

Council Meeting
October 20, 2014

Members Present: Mayor Richard C. Barr, members Jody Greene, Buddy Duke, Greg Paige and Butch Fausett.

Others Present: John Flythe, Rhonda Rowe, Tim Tanner, Chad Castleberry, Wayne Giddens and members of the public.

Invocation was given by Councilman Fausett.

Approval of Minutes: Councilman Fausett made a motion to approve the minutes of October 6, 2014 as presented. Councilman Paige seconded. All were in favor.

RFP 's for Gas Engineers: Request for Proposals were received from four engineering firms on the proposed gas system expansion project to provide natural gas as far north as Lenox.

EMC Engineering Services, Inc. -	10% of construction costs, not to exceed \$150,000
Statewide Engineering, Inc. -	\$80,000
Watkins & Associates -	6.1% of project costs, not to exceed \$91,500
Carter & Sloope -	Not to exceed \$134,000

Pending review and recommendation by the city manager, Councilman Duke made a motion to table the bid award until the next meeting. Councilman Paige seconded. The decision was unanimous.

Ord #14-5: This ordinance, revising the municipal court fee and fine schedule, was read for the first time.

Debris Disposal Update: The council was advised that we are waiting on the executed agreement to be returned from the owner of the Del-Cook property to allow us to begin disposing debris on a tract of land consisting just shy of 5 acres and located directly in front of Sierra Pine on Cook Street. The contract is for \$1.00 per year for a period of three years. The debris will be placed on a concreted area.

Greater Cook Comprehensive Plan Update: The council was encouraged to attend the meeting scheduled for November 3rd at 9:00 am at the County Commissioner's office to review the plan update.

Website Information: The council was advised that updated information discussed at the last meeting had been previously forwarded off site for an update to the website. We are now going to bring maintenance in-house. The pictures have been corrected and the forms page deleted at this time.

Bad-Debt Information: City Manager John Flythe advised those present that the amount of outstanding utility bills forwarded for collection this month, after deposits were applied, was over \$16,000.

Legislative Appreciation Dinner: The council was invited to attend the Annual Legislative Appreciation Dinner on October 30, 2014 at Dinnerman Farms.

CDBG: The council was informed that we need to begin thinking about what project they would like to apply for in the next round of grant applications. The dead-line for submitted is April 1st.

Nuisance Properties: Attorney Tim Tanner announced that the judge has issued abatement orders for property located at 514 W. 1st Street and 910 N. Cleveland. The council can now reauthorize the city to clean these properties and file a lien against the property if they so choose. Councilman Duke made a motion to proceed with cleaning of these properties. Councilman Paige seconded. All were in favor. City Manager John Flythe added that the city is now trying to be pro-active to these nuisances rather than reactive. Councilman Duke added that he is familiar with one city that receives pictures of areas that need cleaning on their website. This allows a complainant to remain anonymous and may be something worth checking into. They can also receive videos of anyone littering or throwing trash into another person's dumpster.

Holiday Season: It was the consensus of the council to recognize Thursday and Friday as Thanksgiving Holidays and since Christmas Day is on a Thursday this year, to observe Wednesday afternoon, December 24th, as well as Thursday and Friday, as Christmas Holidays.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Rhonda P. Rowe, City Clerk

Richard C. Barr, Mayor
