

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

December 18th, 2017

The Board of Aldermen met in Regular Session with Mayor Todd Williams at City Hall, 206 North 16<sup>th</sup> Street, on Monday, December 18th, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Williams, Ishmael, Brejnik, Mann, Johns

Absent: None

Others Present: Jonne Slemons, Nita Schroff, Jacob Taylor, Jerry Collins, Misty Oliver, Wray Kiralfy, Janet Kiralfy, Brian Groom and Phil Conger.

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

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

Approve Agenda Mayor Todd Williams called for a motion to approve or amend the agenda.

Administrator Jonne Slemons would like to remove dangerous dog ordinance until further notice.

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

Mann – Aye                      Johns - Aye  
Brejnik – Aye                     Ishmael – Aye

Approve Bills Mayor Todd Williams asked if there were any questions on bills presented for payment and if not, a motion to approve the bills.

Motion made by Alderman Randy Brejnik to approve the bills as presented and seconded by Alderman Lance Johns.

Mann - Aye                      Johns - Aye  
Brejnik - Aye                     Ishmael – Aye

ANR Pipeline	10,270.43	Grundy Electric	367.50
Cintas Inc.	51.63	Harrison Co Treasurer	333.02
City of Bethany	13,560.66	R/S Electric	71,392.60
Constellation	27,068.71	Southside MFA	30.00
Deana Hudlemeyer	80.00	Harrison Co Treasurer STIF	137,733.89
Fleet Services	2,435.81	Foley Company	617,896.88
Gimson Pest	160.00		

Total \$ 881,516.13

Payroll  
12-08-17

Jonne D Slemmons	1,639.40	Jacob R Taylor	1039.92
Trevor A Place	939.59	Randall J Mann	92.35
Randall G Brejnik	92.35	Lance Johns	92.35
Jaunita E Schroff	1,176.83	Jesse M Sanders	683.89
Trayce D Warner	1,156.50	Leslie S Groom	896.21
Brian S Groom	1,189.33	Bryan E Holloway	1,049.17
Andrew J Alborn	897.59	Jacob Denum	1,114.07
John W Findley	792.50	Michael R Lykins	887.32
Janee A Lehleitner	221.16	Judith A Hinkle	142.08
Linda L Sanders	153.35	Kenneth D Robertson	853.61
Brian J Willis	880.04	Ted G Clemmons	1,026.30
Toby J Puffer	806.29	Paul L Gard	1,044.99
Maggie Jennings	128.54	Brian K Jennings	836.50
Randy M Jennings	856.04	Michelle L Schroff	1,004.06
Ann M Kohler	324.75	Cathy M Johnson	996.83
Robert W Russell	948.58	Charlie D Bennett	856.33
Cole J Ellis	176.62	Gavin R Johns	199.40
Lela A Stottlemyer	266.36	Johnathan M Brown	885.25
Robert T Williams	259.36	Dale E Ishmael	92.35

Total \$26,698.16

Approve Minutes of December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Mayor Todd Williams called for approval or correction of the Regular Minutes of December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Motion made by Alderman Randy Mann to approve the minutes of December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and seconded by Alderman Gene Ishmael.

Mann – Aye  
Brejnik – Aye

Johns - Aye  
Ishmael – Aye

Public Input Mayor Todd Williams asked if there was any public input.

Wray Kiralfy asked the Council why the City won't lower electric rates and the citizens in Bethany had to pay for the street lights that were put in the Daily Addition, when they don't pay for city electricity. Mayor Todd Williams replied that Daily Addition is part of the City of Bethany and street lights in the Daily Addition were part of the approved Electric Department projects for 2017. The residents of Daily Addition pay taxes like everyone else. Even though the Daily Addition residents pay their electric bill through Grundy Electric they are still in the city limits and are entitled to all the improvements as any other residents. Wray also added that he thinks it is ridiculous to put street lights on a dead end street (the new 30<sup>th</sup> Street). Administrator Jonne Slemmons told Wray that to get businesses to come to Bethany the city needs to get the utilities to that portion of the city. Wray thinks the city needs to wait until the businesses come to town and then furnish them with utilities. Alderman Lance Johns said that he recently went to Des Moines, Iowa and traveled the Iowa roads and never bought gas in Iowa. Alderman Lance Johns said it is the same difference. Iowa is letting me drive on their roads and I'm not buying my gas there to pay for their roads. Mayor Todd Williams told Mr. Kiralfy that the rates are being rolled back tonight and he thanked him for his opinion.

