

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 18, 2019

The Board of Aldermen met in Regular Session with Mayor Jonne Slemons at City Hall, 206 North 16<sup>th</sup> Street, on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Slemons, Mann, Johns, Crabtree, Brejnik

Absent: None

Others Present: Jake Taylor, Nita Schroff, Tara Walker, Misty Oliver, Chris Cowell, Jerry Collins, Stuart Johnson, Jan Johns, Phil Conger, Greg Hagan, Terry Daniel, Linda Daniel, Amber Hoyle, Phil Martz, Norma Price, David Kinnison, Tyson Martin, Joe Hendrickson, Brian Groom, Bryan Holloway, John Barclay, Louise Preston, Gary Simpson, and Billy Quigley.

Meeting Called To Order Mayor Jonne Slemons called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Agenda Mayor Jonne Slemons called for a motion to approve or amend the agenda.

Motion made by Alderman Lance Johns to approve the agenda and seconded by Alderman Randy Mann.

Mann – Aye  
Crabtree – Aye

Johns - Aye  
Brejnik - Aye

Approve Bills Mayor Jonne Slemons called for a motion to approve or amend the bills.

Motion made by Alderman Randy Brejnik to approve the bills and seconded by Alderman Charles Crabtree.

Mann – Aye  
Crabtree – Aye

Johns - Aye  
Brejnik - Aye

**11/18/19**

MO Joint Mun Elect	266,897.38	CNA Surety	1,436.25
ANR Pipeline Co.	12,471.51	Cole Hardware	54.46
BG Muffler	82.00	Collision Works	6,138.61
Baker & Taylor Inc.	710.52	Constellation – Gas	28,037.07
Barco Municipal	1,295.49	Core & Main LP	775.50
Bethany Building Ctr	228.58	Dalmatian Fire Equipment	4,837.22
Book Systems Inc.	1,390.00	Earth Movers LLC	4,500.00
Border States Ind.	600.36	Fleet Services	3,733.16
Carquest Auto	1,732.42	FTC Equipment LLC	11,017.52
Cintas Inc.	169.68	Galls LLC	79.77
COB	9,518.27	Grundy Electric	880.75

Harrison Co Treasurer	6.00	Petty Cash - Library	28.57
Harrison Co. Treasurer	88.66	Porter Trash Service	779.76
Harrison Co. Treasurer	78.23	Remmer Design	462.50
HF Excavating LLC	2,967.00	Richo USA	358.00
Hy-Vee	15.69	Robert's Computer Shop	35.50
Charles Jennings	1,980.00	Sanders Electric	780.55
Kansas City Life	147.50	Shane Poe Const.	9,120.00
Kiwanis	500.00	Shelby Printing	75.06
Corey Sloan	235.00	Michael Spurling	75,000.00
Norris Quarries LLC	875.66	SYNCB/Amazon	2,254.10
Omnigo Software	1,564.68	Unified Services	8.55
Peopleservice Inc.	57,504.00	Wieland Hauling	3,268.19
Petty Cash	123.54		

**Total \$514,843.26**

**11/22/19**

Jaunita E Schroff	1,198.27	Linda L Sanders	207.54
Leslie S Groom	872.18	Michael R Lykins	1,029.56
Amber M Hoyle	1,115.72	Michelle L Schroff	1,567.88
Norman L Newlin	1,056.69	Shiloh G Peters	638.00
Brian S Groom	1,294.83	Lindsey N Renne	580.25
Bryan E Holloway	1,387.13	Quinton P Johnson	39.71
Trevor A Place	1,208.29	Alexandria Hoyle	11.54
Brandon T York	1,017.33	Cathy M Johnson	1,046.25
Jacob R Taylor	1,726.14	Robert Russell	988.87
Kenneth D Robertson	1,016.53	Charlie D Bennett	1,102.51
Jesse M Sanders	1,038.51	Brian K Jennings	851.49
Derric W Achter	1,137.04	Casy S Tharp	782.03
Toby J Puffer	978.73	Paul L Gard	1,071.37
Derek S McClure	869.31	Lela A Stottlemeyer	340.77
Larry G Smith	654.79	Jacob S Holcomb	166.87
David Kinnison	1,006.68	Brooklyn P Ellis	307.06
Curtis D Carlson	846.75	Jastin K Johns	96.16
Janee A Lehleitner	516.77		
Judith A Hinkle	132.41		

**Total \$ 29, 9001.96**

**11/21/19**

Fed w/h Taxes	2,776.92	Mom-Pop Computer Shop	100.00
FICA w/h	4,897.02	Russell & Slaughter LLC	100.00
Medicare w/h	1,145.26	Deana Hudlemeyer	80.00
Voya Financial	1,106.54	Bennett & Wilmes	64,366.00

**Total \$74,571.74**

Approve Minutes Mayor Jonne Slemons called for a motion to approve the minutes of November 4, 2019.

