

## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

### **Tuesday, February 9, 2021**

The monthly meeting of the Paxton City Council was held on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Mayor Ingold called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call showed the following aldermen in attendance: Cox, Evans, Hoedebecke, Pacey, Wilson and Withers. Aldermen Geiken and Satterlee were absent. Also, in attendance were: Mayor Bill Ingold, Treasurer/Comptroller Tammy Jensen, Assistant Public Works Director Bob Carleton, Police Chief Coy Cornett, ERS Director Ed Hanson, City Attorney Marc Miller and members of the audience and press.

#### **MINUTES**

Mayor Ingold asked if there were any changes, corrections or additions that needed made to the minutes from the January Council meeting. Alderman Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes of the January Council meeting. Aldermen Withers seconded the motion. All approved on a voice vote.

#### **LIST OF CLAIMS**

Alderman Wilson made a motion to approve the lists of claims, except for the EIEC and Shaff Implement bills. Alderman Evans seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Alderman Cox, Evans, Hoedebecke, Pacey, Wilson and Withers. Six ayes, motion carried.

Alderman Pacey made a motion to approve the EIEC and Shaff bill. Alderman Withers seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Alderman Cox, Evans, Hoedebecke, Pacey and Withers. Abstain – Wilson. Five ayes, one abstains, motion carried.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT AND INVESTMENT REGISTER**

The reports have been emailed to all Aldermen. Alderman Wilson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Investment Register. Alderman Cox seconded the motion. All approved on a voice vote.

#### **FINANCE/BUDGET**

There were no committee meetings and nothing on the agenda.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

There were no committee meetings.

Alderman Withers stated the street sweeper we have is a 1998 and the bed is rusting out. Brad Franklin, from Key Equipment, stated the new sweeper has an auto greaser and it's quite a big deal to have. The cab is completely sealed and has filtered air. Asst. Public Works Director Bob Carleton stated that on the newer 2015 model you can see the brushes through the floor and The City may already have replacement brushes in storage.

Mayor Ingold stated The City received \$3,600.00 for the sale of a Dodge Truck. That money will go towards the purchase of the 2015 Sweeper. There is \$120,000 in reserves to go towards the purchase of a Sweeper at \$135,000.

Alderman Withers made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2015 Street Sweeper. Alderman Evans seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Aldermen Cox, Evans, Hoedebecke, Pacey, Wilson and Withers. Six Ayes, motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

There were no committee meetings.

ERS Director Hanson said that they need to purchase a new Repeater. He stated that 3 months ago it started to give them a lot of issues. He said that the board is fried in the Repeater and it's no longer available to purchase to fix the old it.

The New Repeater broadcasts a signal up to 6.1 miles. Hanson stated there is an FCC fee of \$750, however Supreme Radio Communication will pay for the License. The Total for the New Repeater will cost \$3,808.85

Alderman Pacey made a motion to approve the purchase of a replacement Repeater for ERS. Alderman Withers seconded the motion. Roll Call: Aldermen Cox, Evans, Hoedebecke, Pacey, Wilson and Withers. Six Ayes, motion carried.

ERS Director Hanson also stated that the Emergency sirens are not working, they didn't go off when tested. He stated that it seems to be a problem with Fulton Siren's system. It works on phone line or radio and they are still trying to figure out the issue.

Alderman Pacey made a motion to approve the maintenance contract with Fulton Siren. Alderman Hoedebecke seconded the motion. Roll Call: Aldermen Cox, Evans, Hoedebecke, Pacey, Wilson and Withers. Six Ayes, motion carried.

### **CITY PROPERTY**

There were no committee meetings.

Alderman Pacey stated that he would like to propose changes to the Chapter 90: Trees as follows, Eliminate Tree topping, clarifying the City property committee is the Tree committee, Updating the list of trees that are allowed to plant and application to plant a tree on City Property, Update language for Arborists and if a resident would be willing to pay half of the purchase of a tree, the City would plant it for free.

### **LICENSE, PERMIT, ZONING & INSURANCE**

There was no committee meeting due to there not being a quorum.

Mr. Richard Miller wants to renovate the "Old West Lawn School" at 465 W. Orleans St. He would like to turn the old school into 5 multi-family units at 850 sq. ft each. Each would have 2 bedrooms, kitchen, bathroom and there will also be a full-service laundry facility for everyone.

Mr. Miller said his plans are to replumb and rewire the building and to keep this building long term.

Brad Eichelberger, 426 W. Orleans St., stated he is a homeowner on W. Orleans St. He doesn't want apartments in his area. He believes that would be way too many people to cram into that school and cause a lot of congestion in the area with the parking and the park across the street. Alderman Pacey asked Mr. Eichelberger what he thought should be done with the old building. Eichelberger stated he thinks it should be torn down and if the property is rezoned, they residents of that area would then be "stuck" with an apartment building.

Don Mason, 462 W. Orleans St., stated he sees no benefit to the citizens at all.

Randy Smith, Upper Room Church, Said the church is "married" to the school. The only concern would be where the churches boundaries lay, such as water lines, etc. Mr. Smith said the church doesn't really have a preference, but there may be some cramped space at the back of the building where Mr. Richard Miller stated they will be building balconies and the fire escape.

Mr. Miller said the building is \$42,000.00 and they plan on spending \$200,000 - \$250,000.

Alderman Pacey mad a motion to continue the hearing until March 9, 2021 meeting. Alderman Cox seconded the motion. 5 ayes, 1 nay motion carried on a voice vote.

Blake Johnson, 763 E. Pells St. Would like to secure a liquor license. The building he owns at 763 E. Pells St. is currently a dog grooming business. In the back of the building Mr. Johnson stated he isn't exactly sure yet what he would like to have, however, it may be a gaming facility or possibly a coffee shop. He stated after securing the class c liquor he would begin to narrow it down.

Alderman Withers made the motion to approve the 8<sup>th</sup> class c liquor license for Blake Johnson. Alderman Evans seconded the motion. 4 ayes, 2 nays, motion carried on a voice vote.

### **COMMUNITY**

There were no committee meetings and nothing on the agenda.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

There were no committee meetings and nothing on the agenda.

**LONG TERM PLANNING**

There were no committee meetings and nothing on the agenda.

**OTHER**

At 8:43 p.m. Alderman Evans made a motion to adjourn tonight's regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council. Alderman Cox seconded the motion. All approved on a voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Haile  
Deputy City Clerk