Mayor Todd Williams asked if there was any more public input.

Misty Oliver stated people need to come to the meeting and express their concern and not wait until the projects are done.

Personnel  
Manual

Jacob Taylor, Assistant Administrator, explained to Council he would like to extend the period to use vacation time to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 for the employees that haven't had time to take their vacation. There will be a one-time payout for the employees that have maxed out on sick leave, at the end of the current fiscal year. Payout for employees that quit or retire will only get 80 hours, max. Alderman Lance Johns asked if the employee is still accruing vacation when they are on vacation. Jacob Taylor replied yes.

Charge Off Utility  
Accounts for  
2017

Mayor Todd Williams asked if there were any questions on the charge off utility accounts. The amount of utility charge off this year was \$32,853.40. Nita Schroff, City Clerk, asked Council if they know how to locate any people on the list to let her know.

Mayor Todd Williams asked for a motion to approve the 2017 utility charge offs.

Motion made by Alderman Lance Johns to approve the 2017 utility charge offs of \$32, 853.40 and seconded by Alderman Gene Ishmael.

Mann – Aye  
Brejnik – Aye

Johns - Aye  
Ishmael – Aye

Bill #1281

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BETHANY CITY CODE BY AMENDING SECTIONS 715.075, 715.090, 715.110, AND 715.030 RELATING TO THE RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRICAL POWER BY THE CITY OF BETHANY, was read by title only by Mayor Todd Williams for the first reading.

Motion made by Alderman Gene Ishmael to approve the first reading of Bill #1279 and seconded by Alderman Randy Brejnik.

Miles – Aye  
Brejnik – Aye

Johns - Aye  
Ishmael – Aye

Mayor Todd Williams read Bill #1281 by title for the second and final reading.

Motion made by Alderman Randy Mann to approve the second and final reading of Bill #1281 and to adopt Ordinance #1281 and seconded by Alderman Lance Johns.

Mann – Aye  
Brejnik – Aye

Johns - Aye  
Ishmael – Aye

Administrator Jonne Slemons asked when the Council would like the decrease to take effect. After further discussion Administrator Jonne Slemons said if the rates get changed December 26, 2017 then it will affect the bills that are mailed February 1, 2018. The Council approved the rates change for the February 1<sup>st</sup> mailing.

Administrator &  
Department  
Reports

Administrator Jonne Slemons told Council the 30<sup>th</sup> Street sign has been put up and the "No Outlet" sign has been ordered.

John Deere  
Mower

Administrator Jonne Slemons told Council the list of parts to fix the John Deere 1025R mower tractor would be approximately \$2,578.81 plus around 40 hours labor. The Council discussed all of the information concerning the mower and agreed to fix the mower. Mayor Todd Williams asked if the part time mowers included mowing the Parks. Administrator

Jonne Slemons replied that it does not. He also asked if it included the lakes. Nita Schroff, City Clerk, added that the lakes are in the rotation to be mowed weekly if needed. Alderman Gene Ishmael thinks it's a good idea to have part time mowers and it gives someone money for college or summer income. Council requested a list of the locations that are mowed.

Dam  
Enhancement

Administrator Jonne Slemons and George Hulet independently reviewed the four proposals received. The bids submitted were from Barr Eng'g Company for \$96,100.00; Howe Company for \$47,000.00; Olsson Associates for \$40,000.00; and Snyder & Associates for \$21,500.00. Howe Co. was recommended for award.

Motion made by Alderman Randy Brejnik to award bid to Howe's Company for \$47,000 for the engineering for the dam enhancement and seconded by Alderman Gene Ishmael.

Mann – Aye  
Brejnik – Aye

Johns – Aye  
Ishmael – Aye

Motion made by Alderman Lance Johns for Administrator Jonne Slemons to execute the contract to Howe's Company for the Dam Enhancement and seconded by Alderman Randy Mann.

Mann – Aye  
Brejnik – Aye

Johns – Aye  
Ishmael – Aye

Foley Company

Administrator Jonne Slemons ask Council to approve payment #9 for Foley Company for the construction of the new wastewater treatment plant.

Motion made by Alderman Lance Johns to approve payment #9 to Foley Company for \$617,896.88 and seconded by Alderman Randy Mann.

