

CITY OF ESKRIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 24, 2017

The Special meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. on July 24, 2017 by Mayor Williams in City Hall for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the Deputy Clerk position. Interviews were conducted until the special meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Eskridge City Council was called to order on Monday, July 24, 2017, by Mayor Williams at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was answered by Tim Wines, Justin Rush, and Cindy Kraus.

T. Wines moved, seconded by C. Kraus to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Brett Kemble joined the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Mayor Williams called the budget hearing open for the 2017 amended budget.

Mayor Williams asked the audience if they had any questions. There were none.

C. Kraus moved, seconded by J. Rush to approve the 2017 amended budget. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Kraus moved, seconded by J. Rush to close the 2017 amended budget hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting opened in regular session.

T. Wines moved, seconded by C. Kraus to approve the minutes of July 10, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Kraus moved, seconded by J. Rush to approve additions to Appropriation Ordinance #1440. Motion passed with a roll call vote of all yes.

Mayor Williams asked the audience if there were any public concerns or comments. Dolly Mercer asked if the City had any plans to improve the City curbs and guttering on main street.

Mike Bohn, Utility Superintendent, answered Dolly and told her that along with the street project this is on the list of improvements for the City.

Jessica Wilson, Public Officer, told the Council that Thad Baldock's request from July 10, 2017, to put a patio of 20' x 29' is on City property.

Devin Timm with Timm Construction, was here to help explain the addition of a carport and boat hoist at 276 Ponderosa Point for Randall Peterson.

It was determined that Devin Timm will need to bring in a revised structure permit application.

Jessica presented a request from Wayne Stephenson to add a carport to his existing regular sized dock at 163 Cedar Circle.

T. Wines moved, seconded by C. Kraus to approve Wayne Stephenson's request to add a carport to his existing dock at 163 Cedar Circle. Motion passed unanimously.

A request to repair the existing dock at 27 Flint Hills Drive for Stephanie Imthurn was denied since it was determined the transfer was not made.

Jessica asked the council regarding Ron Falk's request to transfer his boatlift to his neighbors dock.

It was determined the neighbor's dock exceeded the 20' x 24' size limit in the current ordinance.

C. Kraus moved, seconded by T. Wines to deny the Falk permit. Motion passed unanimously.

A request from Jeff Blasnitz for a retaining wall and landscaping to keep their bank from washing at 5 Rocky Ledge was approved. They received permission from the Corp of Engineers dated July 7, 2017. They acknowledged they will be paying in addition to their annual dock structure for the retaining wall.

T. Wines moved, seconded by C. Kraus to approve the request from Mr. Blasnitz at 5 Rocky Ledge. Motion passed unanimously.

Thad Baldock's request was re-visited again due to it being on City property this would make for two conditions; an additional structure fee along with the possibility and if the structure has to be removed it would be at the owners expense.

T. Wines moved, seconded by C. Kraus to allow the retaining wall with the understanding there will be a separate annual structure fee and if in the future it

needs to be removed it will be at the owner's expense. Motion passed with T. Wines, J. Rush and C. Kraus voting yes and B. Kemble voting no.

T. Wines moved, seconded by C. Kraus to approve the dock transfer of Russell & Kali Swisher at 307 E. Flint Hills Drive to Gerry & Debbie Buser. Motion passed unanimously.

It was discussed to have Jessica Wilson, Public Officer, determine if the two docks of Pat & Lori Clark's properties are closest to each of the homes. This will be decided after further investigation at the next meeting on August 14, 2017.

Ramona Anshutz's property at 264 Ponderosa will also need to be checked if the dock can be transferred to Paul Schutter after determining this is a household with utilities.

The properties owned by William Schaefer at 102 Beta and 319 S. Main Street, Eskridge have not been cleaned up as Mr. Schaefer communicated to the Council at the July 10th meeting.

The Public Officer or Council members have not seen the complete clean up that Mr. Schaefer communicated would be finished.

Jessica said the property at 104 Beta is not legally Mr. Schaefer's according to the County.

Mike Bohn said he will be notifying Mr. Schaefer when the City is ready to pick up the remaining blight and then Mr. Schaefer will be billed.

B. Kemble asked if we were going to do vacate the property at 414 E 2nd Street. Mr. Luckman advised the council he has filed a complaint of occupation of unfit dwelling for our Police Officer to serve.

Jessica told the council she will be perusing the City for chicken permits and other animals.

Mayor Williams apologized for not asking David Dunbar to report. He had a very good Fourth of July. The insulation is working but since July hit he had to purchase another unit to put up near the counter. And with the amount of coolers he has in there putting off more heat and then it kills his minnows so he feels like he needs to ask for another air conditioner.

J. Rush moved, seconded by C. Kraus to spend up to \$2,000.00 to upgrade the air conditioning in the Permit Office. Motion passed unanimously.

Concerns there will not be enough trash receptacles during the Wiffle Ball Tournament at the Lake on Saturday, July 29th.

Mike Bohn reassured he would take an extra dumpster out there to cover the extra trash.

Todd Luckman discussed the McGivern structure permits and it was determined they submitted two permits and only one fee payment and neither of the permits were approved by the council.

At 8:20 p.m. Mayor Williams asked to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel to hire a Deputy Clerk with Mike Bohn and Donna Warren. T. Wines moved, seconded by C. Kraus. Motion passed unanimously.

At 8:35 p.m. T. Wines moved, seconded by C. Kraus to extend executive session 10 more minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

At 8:45 the meeting reconvened.

At 8:46 Brett Kemble left the meeting.

T. Wines moved, seconded by C. Kraus to have the Clerk check the preferred candidate's references and to offer the identified candidate the position as Deputy Clerk with the salary to be determined later.

At 9:11 p.m. T. Wines moved, seconded by C. Kraus to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Deann Williams, Mayor

Donna J. Warren, Clerk

Read and approved this 14th day of August, 2017.

Deann Williams, Mayor

Attest: Donna J. Warren, Clerk