Motion made by Alderman Lance Johns to approve the minutes of November 4, 2019 and seconded by Alderman Randy Brejnik.

Mann – Aye  
Crabtree – Aye

Johns – Aye  
Brejnik – Aye

Bill #1322

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 405.070 ENTITLED “SPECIAL STANDARDS” OF ARTICLE III ENTITLED “SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT REGULATIONS” OF CHAPTER 405 ENTITLED “ZONING REGULATIONS” OF TITLE IV ENTITLED “LAND USE” OF THE BETHANY CITY CODE, was read by title only by Mayor Jonne Slemons for the first reading.

Motion made by Alderman Randy Mann to approve the first reading of Bill #1322 and seconded by Alderman Lance Johns.

Mann – Aye  
Crabtree – Aye

Johns – Aye  
Brejnik – Aye

Mayor Jonne Slemons read Bill #1322 by title for the second and final reading.

Motion made by Alderman Charles Crabtree to approve the second and final reading of Bill #1322 and adopt as Ordinance #1322 and seconded by Alderman Randy Brejnik.

Mann – Aye  
Crabtree – Aye

Johns – Aye  
Brejnik – Aye

Public Input

Joe Hendrickson addressed the Council and presented a picture of a sign that was installed upside down.

Administrator Jake Taylor said he will tell the Street Department to fix the sign.

Water Fountain

Greg Hagan asked Council why the fountain west of the Baptist Church is not working. Greg has requested that it gets stored away out of the weather this winter.

Administrator Jake Taylor said that he will talk with the Parks Department.

Fire Department

Phil Martz, Volunteer Firefighter, asked the Council to put in place a policy on purchasing fire trucks. Phil sited that he is concerned for the lives of the volunteer firefighters he works with, as an example he stated when they go into a structure fire he is fearful of anyone being hurt due to faulty equipment. Phil stated they lost the last two structures because of firetruck failures. He also stated that one of the firetrucks has been down for a month now due to repairs. Phil would like the City to budget for a new firetruck and make payments and get rid of the old equipment. Phil Martz

stated if the City will back him a hundred percent then he would try to get the fire district again.

Police Academy Chief Brian Groom approached the Council with new police academy cadet Billy Quigley. Billy Quigley will be attending the police academy in January 2020.

Billy Quigley introduced himself to the Council and gave a little back ground about himself by stating he was originally from Albany and moved to Bethany two years ago. Billy Quigley served in the Army and is very interested in joining the Police Academy.

Chief Brian Groom told Council he put the candidates through extensive testing and Billy Quigley was at the top of the list of those that applied for the position. Chief Brian Groom would like to have Billy Quigley receive full pay while he is attending the academy, so he can focus on the police academy.

Chief Brian Groom would like to hire an additional Police Officer for the department to send to police academy as a school enforcement officer along with working a rotation with his other staff. Chief Brian Groom explained why he was requesting an additional Officer siting the very real concern of safety that his Police Officers dealing with mental health patients and citizens. They receive numerous calls concerning mental health issues and Chief Brian Groom explained these situations are very dangerous to Officers by approaching these individuals one on one due to their current staffing availability.

Mayor Jonne Slemons and the Councilman discussed different options for the contract. Alderman Lance Johns stated that he would like the contract to be changed and extended from three years to five years. Alderman Lance Johns stated he did not recall discussing that the person going to the academy should be getting full pay. Alderman Randy Mann stated the last officers hired received \$300.00 a week. Alderman Lance Johns believes the stipend needs to be pro-rated if the officer leaves early.

Mayor Jonne Slemons suggested the contract be extended to four years and officer receives stipend which is equal to full pay during training. The stipend will be pro-rated if the officer leaves before the contract is up.

Motion made by Alderman Randy Brejnik to extend contract to four years and receive stipend that is equal to full pay of \$30,500.00 during training and stipend will be pro-rated if officer leaves early and seconded by Alderman Charles Crabtree.

Mann – Aye  
Crabtree – Aye

Johns – Aye  
Brejnik – Aye

Administrator & Department Reports Administrator Jake Taylor told Council that the holiday ad will be running in the December 18<sup>th</sup> edition.

Water Main Project Administrator Jake Taylor told Council that Rodriguez Mechanical Contractors will complete the Water Main Project on December 6, 2019.

Gas/Electric Barn Administrator Jake Taylor said that the construction has begun on the new Electric/Gas building. The estimated time of completion is late December or early January.