Mann – Aye  
Brejnik – Aye

Johns – Aye  
Ishmael – Aye

Copier

Jacob Taylor, Assistant Administrator, presented a printout on three copiers for the office. The copier in the office is five years old and it is starting to have issues. Jacob explained that if you purchase a copier and have a maintenance agreement it will include everything but the paper. Jacob will have more information on the copiers after the new year.

Fire Calls

Mayor Todd Williams would like to have Fire Chief Jacob Denum to report on the in town or out of town fire calls.

Council Reports  
& Comments

Alderman Gene Ishmael asked if the next Council meeting will be Tuesday, January 2, 2018. Administrator Jonne Slemons responded yes.

Alderman Gene Ishmael asked if there is an ordinance on how many if any chickens a person can have. He was at the recycle center and seen several chickens going into a shed on 15<sup>th</sup> Street.

Mayor's  
Comments &  
Appointments

Mayor Todd Williams would like everyone to complete the feasibility survey.

Police Officers

Police Chief Brian Groom would like the Council to consider putting two positions in the budget for future officers. The Council requested Chief Groom to go ahead with getting a new/inexperienced officer into the training program. He would like to advertise local and expand the pool of applicants. Mayor Todd Williams wants Chief Groom to answer to the applicant that applied for the officer job. Chief Groom would like to hire a certified officer as well, but everyone is having problems getting officers not

just Bethany. Administrator Jonne Slemons told Council that Chief Groom is going to run a more detailed description on the job, and will advertise for both positions.

#### Budget

Administrator Jonne Slemons answered questions the Council had asked in the last meeting about the budget. The health insurance is different depending on whether the employee adds a spouse, child or family. The dental and vision is an option for the employee but the City does not contribute.

Administrator Jonne Slemons added \$100,000.00 from the proceeds of the old Fire Department/Community Center for a possible purchase and remodel of a new Community Center.

Administrator Jonne Slemons explained the Electric Department's portion of the AMI Meter loan was budgeted for payoff in 2016-2017 but the Treasurer was directed not to pay it off. The Electric Department has sufficient funds to pay off their share of the loan and is now included in the 2018 budget. The lease agreement with Gilmore & Bell only allows full payments. The cost to amend this agreement will be a \$1,000.00 one-time fee.

Capital outlay on the Gas Department will include siding, windows and concrete floor where the engines were removed. The cost will be approximately \$28,760.00. Finishing this building provides a place for the Motorpool to move into. Paul Gard, Motorpool, will have a bigger area to work on the larger trucks.

The Gas Department mailer from Paradigm is a requirement from the State.

Mayor Todd Williams would like to know the percentage per year for depreciation on a new pickup.

The Park and Recreation Department are already budgeted for the new phone system.

The purchase of crack sealing machine has been removed and the rental amount has been added with \$10,000.00 for materials.

The County has contacted Administrator Jonne Slemons about resurfacing of the bridge on West Main. The resurfacing of the bridge is needed and City needs to pay 50% and the County pays 50%.

Administrator Jonne Slemons has increased the DARE program from \$1,000.00 to \$1,350.00 to allow for funding at the standard level of \$1,000 plus giveaways to children, such as Junior Officer badges.

An Additional \$2,000.00 has been added to the Lake Improvement Project for the cost of the engineering firm conducting a second bidding process.

#### Adjourn

Motion made by Alderman Randy Brejnik to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. and seconded by Alderman Randy Mann.

Nita Schroff, City Clerk, reminded Administrator Jonne Slemons about the employees Christmas Bonuses.

Alderman Randy Brejnik withdrew motion.

Administrator Jonne Slemons told Council in the past the Christmas Bonuses for the Employees has been \$75.00 plus taxes. Administrator would like to know if that is how the Council would like to do it this year. The Council agreed to do what was done in the past.

Motion made by Alderman Gene Ishmael to approve that the employee receives a net of \$75.00 and seconded by Alderman Randy Mann.

Mann – Aye  
Brejnik – Aye

Johns – Aye  
Ishmael – Aye

Adjourn

Motion made by Alderman Randy Mann to adjourn at 6:54 p.m. and seconded by Alderman Randy Brejnik.

Mann – Aye  
Brejnik – Aye

Johns – Aye  
Ishmael – Aye

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Todd Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Nita Schroff, City Clerk