

Tony also read into record a letter from Darrin Hendricks.

Public hearing closed 7:07 pm.

New Business:

- Deliberation on the Water Rate Study:

Councilman White asks if the written comments were about a trailer court and what the previous rate raise was. Darrin Hendricks does own the trailer park down River Ave. The last raise was three percent in 2012. Mayor Goff explained the need for a raise in the rates and the need for different usage tiers to help support the cost of future needs of our system. Tony added that the new tier may constitute new rates and will require another public hearing. Mayor Goff suggests that Council and the public review the study, and email any questions to City Hall. Jeremy Piersol is more than happy to answer any questions people have and could possibly attend the next meeting.

- **Appoint City Staff:**
Mayor Goff recommends the reappointment of current staff. Councilman Chartier made a **motion** to approve Mayor Goff's recommendation to reappoint current City Staff. Council Corvinus **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.
- **Bailey Lot-split:**
Tony reviewed the requirements for an administrative lot-split. Council was provided with Amy Woodruff's written approval considering she found it met all the necessary requirements. Councilman White asks if this would set precedent for future lot-splits on this property. Amy stated that no future lot-splits could be made on this property. Jon Dufresne asks if the Council received a letter from ITD he sent to the City Clerk concerning egress onto HWY 52 and the paperwork showing his lawsuit against the Bailey's. Tony Pantera states that these items are not applicable to the lot-split. Councilman White made a **motion** to approve the lot-split based on the findings of the City Engineer. Councilman Corvinus **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.
- **2021 Liquor Licenses:**
Councilman Riley made a **motion** to approve the applications provided to the City for Liquor Licenses for 2021. Councilman White **seconded**. All ayes. **Motion carried**.
- **Tracy Koslosky:**
Tracy is the advisor for the Student Council at Horseshoe Bend High School. She is here to seek approval to improve the skate park. They received a grant to promote outside activities and the skate park is on property that is owned by the City and the school. They would like to provide exercise stations, rubber edging of the volleyball court, trees and shrubbery, benches, and a drinking fountain. Eventually they would like to add bathrooms and a splash pad. She is asking the City to help run the water and sewer lines to the park. There were questions of liability and cost of the lines to be run. Jobie will look into where the lines could be connected. Mayor suggests that changes be made in phases and get approval for each phase. Cheryl Pleak says she has possible grant ideas for the project.

Department Updates:

- **EMS:**
Michele says they had thirteen runs last month. They also passed the state inspection for licensing. They may also have a new contact to receive equipment for the second ambulance.
- **Public Works:**
Michele said they have been working with DEQ on permitting. They have been completing some non-emergency repairs. They also replaced two pumps at the sewer plant one quit working and they replaced the other one at the same time. They kept the second pump as a back-up. They have been working with Barreto on discharge from their business.
- **Grant Writer:**

Cheryl provided Council with a department update and is looking at some possible grants with the Department of Commerce. She has been working with Amy to upgrade the Transportation Plan. She also is preparing to provide updates needed for the Comp plan.

- City Engineer:
Amy Woodruff said that they have been working with ITD and Rural Development to finalize the sewer line loan. Mayor Goff asks if she has heard anything on the bridge progress. Amy says she has not heard anything new as far as she knows everything is going according to plan.
- Attorney:
Tony had nothing to add.
- Mayor:
The Mayor explained it was a slow month in December so the decision was made to cancel the meeting. He stated that he really appreciates the Council and wants to keep moving forward.

Councilman Corvinus made a **motion** to enter into executive session pursuant to IC 74-206 1(F) at 7:45pm. Councilman White **seconded**. **Roll call: Councilman Corvinus-aye, Councilman White-aye, Councilman Riley-aye, Councilman Chartier-aye. Motion carried.**

Council came out of executive session at 7:57 pm.

Meeting Adjourned 7:58 pm.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor