**BAY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 12, 2024**

**MAYOR KEITH CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER: 6:00**

**INVOCATION: CHIEF KEITH MILAM**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

**WADE HAMILTON**

**ROB BURGESS**

**GRAHAM ELDRIDGE**

**DARRELL KIRBY**

**DAVID MILAM**

**CURTIS HOGAN**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**POLICE CHIEF: KEITH MILAM**

**ASSISTANT CHIEF: CHRIS WALKER**

**WATER SUPERVISOR: DANIEL NIX**

**FIRE CHIEF: CHARLES MITCHELL**

**CITY ATTORNEY: ZACH MORRISON**

**GUESTS:**

**LESLIE MITCHELL**

**BRIAN WARE – SCHULTE SUPPLY**

**TRAVIS NORRIS – SCHULTE SUPPLY**

**OCTOBER 14, 2024, MINUTES:**

**DAVID MILAM MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE OCTOBER 14, 2024, MINUTES.**

**GRAHAM ELDRIDGE 2ND**

**MOTION CARRIED 6-0**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**COUNCILMAN PAY:**

**AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION IT WAS DECIDED TO PUT IN RESOLUTION THAT THE FOURTH ABSENCE WOULD RECEIVE NO PAY. THUS, EACH COUNCILMAN WOULD BE ALLOWED THREE PAID ABSENCES BEFORE LOSS OF PAY. SPECIAL MEETING ABSENCES WILL NOT BE INCLUDED.**

**CHRISTMAS TREE PURCHASE:**

**THE FREIGHT WAS MORE THAN ANTICIPATED THROWING THE TOTAL INVOICE IN EXCESS OF THE MAYOR’S APPROVED ALLOWED AMOUNT. THE COUNCIL VOTED TO PAY THE INVOICE TO JUBILEE DÉCOR IN THE AMOUNT OF $10550.20.**

**DAVID MILAM MADE THE MOTION**

**ROB BURGESS 2ND**

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

**MAIN STREET RESTAURANT:**

**THE RENTOR PLANS TO SETUP HIS FOOD TRUCK BESIDE THE MAIN SREET RENTAL. THE RENT WILL BE 500.00 MONTHLY WITH THE RENTOR ASSUMING PAYMENT OF THE UTILITIES. HE HAS PLANS TO DO SOME REMODELING TO THE INSIDE, PAINT ETC. THIS WILL BE AN AREA FOR CUSTOMERS TO SIT DOWN AND ENJOY THEIR MEAL IF THEY DO NOT WISH TO TAKE FOOD HOME. PATRONS WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO RENT THE CAFÉ AREA AT RENTOR’S DISCRESSION. HE PLANS TO CATER.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A PRESENTATION WAS MADE BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SCHULTE SUPPLY COMPANY, NEPTURNE AUTOMATED METER READING SYSTEMS. MAYOR KEITH AND WATER SUPERVISOR, DANIEL NIX, HAVE BEEN RESEACHING THE PURCHASE OF AUTOMATED WATER METERS. THEY HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED WITH SCHULTE SUPPLY. THESE WOULD REPLACE THE EXCESSIVELY AGED METERS IN OUR CITY WITH METERS HAVING THE ABILITY TO BE READ DRIVE-BY OR OFFICE ELECTRONIC MONTHLY METER READINGS. THE REPLACEMENT OF THE OLD METERS WILL BE IN SECTIONS BASED UPON FINANCES.**

**WATER BUDGET:**

**COUNCILMEN RECEIVED THE PROPOSED BUDGETS TO REVIEW IN THEIR MONTHLY PACKAGE FROM THE MAYOR. AFTER MINOR DISCUSSION THE MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE 2025 WATER BUDGET.**

**GRAHAM ELDRIDGE MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT**

**CURTIS HOGAN 2ND**

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

**RESOLUTION 2025-A TO ACCEPT THE 2025 WATER BUDGET MOTION WAS MADE BY CURTIS HOGAN.**

**DARRELL KIRBY 2ND**

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

**GENERAL/STREET BUDGET:**

**THE GENERAL/STREET BUDGET WAS ALSO INCLUDED BY MAYOR KEITH, IN THE MONTHLY PACKAGE TO COUNCIL. STREET WILL PURCHASE A ¾ TON TRUCK TO PULL THE MINI EXCAVATOR. THE BUDGET INCLUDES THIS PURCHASE. TWO TRAILERS WILL BE PURCHASED TO HAUL THE EQUIPMENT BUT COST WILL BE OFFSET WITH THE SALE OF OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES THROUGH STATE AUCTION.**