Dog Pound	Administrator Jake Taylor told Council that the dog pound should be completed in two weeks. The State has to come and inspect the facility.
MIRMA Claims	Administrator Jake Taylor has filed a request to MIRMA to cover the Gym, Water Treatment Plant and Library roof after Triad did an inspection. Administrator Jake Taylor is waiting for MIRMA to response back.
Holiday Shopping	Administrator Jake Taylor told Council that \$2,000.00 has been collected for the Holiday Shopping event. The local businesses donated all prizes and the City will be paying for the advertising.
Parks & Recreation Director	Administrator Jake Taylor told Council that Aaron Baker has been hired to replace Michelle Schroff as Parks & Recreation Director. Aaron Baker will start November 14, 2019.
22 <sup>nd</sup> Street Alley	Administrator Jake Taylor told Council that Charlie Bennett, Street Superintendent, estimated 12 tons of cold mix to repair the alley by the water tower. Administrator Jake Taylor would like to wait until summer and pave the west portion.  Mayor Jonne Slemons told Administrator Jake Taylor to ask Herzog Construction for their recommendation on the repair.
Christmas Eve	Administrator Jake Taylor told Council that the City employees have requested to close at noon on December 24, 2019 with pay. The Council agreed to the request.
Holiday Bonus	Administrator Jake Taylor told Council the bonuses are in this year's budget and they will be given to the employees in December. The full time employees will receive \$100.00 and part time employees will receive \$25.00.
Mayor's Christmas Tree	Administrator Jake Taylor told Council the annual Mayor's Christmas Tree has begun. The Kiwanis Club has requested \$500.00 donation from the Mayor's Christmas Tree fund for their annual coat and hat drive. The Council agreed to the Kiwanis Club request.
Auditor	Amber Hoyle, City Treasurer told Council she sent out six bids for the position of new auditor for the City of Bethany and only received one bid back. The company was Westbrook & Company out of Richmond and Carrolton. The bid received would be \$15,990.00 and an additional \$2,400.00 if a federal audit is required. Amber Hoyle, City Treasurer told Council that she received four calls inquiring about position.  Mayor Jonne Slemons told Amber Hoyle, City Treasurer to check with the State Auditor and see if he will give any advice on auditor recommendations and find out if they do anything locally.
Council Reports & Comments	Alderman Charles Crabtree stated he is concerned why the Council was not informed on the major problems with the fire trucks.
Mayor's Correspondence & Appointments	Mayor Jonne Slemons has no correspondence or appointments at this time.
Closed Session for Real Estate	Mayor Jonne Slemons asked for motion to go into Closed Session for Real Estate.  Motion made be Alderman Randy Brejnik to go into Closed Session for Real Estate at 6:20 p.m. and seconded by Alderman Randy Mann.

Mann – Aye  
Crabtree – Aye

Johns – Aye  
Brejnik – Aye

## Budget

Administrator Jake Taylor told Council that Chris Cowell PeopleService, was available to answer any questions pertaining to PeopleService contract.

Administrator Jake Taylor presented estimated cost for the street project this year. Amber Hoyle, City Treasurer advised that with the transportation tax all streets listed can be completed.

Amber Hoyle, City Treasurer presented an amortization schedule for the utilities. After the council discussed the projects, they decided to lower electric 2 ½% and leave everything else the same at this time.

Mayor Jonne Slemons said that she signed the yearly contract that is required for PeopleService.

Chris Cowell, PeopleService, explained that a fee was included for the inspection of the generators.

Administrator Jake Taylor told Council that he put in tables for the new city lake. Administrator Jake Taylor stated he has had several complains about the tables currently there.

Administrator Jake Taylor told Council the safety meeting expense was omitted in error and he has added an employee service award.

Administrator Jake Taylor told Council that he added funds to support the 175 year anniversary for the City of Bethany. Administrator Jake Taylor believes the Chamber of Commerce should be in charge of this event.

Administrator Jake Taylor told Council that he has lowered the funds for the west end bridge after talking with the commissioners.

Amber Hoyle City Treasurer told Council that Fire Membership fees and the leftover funds from Community Room could be used toward a new fire truck.

Administrator Jake Taylor added a battery backup to the budget as was suggested from IT Department Jared Andrews for the City servers.

Administrator Jake Taylor advised council the LET rent was raised from \$3,125.00 to \$3,593.75.

Administrator Jake Taylor said that all phones and internet cost have raised this year.

Administrator Jake Taylor said that the IDA Board has volunteered to provide \$10,000.00 toward salary for an Economic Developer, if needed.

Administrator Jake Taylor recommended the Street Department hire another person and felt they could use some of the solid waste funds to pay for the salary stating the new hire would be responsible for cleaning up the compost area.

## Adjourn

Mayor Jonne Slemons asked for motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Alderman Lance Johns to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. and seconded by Alderman Randy Brejnik.

Mann – Aye  
Crabtree – Aye

Johns – Aye  
Brejnik – Aye

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Jonne Slemons, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Nita Schroff, City Clerk