



**Open Council Meeting:**

Becky Perkins opened the council meeting

**Call to Order:**

David Messer – Council President (arrived late), Becky Perkins – Council V President, Robin Boucher – Council

**Others Present:**

Teresa Hester – Clerk Treasurer, Nicole Alexander - Utilities, Jim Florea – Fire Chief, Wendell Davis – Maintenance, Brian Pryor – Police Chief, Attorney – Julie Newhouse

**Minutes**–Approve minutes from January 9, and February 3, 2023 council meetings. Becky Perkins moved to approve, Robin Boucher second, motion carried 3-0

**Guest:**

- Bowen – Eric Noe
  - Discussion on items/questions on the Wastewater Project
  - Wendell Davis asked if possible that the dirt that is removed from the project can stay on the property. This would allow the area to be more level for mowing.
  - Wendell Hester called a realtor about cost of purchasing ground located by the Lagoons. Cost could be approximately \$12,000 per acre.
- Fleis/Vandenbrink

**Department Head Reports:**

Utilities – Nicole Alexander

- 57 Delinquents; 19 Door Tags, 0 Shut Off
- Request 2023 Vacation Days
  - February 15 (FMLA)
  - February 21 (FMLA)

Maintenance – Wendell Davis

- South Henry Regional Waste District (SHRWD) is increasing lab cost due to increase in cost. Was \$150 January 2023 \$200. They will send contract after their February meeting.

Fire – Jim Florea Fire Chief

- Placed new air packs are in service.
- Started process of acquiring original 1927 dodge fire truck back home.
  - Agreement for 1927 Graham Brothers/Dodge Howe Fire Truck with Mike Hoffman. Becky Perkins moved to approve, Robin Boucher second, motion carried 2-0
- Met with Med bill on streamlining ambulance billing.
- Upcoming blood drives 3-21-23; 10-10-23
- Maintenance on SCBA compressor.

Police – Brian Pryor Police Chief

- Ammunition: Update that the prices of ammo is going up again.
- Rifle School: seven (7) Officers that are needing certified with patrol rifle. Hancock County will be conducting a class in April. There is no charge for the class, but each

officer needs 750 rounds of ammo. \$2,700. Becky Perkins moved to approve, second Robin Boucher, motion carried 2-0.

- Mark Hulett has been with the Department for 20 years. Brian Pryor would like to ask that we pay for his Insurance and Mifi for his vehicle starting this year. Clerk Treasurer stated amount is not in the budget. Becky Perkins tabled this item for the next meeting.

Town Clerk/Treasurer – Teresa Hester

- Financial Reports
- Hours Worked
- Comp Time:
  - 2022 Comp hours Wendell Davis 140 Herb Hankee 63
- Mar 19 – 23 ILMCT Institute & Academy, Muncie (Training) Cost \$450. Request one tank of gas for the 5 days driving. Council is fine with getting a tank of gas to attend meeting.

#### Old Business:

- Town Hall furnace Summers quote \$5850. Need another quote, have by March meeting.
- Approve Ordinance 2023-0203 Water Rates, and Ordinance 2023-0203A Wastewater rates. Becky Perkins moved to approve, second Robin Boucher motion carried 2-0.
- Amended and Restated Ordinance No. 2023-0213, Becky Perkins moved to approve, second Robin Boucher, motion carried 2-0.
- Moved to approve the addendum to the agreement with the Town of Wilkinson. Becky Perkins moved, Robin Boucher Second, motion carried 2-0
- **David Messer council president arrived to the meeting. (He was at another meeting)**
- Amended November 14, 2022 Minutes – approve/needs signed. Added portion of Comprehensive Plan. David Messer moved to approve, second Becky Perkins, motion carried 3-0

#### New Business:

- Approve Chlorine tank regulator work approximately \$1500-\$2000 approved emergency via text on 01/12/2023. Actual cost \$2896.58. David Messer moved to approve
- PC for Maintenance, cost \$900. David Messer moved to approve, second Becky Perkins motion carried 3-0.
- Hall Signs – did not have a correct number of signs needed. David Messer tabled until the next meeting.
- Outstanding check Resolution 2023-0213A, David Messer moved to approve, second Robin Boucher, motion carried 3-0.
- Sign Steve Brock engagement letter. Needs signed and approved. David Messer moved to approve, Robin Boucher second, motion carried 3-0.

#### Claims:

- Approve Payroll Allowance Dockets David Messer moved to approve, second Becky Perkins, motion carried 3-0.
- Approve Claims to be paid - David Messer moved to approve, second Becky Perkins, motion carried 3-0.

#### Adjourn:

- David Messer adjourned the council meeting



David Messer (Council President)



Teresa Hester (Clerk/Treasurer)