

## MINUTES OF THE CITY OF HULL MAYOR AND COUNCIL

January 25, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Barber at 7:00 p.m. at Hull Fire Department. Those in attendance in addition to the Mayor were the Clerk, and council members Shawn Bozeman, Cindy Bozeman, and Mike McElroy. Council member Kathy Connell was sick and unable to attend the meeting. Also present were Allison Smith with the Madison County Journal and citizen Wayne Melton.

A moment of silent prayer followed the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the Budget Meeting and December meeting were approved unanimously after a motion by Mike McElroy and a second by Shawn Bozeman.

The financial reports were approved unanimously after a motion by Shawn Bozeman and a second by Cindy Bozeman.

Under old business, Mayor Barber reported that he had spoken with AAA and determined that 21 homes so far had signed up for Trash service and those previously with AAA had been switched over. The City will run an add for two weeks in the Madison County Journal to notify residents who have not switched over. If more notice is required a letter will be mailed out to those residents who still need to sign up.

Mayor Barber reported that the LOST contract was on the BOC Agenda for January 29<sup>th</sup> and should pass. We would begin receiving our LOST funds although the exact date as not been determined.

Under new business Wayne Melton who lives on Pope Miller road addressed Mayor and Council concerning a tree that had been damaged and needed to come down. There is some discrepancies about the amount of Right-of-Way on Pope Miller Road. The County has indicated that there is a 40 foot ROW however Mr. Melton has a plat that shows a 60 foot ROW. The matter was tabled to allow more time to determine the actual amount of ROW.

Mayor Barber presented an estimate to repair the outside of the City Hall Building from All Steel Construction in the amount of \$7,657.00. Motion was made by Mike McElroy, seconded by Shawn Bozeman and unanimously approved to accept this estimate and move forward with having the work done.

Mayor Barber also presented an estimate for painting the City Hall Building and the building behind City Hall in the amount of \$5,600.00. Motion was made by Shawn Bozeman and seconded by Mike McElroy to accept this estimate and move forward with having the work done.

Mayor Barber presented an estimate from Collins Sign Shop for a new City Hall sign to be placed on the City Hall Building in the amount of \$500.00. Motion was made by Mike McElroy, seconded by Cindy Bozeman and unanimously approved to move forward with having the sign made and installed at City Hall. Mayor Barber was going to ask them to include the City website on the sign.

There was some discussion on what to do about the Mural on the Chevron. Mayor Barber has a letter from the store owner that they would like to have the mural painted over. He has also

spoken with Mr. Bullock who owns the property and he has no objection. In addition a number of citizens have expressed their desire to have the mural removed. The Clerk indicated that she had been told by Madison County Ace Hardware that they would donate the paint. Their was some discussed about who would do the actual painting. This matter was tabled until the February meeting for further discussion.

The appointments of Tracy Dean, Voter Registrar, Sandra Pou, Clerk, and Shawn Bozeman, Mayor Pro tem were all approved unanimously after a motion by Mike McElroy and a second by Cindy Bozeman.

The Clerk advised Mayor and Council that she had spoken with Mr. Terrell with the Wesley Peachtree Group who had done previously audits for the City if their firm would be willing to do the 2022 and 2023 audits for the City and he had indicated that they would be happy to consider same. The Clerk advised Mayor and Council that she thought that they would do a good job and had no problem working with Mr. Terrell in the past. No action was taken but once we see if the LOST funding is approved and we begin receiving same we will get back in touch with Mr. Terrell for cost estimates, etc.

After going into executive session to discuss a personnel matter concerning City Attorney, Dale Perry, and reviewing a list of potential candidates to replace Mr. Perry a motion was made by Mike McElroy, seconded by Cindy Bozeman and unanimously approved that the Clerk would reach out to four potential candidates to see if there was any interest, again once we determine that LOST funding is approved and we begin receiving same.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned after a motion by Mike McElroy and a second by Shawn Bozeman.

Sandra Pou  
  
Full City Clerk