

City Council
Regular Meeting
August 1, 2024

Present: Mayor Aaron Witt, John Schmidt, Wesley Hofferber, James Farley, Molly Clement

Also present: Sara Ogden, Anjanette Gibler, Winter Roybal, Scott Hedrick, Robbie Wayman, Guerrero Garcia, Carina Roybal, Austin Roybal, Mignon Lambley, Sarah Barnes, Jessica Hussey, Rachel Fischer, Nicole Acosta, Jessica Duer, Roger Fischer, Marilyn Fischer, Brandy Stump, Tim Ekkel, Tonya Tien, Steven Tien, Melanie King, Kayleigh Russell, Jim Mayer, Dallas Mayer

Mayor Witt called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. Farley made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2024 and July 23, 2024 as stated. Schmidt seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Hofferber made a motion to approve the purchase orders through consent agenda. Schmidt seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Treasurer and Budget Reports were also reviewed.

Winter Roybal told the Council the Water Well #7 is pumping back into the distribution system. She's currently working on the lead service line inventory that's due by October 14, 2024. Pothole filling ongoing. The County will be starting on the chip seal project in the Golf Addition around August 5th, weather permitting. Cemetery roadways and around fencing have been sprayed. Mosquito fogging is being done bi-weekly. The pool heater is working.

Carina Roybal said there have been 76 books added and 701 books deleted from the Library. New seating with the Operation Round Up Grant has been added. The Library has been working on separating the Children's Side from the rest of the Library and making it clearly marked between the areas. Signage will be added soon. Carina has been working on cleaning up the Atrium systems of inactive accounts. Book donations from Sublette Elementary and Guymon Public Library have been reviewed and awaiting processing along with local donations. The Summer Reading program for the Library is over. There were 9 programs with 27 adults and 53 kids attending. Carina has finished annual report training and have begun other online classes, including grant writing and collection development. Library technology still being updated.

Scott Hedrick reported the Axon cameras are in and we're waiting on them to be installed. K9 Echo assisted Texas County Sheriff's Office on a traffic stop which resulted in a seizure. Scott will check into the ceramic tint for the Explorer. Robbie Wayman said it would be the next couple months for the new Ambulance possibly. He's waiting on drafting plans to be completed for the Ambulance shed addition.

The golf cart ordinance was reviewed. Schmidt made a motion to approve the Ordinance 2024-3 to make updates to the 2007-12 ordinance that was passed in 2007. Golf carts can be driven by a person with a valid driver's license. Cannot be driven on state or county highways or roadways, only operated on Hooker City Streets with a speed limit of 35 mph or less. Number of passengers shall not exceed the seating capacity of the golf cart and shall comply with lighting and safety requirements imposed by Oklahoma Law. Golf carts shall be subject to the Oklahoma Statutory Rules of the Road and Applicable Penalties. The owner of the golf cart shall obtain a permit from the City of Hooker, at a charge to be established by Resolution of the Hooker City Council, which shall be affixed to the golf cart in plain view after proof of compliance with the golf cart requirements are met. Farley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Tim Ekkel visited with Council regarding his building located in First Addition Block 59 Lots 8-10. He asked for assistance moving forward with the State Fire Marshall, Engineering, and Drafting plans. Robbie Wayman will call the State Fire Marshall's Office again and visit with them to get more clarification for Tim on what needs to be done moving forward. Schmidt made a motion to take no action in regard to this property. Farley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Schmidt made a motion for the approval of Sarah Barnes for the Library Advisory Board. Clement seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Clement made a motion to make an amendment to the Library Ordinance

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95.01 Section B to change the resident requirement to be a Hooker, OK physical address, instead of citizens of the municipality. No one seconded the motion. Motion did not pass. Schmidt made a motion to change the Directors term from five years to three years with the terms to be listed as one year, two years, and three years and removal of four years and five years as the four and five year terms are not in line with three year terms. Hofferber seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Farley made a motion to close Glaydas and Broadway Streets from Ireland to Swem and Imo to Illinois for September 7th Car Show. Schmidt seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Under new business/public comments, Rachel Fischer, Jessica Duer, Roger Fischer, Marilyn Fischer, Jim Mayer, Dallas Mayer had comments regarding the books in the Library, Library Bi-Laws, and the Library Ordinances. Three minutes were given to each to talk about their issue/item. Nothing was voted upon.

Hofferber made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307 B(1) to discuss employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of any individual salaried public officer or employee. Farley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Farley made a motion to return to open session. Hofferber seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Farley made a motion to the approval of hiring David Stallings for the maintenance department. Schmidt seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Clement made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Schmidt seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Mayor