

CITY OF PHILLIPSBURG
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 6, 2020

The Phillipsburg City Council met in regular session on July 6, 2020, 6:00 P.M., at the Phillipsburg City Office, 945 Second Street.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lance R. Munyon.

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Council members Mike James; Pete Rogers; Bret Miles; Vickie Gibbs; Terry McConnell.

ABSENT: Tracy Sanson.

ALSO PRESENT: Jeremiah Clancy; Jaque Wickham; Galen Wickham; Shawn Ellenberger; Scott Sage, City Attorney; Rachel Martin, My Phillips County Online; Scott Aust, Community Development Director; Tim Driggs, Director of Public Works; Tiffini Gross, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States was led by Mayor Munyon.

HEISTERMAN RETIRES FROM FIRE DEPT.

Jeremiah Clancy, Fire Chief, announced the retirement of Pastor Joel Heisterman from the Fire Department. After 38 years of service as a fireman, including fire chief from 1984-1985, his retirement was effective June 1st. He will be serving as Phillipsburg Fire Department Chaplain. Clancy said that he has done an outstanding job and can't thank him enough for his service. He also thanked, Mick Heisterman for her support of her husband's service as a fireman.

FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLICATIONS APPROVED

Clancy reported the Fire Department currently has 15 members. He said the Rural Fire District #1 voted to approve Gabe Wickham and Travis Stites' fireman applications. Moved by James, seconded by McConnell to the approve Gabe Wickham and Travis Stites to join the Phillipsburg Fire Department.

FIREWORKS

Galen Wickham asked the councilmembers to share the feedback they had received from residents regarding the fireworks ordinance. Members reported approximately 60 people were opposed to the current ordinance, about half wanted to ban fireworks entirely, four leave it as is, and one to extend allowing fireworks until 11 pm on July 3rd. Wickham presented a petition, signed by 117 residents, that requested Memorial Day Weekend, Labor Day Weekend, and Superbowl to be added to the days allowed to shoot fireworks and special requests go through a councilmember instead of the entire council. Discussion was held. The council decided to have Sage change the proposed ordinance to include Memorial Day, Labor Day, and Superbowl Day from 8 am- midnight. The Council decided to change the fireworks special event permits to be submitted to the city clerk 72 regular business hours prior and approved by the Miscellaneous Committee instead of the full Council. Mayor Munyon said Wickham did a good job presenting the ideas and petition.

Wickhams and Clancy left the meeting- time 6:35 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT	There was no public comment.
MINUTES APPROVED	Moved by Miles, seconded by McConnell to approve the June 15, 2020 minutes as written. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #1055-06-20B	Moved by Rogers, seconded by Gibbs to approve Ordinance #1055-06-20B, to pay the bills for the month of June. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
2020 CENSUS	James reported the Census Bureau is in the process of training workers to go door to door which will begin August 11 through October.
COVID-19	Rogers reported Phillips County now has 25 total positive COVID-19 cases and will do a second round of testing on Wednesday and a third round in 5-7 days on those related to the breakout.
FIREWORKS ORDINANCE	Sage will take the Council's recommendations for the fireworks ordinance and develop a new draft for the next meeting.
LIBRARY BOARD	Mayor Munyon reported that two library board members are not Phillipsburg residents and the Library Board plans to request the Council pass a charter ordinance to allow two members to live out of Phillipsburg city limits but within USD #325.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPT PROJECTS	Driggs reported the public works department has been working on repairing streets, patching, finishing City Office renovations, sweeping this year's street sealing quadrant, spraying two-thirds of the city's weeds, and mowing.
CITY PARK VANDALISM	Driggs reported the City Park was vandalized a week ago and crews have not been able to remove the paint without damaging the \$6800 sign purchased in 2005. Munyon stated upgraded cameras for the park have been added to next year's budget plan. Driggs said the park camera footage has been turned over to the Sheriff's Department for investigation.
STREET SEALING	Driggs said street sealing will begin in the southwest quadrant of town, weather permitting, on July 16 th and fliers will be handed out to the area affected. The sealing will be done from 4 th Street south of State Street to the south edge of town and west.
AQUATIC CENTER	Driggs reported the Aquatic Center had another pipe failure. Usage to the pipe was minimized to not affect operations but it will require attention at the end of the season.
ARMORY BIG ASS FAN	It was the consensus of the Council for Driggs to purchase the Amory's Big Ass fan.
CITY OFFICE REMODEL	Mayor Munyon complimented the City Office remodel. Driggs pointed out the new Phillipsburg City Office sign was installed on the City Office building today. Driggs and Rogers recommended an open house be put on hold due to COVID-19.

HIRING PUBLIC
WORKS SUMMER
EMPLOYEE

Driggs reported a Public Works Department summer worker had to leave for college last week and will be hiring to refill that position.

WATERPLANT
OPERATOR HIRED

Driggs reported Colby Wells accepted the offer for the Water Plant Operator position.

Driggs left meeting- time 6:30 pm.

SUMMER CITY OFFICE
HELP

Clerk Gross reported a few Aquatic Center staff has been filling in at the City Office over the last week to assist with the Economic Stimulus Program and plans to continue to occasionally utilize Aquatic Center staff on their off days at the pool.

NAMING RIGHTS FOR
SPORTS COMPLEX
APPROVED

Aust and Mayor Munyon presented information on a draft brochure on the donation program for the sports complex project that will be distributed to alumni, businesses, and local residents. Discussion was held. Moved by Rogers, seconded by Miles to approve the naming rights outlined in the brochure. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

SPORTS COMPLEX
TELETHON PLANNING

Mayor Munyon stated the plans for a telethon to raise money for the sports complex had been put on hold due to COVID-19 outbreak.

ADJOURN

Moved by Gibbs, seconded by McConnell to adjourn- time 6:59 pm. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.



Tiffini Gross, City Clerk

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