

Town of Reynolds
Town Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 10, 2024

6:30PM

Board Members present: Sid Holderly, Jerry Robertson, Megan Copas & Veronica Favela. Allison was absent.

Other community members present: Clerk Treasurer, Pam Cochran, Deputy Clerk Treasurer, Carol Hendress, Town Superintendent, Bob Hall, Town Marshal Interim, Wayne Winkler, Town Attorney, Cliff Robinson, Town Marshal, Bill Peck, Township Trustee, Sharon Brooks and Jaylen Morgan.

Megan Copan, Vice President called the Public Hearing to order, asked everyone to silence their phones and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Second Reading of the 2024 Water Rate Amendment and the 2024 Utility Deposit & Application Amendment were read. A motion to approve and adopt at the public council meeting was made. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

A motion to adjourn the Public Hearing was made. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

Megan Copas, Vice President called the Public Council meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda. A motion was made to accept the agenda with the exception of removing the Take Home Police Vehicle policy under Old Business until more information can be gathered. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

Approval of December minutes. A motion was made to approve as presented, a second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

Approval of December financials: A motion to approve December financials was made. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

Election of Officers. Because Ali was sick, she did notify Pam that if nominated, she would be willing to remain council President. A motion was made to nominate Allison Loy as the 2024 Town Council President. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried. A motion was made to nominate Megan Copas as 2024 Vice President. Accepting the nomination, a second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

Public Comment: None at this time.

Old Business:

James Stanley receipts were turned in and paid by the town for the sewer line issue. Bob found out that according to White County Area Plan, the old alley was never properly abandoned and therefore, was still considered the town's property and responsibility.

New Business:

Megan reported that there were two employee evaluations that were held in Executive Sessions. Marshal, Bill Peck had asked the Town Council to consider rescinding his contract that they had signed and allow the Interim Marshal, Wayne Winkler to take over as Marshal. Marshal Peck, said he was being released to return to work at the end of the month and that it was just too much working both the Sheriff Department and the Town of Reynolds jobs. However, if the council would not let him out of the contract, he would have to continue to fulfill it, because he could not afford to reimburse the town the money owed. After discussion in the Executive Session, a statement was read by Megan at the public meeting that said the Town Council agreed to rescind the contract, but that if and when Marshal Winkler needed to be off and not be able to cover the 20 hours/per week, Officer Peck would cover for him at no cost to the Town of Reynolds for the year 2024. A motion was made to accept. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

Bob Hall, Town Superintendent was the other employee evaluation and there was no discussion at the public meeting.

Township Trustee, Sharon Brooks asked the council to consider letting her take over the parks and create a Park Board. A motion was made to allow her to take it over. A second to the motion was made and the motion carried.

Department Head Reports:

Town Superintendent, Bob Hall reported that the paving bids will be opened on Wednesday, January 24th at 3PM and there needs to be a council member in attendance. Council asked Bob if he had received any quotes for getting the wastewater plant and well houses spray foamed to help eliminate heating costs. He had only received one quote and felt that it was a little expensive. The council asked him to get a second quote and to move forward with the least of the two as long as it was under the \$25,000.

Town Attorney, Cliff Robinson reported that he needs to work on a Park Board Ordinance and a policy for the use of video/audio in public council meetings that takes effect in 2025.

Town Engineer, Ken Smith nothing to report.

Town Marshal Interim, Wayne Winkler gave a verbal report.

Clerk Treasurer, Pam Cochran gave an update that the auditors were done and have scheduled the exit interview for Monday, January 29th.

Utility Clerk, Carol Hendress reported there were 24 disconnect notices sent out with three of them shut off. All have been turned back on.

Jerry Robertson, Steering Committee had nothing to report.

Carol Hendress, Economic Development Board reported that Belstra bought the old hotel property East of town on Hwy 24 and would be putting in a "Rural King" type store. They are a family-owned business out of De Motte.


Second Public comments: None at this time.

Hearing nothing further, a motion to adjourn was made with a second to the motion and the motion carried.

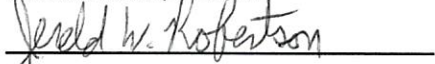
Respectfully submitted,



Allison L. Loy, President



Veronica Favela, Member



Jereld W Robertson, Member

Megan A Copas, Vice President



Sidney E Holderly, Member



Attest: Pamela S Cochran, Clerk Treasurer

Board Approved: February 14, 2024