

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
VANDUSER CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 15, 2015
7:00 P.M.

Those Present:

Mike Hargrove
Jim Murphree

Kevin Burchard
Patty Burton

Jerry Thompson
David Ruedrich

Robert Verble
Eddie Fisher

Mike opened the meeting and introduced the guests. He then asked if anyone would like to address the council. David Ruedrich then addressed the council about his past sewer bills and the hookup at 403 Ash. David has claimed that the sewer to his home was never hooked up and was wanting the sewer charges that were charged to him refunded from 2001-2011. Mr. Ruedrich had stated that the amount was over \$4,000.00 but would settle for \$2,400.00 He was advised by Michael that to his understanding the homeowner at the time was responsible for providing access to the existing sewer line and that there was documentation stating the previous owner of the home, Paula Wright, had agreed to those terms. Mr Ruedrich then questioned Robert about hooking up the sewer to the home in November of 2011 after the council meeting when the issue was first brought to the attention of the city. Robert remembered doing the hook up to the bathroom as the kitchen and washroom were already hooked up to the city sewer system. Mr. Ruedrich then disagreed, again, stating his home was never hooked up until November 2011. Kevin then read the minutes from the November 14, 2011 council meeting that clearly stated that "David Ruedrich and his ex Angie Ware, came to address the council concerning the sewer hook-up for the house at 403 Ash Street. The kitchen and the washer are connected, but not the bathroom." Mr. Ruedrich then told the council he would contact a lawyer and subpoena the council. He was then advised that the matter would be turned over to the city attorney and was thanked for attending the meeting and addressing his concerns. He then requested copied of his past water bills which was granted.

Michael then read the minutes from the August meeting, Eddie motioned to approve, Kevin seconded the motion with Jim saying aye.

The budget was then covered with discussion about the General Fund. Eddie motioned to approve the budget, Kevin seconded the motion and Jim said Aye.

Robert then gave his monthly water report. All of the signs have been replaced at the lagoon. There are found dead meters that Robert has replaced and that leaves the city without a viable back up meter. Robert has suggested buying a case of six (6) new meters as the ones we currently use are between 20-40 years old. He is to get a price and report back to the board on his findings. The city also needs two (2) more buckets of the granular degreaser for the lift stations. He will get with Michael on the prices of the degreaser as well. Robert also reported he needs to replace the lock on Joe Johnson's water line as there still is flow through the meter. This will be done ASAP. The council would like to thank Wrights Mowing service for spraying around the lift stations and the Lagoon at the water plant.

The contract is ready for the repeater room lease.

Robert and Eddie trimmed branches overhanging on the streets

The culvert on Myers Street needs to be replaced as well as the one at 302 Lewis prior to the street paving. The footage of the culverts will be passed onto Liz Casey for pricing. It was also

mentioned that if the City picks up the culverts it will save a lot of money on shipping.

The USDA and the State Auditors reports were covered.

Resignation letters were then opened and read. The council accepted the resignation of Diane Verble. Eddie made the motion to accept the resignation, Jim seconded, Mike and Kevin each said aye. The council then accepted the resignation letter from Liz Casey. Eddie made the motion to accept the resignation, Jim seconded the motion, Mike and Kevin said aye.

Mike then made a motion to hire Liz Casey as interim City Clerk until the council can hire a city clerk. Eddie seconded the motion with Jim and Kevin saying aye.

There is a late tax list posted on the City Website. Outstanding property taxes are \$328.40

There was then a discussion about later water bills and the policies that have been put in place by the board. Simply stated, That if a resident's water bill isn't paid in full by the 5th of the each month, then their service will be disconnected. The board would be happy to look at each later bill on a case by case basis, but if no attempt is made to make a payment and get the bill in good standing in a timely manner, then services will be shut off until the bill is paid in full.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jim, seconded by Eddie, and approved by Kevin. Meeting so adjourned.