

BOARD OF WORKS

MAY 10, 2022

AUSTIN CITY HALL

5:00 PM

Members Present: Jimmy Turner, Joe Smith and Roger Hawkins. All members present. Also in attendance for City Engineer Ravi Rafferty.

Minutes:

April 10, 2022: Jimmy Turner made motion to approve. Joe Smith seconded. Minutes approved by unanimous vote.

Sewer Adjustments:

April 12, 2022- May 10, 2022: Joe Smith made motion to approve. Jimmy Turner seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Old Business:

Ravi Rafferty from Heritage Engineering gave some updates on current projects. Stated there was a possible grant on the Bowles Circle project. (Low interest loan along with a grant from USDA) The signs have been ordered for the railroad crossings grant and there is a 8 week turnaround. He also said there was no new data from Regional Sewer on the discussion of flow meters. Attorney Josh Stigdon stated we have been in litigation over this matter with Regional Sewer.

Howard Watts Superintendent over the Sewer Department stated Aspire had been at the plant working on the pumps and the leak has been fixed. They have cut back on the belt filter press which saves on dumpster usage. He also noted they are building on Union St. and a lateral line may need to be installed.

Roger Hawkins spoke on behalf of Street Superintendent Shane Terry and stated the new roof on the street department building had been completed. Also there had been some usage of the side cut. He also wanted to make known they did not have access to the inmates this week.

Mayor Hawkins stated that Ordinance Officer Bobby Wilson had turned his notice in and his last day was May 6, 2022. The position has been posted and Mayor Hawkins wants to set up a time to start doing interviews and fill the position.


Chief Shawn Hurt gave an update on arrest, violations, accidents and reports made over the last month. He said Cody Kelly had his surgery and was in physical therapy and hoped he would return by the end of the year. He mentioned Gene Hodge would like to go part time and he would also like to hire a new officer. He named Josh Vires as the new officer since he was already pre-screened from the last set of interviews. Jimmy Turner and Joe Smith requested the letter from Mr. Hodge stating his part time intentions. Joe Smith motioned to accept Hodge's part time request and Jimmy Turner seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Jimmy Turner then motioned to hire Josh Vires conditionally on PERF approval and Joe Smith seconded. Vote was unanimous.

New Business:

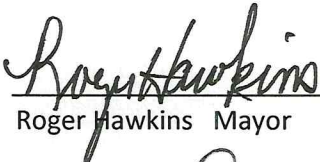
There has been discussion on outsourcing trash pickup for the city. Residential customers only. There have been three companies so far that we have received information from. Wanting bids in and a decision to be made by next meeting on June 14, 2022.

Authorization for this to proceed came from a motion by Joe Smith and was seconded by Jimmy Turner. Vote was unanimous.

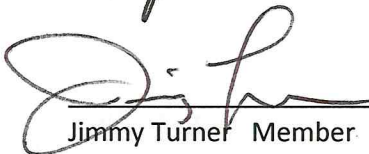
Joe Smith made motion to adjourn at 5:24pm. Jimmy Turner seconded, motion carried.



Christopher Fugate Clerk Treasurer



Roger Hawkins Mayor



Jimmy Turner Member



Joe Smith Member