

## Minutes

THE CITY OF TUTTLE COUNCIL MEMBERS MET IN REGULAR WORKSHOP SESSION ON **MARCH 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** IN THE TUTTLE CITY HALL LOCATED AT 221 W. MAIN STREET

MEMBERS PRESENT: SCOTT DICKSON, TODD LITTLETON, MARY SMITH, AUSTIN HUGHES, AND AARON MCLEROY

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

STAFF PRESENT: TIM YOUNG, DAVID PERRYMAN, WENDY MARBLE, DON CLUCK, AARON SLATTERY, WJ MORGAN, LAURIE KOELSCH, BRYAN BALENSEIFEN, KAYLEY GORDON, AMBER RILEY, RYAN ALLEN, WILL SMITH, AND SEAN FAIRBAIRN

OTHERS PRESENT: LESLIE WALKER, JERRY MAYNARD, CHERYL MCCRACKEN AND JEREMY SHAMBLES

**CALL TO ORDER** McLeroy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** Marble called the roll and declared a quorum present

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. DISCUSSION and QUESTIONS regarding items on the City Council, Tuttle Public Works Authority Board of Directors, and Tuttle Development Authority Board of Directors consent dockets

**Smith asked about using temporary labor. Young explained using temps for Public Works, Storm Debris, and Broadband new home install.**

**McLeroy asked about the price of police vehicle. Cluck explained equipment has gone up in the last 3 years.**

2. UPDATES, DISCUSSION, and QUESTIONS regarding:

- a. October 2020 Ice Storm response and issues

**Slattery discussed storm response, gas issues, snow routes plowed. (Citizens getting out and getting stuck was a concern) Two Public Works pick-up trucks would not start, and ice and snow damaged roads. Young talked about FEMA; no funds due to not a historic snow fall. Slattery said lack of gas supply – meters were tripping from lack of pressure. They spent 3 days responding to calls. 85 Sunday, 102 Monday, 35 Tuesday were number of gas outages. Littleton asked how this will affect prices. Young stated is not the highest it has been. \$9.80 per unit is the price Blue Mark stated it should be.**

**Hughes asked about 2<sup>nd</sup> round of limb pick up. Slattery said he is not sure, stating some people have abused what they put out, trying to work out plan. Perryman stated cannot claim for trees not part of storm, City offered to pick up storm damage. Littleton stated some are legitimate. McLeroy asked about high**

**bills. Young stated the City has a policy in place. Marble stated the City works with the customers to make arrangements when they cannot pay their entire bill. She stated she has discussed this with staff to continue using our current policy.**

b. COVID-19 response and issues

**Young stated CDC has released new info – working on vaccines for all employees who want it, and things are looking positive.**

c. Financials

**Young talked about financials in packet stating sales tax is up.**

d. Legislative Update

**McLeroy mentioned legislation about required vaccine. Young stated prohibit from requiring vaccines, let cities determine their policies.**

**Young presented Oil and Gas and facades are quiet this year. Perryman mentioned statute of limitation for oil public nuisance. Young presented information about bill to remove restrictions for fire chief hiring, enter pension system by 45 years of age, paid firefighter for at least 3 years.**

e. Employee Benefits/Pay Study

**Marble discussed interviews are set for this week with five consultants regarding insurance and other employee benefits.**

f. New Police Station

**Cluck presented project is moving along. McLeroy asked if City can provide phone through internet. Cluck stated they use AT&T and fiber. Young talked about project report from Flintco in packet. Young said he will start reports for agenda packet on all projects.**

### 3. INFORMATION AND REPORTS

a. City Manager and Department Reports, including reports posted on the agendas for the City Council, Tuttle Public Works Authority Board of Directors, and Tuttle Development Authority Board of Directors.

**Cluck said he is fully staffed if the most recent candidate passes physical next Friday.**

**Will Smith said he has one open medic and open EMT, no applicants with qualifications.**

**Fairbairn said Silver City Ridge culvert project should be open week of 3/22, working on force main near bank.**

**Slattery said looked at Farm Credit drainage, take crown out, 300 ft and run to north. \$33,000 cost. McLeroy stated Brian said he would split cost.**

**Young, mentioned that 2<sup>nd</sup> floor project he received no bids.**

**Littleton said what are we doing to target 4 CSA's below 50%**

**Koelsch said downtown areas have AT&T – better pricing, short list is busy again.**

**WJ Morgan asked about possibly adding a senior package, downtown has more elderly population that may not want or need a gig.**

b. Councilmember Reports

**None**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion was made by Littleton, seconded by Smith to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 6:58 p.m. Motion carried as follows:**

**Aye: Dickson, Littleton, Hughes, Smith and McLeroy**

**Nay: None**

Attest:

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Wendy Marble, City Clerk

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Aaron McLeroy, Mayor