

April 06, 2020

Regular Council Meeting

Due to public health concerns relating to COVID-19 this meeting was conducted both at 222 W. Yoakum with physical distancing applied and electronically using Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/141563582>. The meeting link was made available at www.cityofchaffee.com as well as posted with the agenda.

Members Present: Mayor, Steve Loucks and City Attorney, David Summers (electronically).

Council Members: Randy Spane (electronically), Ron Davis, Randy Dooley, Robert Sullivan, Ann Whistler, Alan Cook, Ronald Eichhorn and Eric Seyer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the City Clerk. Motion to approve the minutes by Alan Cook, seconded by Randy Dooley. Motion Carried.

Bob Summers with Horner Shifrin advised of the bid opening for the water Treatment Facility. The budget for the Waste Water Treatment Facility is \$2.51 Million dollars. He advised that Robertson Construction of Poplar Bluff was the low base bidder for the project at \$2,115,935.00. Mr. Summers advised that all four cells needed to have the sludge removed but recommended only cell #4 only needed to be done at this time. The cost of sludge removal for each cell is as follows: Cell #1- \$355,000.00, Cell #2- \$305,000.00, Cell #3- \$158,000.00 and Cell #4- \$114,000.00 He recommended awarding the base bid to Robertson Construction for the project at \$2,115,935.00 leaving \$391,723.00 in the budget. Motion by Eric Seyer to award the base bid for the project to Robertson Construction of Poplar Bluff, seconded by Ronald Eichhorn. The Council polled as follows:

Yes	No	Absent
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Randy Spane

Ron Davis

Randy Dooley

Robert Sullivan

Ann Whistler

Alan Cook

Ronald Eichhorn

Eric Seyer

Motion Carried.

Discussion was then heard the sludge removal for the four cells. Motion by Randy Dooley to clean lagoon #4, seconded by Alan Cook. Randy Dooley then withdrew his motion.

A culvert permit was presented for: Shannon and Edith Stegar at 429 Elliott. Motion to approve the culvert permit by Robert Sullivan, seconded by Ann Whistler. Motion Carried.

Chief of Police, Jim Chambers advised that Darrell Chapman has resigned as Dispatcher and the Police Personnel Board recommended retaining him as a Reserve Dispatcher. Motion by Ronald Eichhorn to retain Darrell Chapman as a Reserve Dispatcher, seconded by Alan Cook. Motion Carried.

Chief of Police, Jim Chambers advised that the Police Personnel board recommended hiring Susan Horman as Full-Time Dispatcher at \$11.50 per hour. Motion by Ronald Eichhorn to hire Susan Horman as Full-Time Dispatcher at \$11.50 per hour, seconded by Randy Dooley. The Council polled as follows:

Yes	No	Absent
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Randy Spane

Ron Davis

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Randy Dooley
Robert Sullivan
Ann Whistler
Alan Cook
Ronald Eichhorn
Eric Seyer
Motion Carried.

The Police Personnel Board recommended a pay increase of \$1.25 per hour for Dispatchers, Police Officers and Chief of Police not including Sue Horman. Motion by Eric Seyer to approve the Police Personnel Board recommendation of \$1.25 per hour increase for Dispatchers, Police officers and the Chief of Police not including Sue Horman, seconded by Eric Seyer. The Council polled as follows:

Yes	No	Abstain
Randy Spane		
	Ron Davis	
Randy Dooley		

Yes	No	Abstain
		Robert Sullivan
Ann Whistler Alan Cook		
	Ronald Eichhorn	
Eric Seyer		

Motion Carried.

Ron Moyers with the Police e personnel Board suggested doing a Police Department and Fire Department Sales Tax and split it between both Departments. He said it would be dedicated as equipment for Police & Fire. He asked the Council to think about this. The City Administrator will do some research on this.

The Judges Report was presented for March 2020. Motion to approve we the Judges report by Eric Seyer, seconded by Robert Sullivan. Motion Carried.

The City Clerk presented the following bills for approval: AT & T Mobility in the amount of \$495.55, Pete Tanner Solid Waste-\$17,997.35 and Horner Shifrin in the amount of \$15,370.00. Motion to pay the bills by Randy Dooley, seconded by Ann Whistler. The Council polled as follows:

Yes	No	Absent
Randy Spane Ron Davis Randy Dooley Robert Sullivan Ann Whistler Alan Cook Ronald Eichhorn Eric Seyer		

Motion Carried.

Monthly bills were then presented. Motion to pay the bills by Ann Whistler, seconded by Randy Dooley. The Council polled as follows:

Yes	No	Absent
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Randy Spane
Ron Davis
Randy Dooley
Robert Sullivan
Ann Whistler
Alan Cook
Ronald Eichhorn
Eric Seyer
Motion Carried.

The Collectors Report was presented. Motion to approve the Collectors Report by Eric Seyer, seconded by Ann Whistler. Motion Carried.

The City Administrator advised that S & W Cabinets has agreed to be annexed. There are other properties between the City limits and S & W Cabinets. The City Administrator has not contacted the property owners. The City Administrator asked if the council would continue the sewer line and have Horner Shifrin do the engineering. He advised that a license from MoDot would also be needed. The estimated cost is \$17,000.00 to \$25,000.00. Motion by Randy Dooley to pursue this and talk to the residents and get the Engineering done of the sewer line extension on North Route M about 500 feet on the West side seconded by Alan Cook. The Council polled as follows:

Yes	No	Absent
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Randy Spane

Ron Davis

Randy Dooley
Robert Sullivan
Ann Whistler
Alan Cook
Ronald Eichhorn
Eric Seyer
Motion Carried.

The Ordinance Committee attached a recommendation for the changes to section 219.060. This will be tabled until the next meeting.

The 2020-21 Budget was presented. Motion to approve the 2020-2021 Budget by Eric Seyer, seconded by Ann Whistler. The Council polled as follows:

Yes	No	Absent
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Randy Spane

Ron Davis

Randy Dooley
Robert Sullivan
Ann Whistler
Alan Cook
Ronald Eichhorn
Eric Seyer
Motion Carried.

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The City Administrator asked the Council to approve no water service lock offs or late fees until further or a reasonable time period. Motion by Eric Seyer to not cut off water services and no late fees until June 1st, seconded by Ann Whistler. The Council polled as follows:

Yes	No	Absent
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Randy Spane

Ron Davis

Randy Dooley

Robert Sullivan

Ann Whistler

Alan Cook

Ronald Eichhorn

Eric Seyer

Motion Carried.

New federal laws have given employees an additional 10 days of sick leave if necessary. The City Administrator proposed continuing to pay employees if layoffs or rotating schedule changes are required. One employee is using vacation and asked the Council to pay 1 week for the employee.

The City Attorney advised of a document from the Scott County Commissioners regarding the coronavirus situation. They are asking every City to sign the document

Robert Sullivan advised his son applied to do security work for Ameren Electric and asked about time off and was told he could not. The Police Personnel Board will look into this.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Eftink, City Clerk

Mayor, Steve Loucks

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