**PLANS TO PAYOFF THE POLICE TRUCK PURCHASED LAST YEAR WILL ALLOW THE FINANCIAL PURCHASE OF A NEW POLICE VEHICLE. OUR POLICE FLEET NEEDS TO BE UPDATED ANNUALLY. THIS ALLOWS THE PASSAGE OF THE VEHICLES ONTO OTHER CITY VEHCILE NEEDS. THE BUDGET INCLUDES THE FINANCING AND MONTHLY PAYMENTS TO COVER THIS EXPENSE.**

**A PAY INCREASE OF $.50 PER HOUR FOR EACH EMPLOYEE IS INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET.**

**THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE EMPLOYEE PAY INCREASE WAS MADE BY ROB BURGESS.**

**WADE HAMILTON 2ND**

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

**RESOLUTION 2025-B TO APPROVE THE GENERAL/STREET BUDGET WAS READ AND MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY CURTIS HOGAN**

**GRAHAM ELDRIDGE 2ND**

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

**ORDINANCE 2025-1: THE MAYOR COMPENSATION**

**MOTION WAS MADE TO SUSPEND ALL READING-STATED IN GENERAL FUND**

**MOTION MADE BY DARRELL KIRBY**

**DAVID MILAM 2ND**

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

**MOTION 2025-1 AMENDING 2024-1: MOTION WAS MADE TO PLACE ON READING ONLY**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID MILAM**

**2ND BY DARRELL KIRBY**

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

**ORDIANCE 2025-2 AMENDING 2024-1: THE CLERK/TREASURER COMPENSATION**

**MOTION MADE TO SUSPEND ALL RULES**

**MOTION MADE BY DARRELL KIRBY**

**WADE HAMILTON 2ND**

**MOTION CARRIED 6-0**

**READING SET IN ORDINANCE**

**MOTION MADE BYE CURTIS HOGAN**

**2ND BY DARRELL KIRBY**

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

**WITCHER AUCTION ITEMS SALE ON DECEMBER 16, 2024:**

**THE FOLLOWING LIST WILL BE PLACED ON THE AUCTION LIST WITH PROCEEDS GOING TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF THE NEW TRAILERS NEEDED TO HAUL EQUIPMENT TO BE PULLED BY THE NEW ¾ TON TRUCK.**

**DUMP TRUCK, FORD F-250, FORD F-150 JOHN DEERE TRACTOR, GRAVELY MOWER AND 2 OLD EQUIPMENT TRAILERS.**

**FINANCE REPORT:**

**INCOME/REVENUE STATEMENTS, EXPENSE FUNDS, OUTSTANDING DEBTS, RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE REGISTERS WERE INCLUDED IN EACH COUNCILMAN PACKAGE. ALL SIX COUNCILMEN ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT OF THIS INFORMATIN.**

**POLICE REPORT:**

**THE CITY WILL BE PURCHASING A 2025 FORD F-150 RESPONDER THROUGH THE STATE.**

**THE NEW VEHICLE WILL GO TO ASST CHIEF WALKER AND ON DOWN THE PRIORITY NEED.**

**A PRETTY QUITE MONTH.**

**WATER/SEWER REPORT:**

**MORE DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE NEED AND PRICE FOR ELECTRONIC METERS AND THE PROJECTED PURCHASE SCHEDULE.**

**THE DEPARTMENT PERFORMED SMOKE TESTING WHICH DETECTED LOCATIONS NEEDING REPAIRS. A TIME LIMIT WAS SET FOR THE REPAIRS BY CITIZENS TO BE COMPLETED.**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

**THE DEPARTMENT APPLIED FOR HALF BUT RECEIVED THE WHOLE AMOUNT NEEDED TO PURCHASE NEW EQUIPEMEN. THE GRANT WAS APPROVED BY THE ARKANSAS FORESTRY COMMISSION.**

**THEY HAVE ALSO APPLIED AND ATTICIPATE RECEIVING AN PROCEEDS FROM ANOTHER GRANT. THIS WILL BE FOR A WINDOW/DOOR PROP.**

**DISCUSSION:**

**PORCH AND RAILS ON TWO STORY PATTERSON STREET RENTAL. THE STRUCTURE IS TOO DANGEROUS FOR RESPONDERS TO ASSIST TENANTS IN NEED. OWNER HAS BEEN CONTRACTED BUT NO RESPONSE. THE OWNER LIVES OUT OF STATE.**

**STRICTER PENALTIES TO BE INFORCED NEGLECTED PROPERTIES.**

**NO MORE BUSNESS AND MOTION MADE TO ADJOURN**

**MOTION MADE BY WADE HAMILTON**

**DAVID MILAM 2ND**

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**