

HOMEDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Homedale City Hall
31 W. Wyoming Street

July 14, 2021

6:00p.m.

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Presiding: Mayor Gheen Christoffersen

Council Present: Aaron Tines, Steve Atkins, Mike Aebischer, Jerry Anderson

Staff Attending: Alice E Pegram, Jeff Eidemiller, Bret Smith

Guests: See Attached

Attorney: Charisse

Approve Agenda Discussion/ Action: Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the agenda; Councilman Tines made the motion and Councilman Atkins seconded. Motion carried by full Council.

Approve Council Meeting Minutes from the 5:00 June 7th, 2021: Discussion/Action: Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the minutes; Councilman Aebischer made the motion and Councilman Tines seconded; motion carried by full Council

Approve Council Meeting Minutes from the 6:00 June 7th, 2021: Discussion/Action: Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the minutes; Councilman Tines made the motion and Councilman Atkins seconded; motion carried by full Council

Approve Council Meeting Minutes from the 4:00 June 28th, 2021: Discussion/Action: Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the minutes; Councilman Tines made the motion and Councilman Atkins seconded; motion carried by full Council

Approve Council Meeting Minutes from the 6:00 June 28th, 2021: Discussion/Action: Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the minutes; Councilman Tines made the motion and Councilman Atkins seconded; motion carried by full Council

Faydra Given: Discussion on Current Roadwork: Fadra; owner of the Wild Lotus; is concerned about the road construction. She would like for them to work longer hours and she would like schedules as to when they will be done. She feels the businesses were not given enough information. Jeff Ryan with ITD spoke to the citizens; he mentioned they were under contract with Knife Construction and were limited on the amount of changes they could request. He added they were trying to keep as many parking spots as possible.

Kim Murray; owner of the new Ice Cream shop; stated she is trying to work with the construction not against it. She mentioned she is running specials like: construction sundae and rocky road ice cream. She is trying to make the best of a bad situation.

Denise with the Farmer's Market said any business could come to the Farmer's Market and sell their goods at no cost.

Frank; pawn shop owner; is worried there is no parking for his customers.

Everyone was invited to attend the construction meetings held every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the City Park.

Mayor Christoffersen said we are doing all we can; we are using the reader board out front and the FB community page asking everyone to support our local businesses.

Jeffery Aicher: Discussion on transparency and accountability: Mr. Aicher spoke stating his problems started when we filled up the pool and a bunch of dirt and debris came into his lines. He did add the public works flushed his lines; but he was told to open his valves in his house; which ended up costing him over \$3,200 in damages. He also wanted to know why he was billed for a fine on his water bill when he is not the home owner. He said the City had no right to add it to his bill. He had a couch in his front yard and was served the ordinance violation. Mayor Christoffersen told him he would need to turn in a tort claim to our insurance. Mr. Aicher said his hot water heater was full of mud. He also stated he would like to talk to our City Attorney; he has dyslexia and would like to know why the City would not complete his forms for him. Chelsea told him he was given the time and information he had asked for.

Robert Arehart, Northside Production: 50's Cruise, Sock Hop, Fundraiser Discussion/Action: Robert Arehart spoke to the Mayor and Council about a sock hop cruise August 14. He wanted to use the park by the city pool. He was told he would need a parade layout, a layout of the park, insurance and information on the vendors. (catering permit for beer). Petria volunteered some outdoor games she would lend him. Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the event with the following stipulations;

Parade layout, layout of the park, insurance and vendor information.

Councilman Tines made the motion and Councilman Atkins seconded; motion carried by full council.

Pastor Ivar Moore: 7th Annual Car Show and Extreme Tour; Bette Uda Park:

Discussion/Action Pastor Ivar asked for approval for the 7th Annual Car Show on September 25th and the Extreme Tour will be this weekend. It was discussed moving the car show to the Riverside Park. Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the event with them having insurance; Councilman Tines made the motion and Councilman Tines seconded; motion carried by full council.

Foodstead Lease with City of Homedale: Discussion/Action. Councilman Aebischer would like to see the lease be a one year (instead of 5 year) and the lease rate at \$300.00 month. He added they should pay all utilities. He also feels they should not be allowed to drill into the building or roof. Mayor Christoffersen agreed 5 year was too long. Councilman Aebischer said if the Library becomes a district; he didn't want to tie this up. Jon Brown asked what the Community Center had to do with the Library; they are both city owned buildings. Councilman Aebischer said no one knew it this building would be part of the Library or stay with the City. Councilman Atkins said it would need to be sorted out and the Library only recently has gotten more serious. Mayor Christoffersen said no one knew at this time if they would have to pay rent on one or all 3 buildings.

After much discussion; it was decided to have the attorney change the lease to two (2) years; the rent stays at \$100.00 and the utilities should be paid by the Foodstead. Also no drilling into the bricks or roof without prior approval from the Council.

The ventilation was also discussed. We (Denise) is going to check with the guy who installed the hood to see what would be the best way to ventilate the room. It was also discussed; but no discussion was made as to if they could move the fridge and freezer out into the open space. Denise added they would both be locked if they were moved out.

The Library will have access to the Community Center; per Sharla they will need it only once a week.

Mayor Christoffersen said it needs to be vented better or we would need to move the fridge and freezer out into the main area.

The sewer smell was also addressed and Alice has a plumber coming.

Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion with the following changes: change the lease to two (2) years; the rent stays at \$100.00 and the utilities should be paid by the Foodstead. Also no drilling into the bricks or roof without prior approval from the Council. Councilman Tines made the motion and Councilman Atkins seconded; motion carried by full Council.

Library Report:

Sharla said they averaged 52 people a week in the summer reading program. She added they had 1,089 people use the library in June.

Police Report:

Public Works Report: Mayor Christoffersen commended Bret and his crew on the job they have been doing. He said he truly appreciates the guys.

Streets & Hwys; they are using some of the carryover stuff

Parks: leak that was repaired Tuesday

Water: Leaks; one was by the Subway.

Sewer: the Aerators were cleaned

Irrigation: doing good

Councilman Tines had to leave the meeting.

Engineer Report: Andrew said it would be 6 weeks for the restrooms for Peterson (Riverside) Park.

Wastewater Engineering Contract – Discussion/Action: Per Andrew they need us to approve sign the contract. He said USDA has already obligated the funds to the City. (2.1 million)

He added our sewer rates are going to go up; possibly \$51.00

He added they are working on possibly getting a \$500,000 block grant.

Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to sign the Wastewater Engineering Contract:

Councilman Atkins made the motion and Councilman Aebischer seconded. Motion Carried by ½ plus 1 of the Council.

Andrew said USDA will now do a before project inspection by the end of August.

City Hall Update: P & Z Report: O

Attorney Report: O

Mayor and Council Member Report

Amy Fossett spoke to the Mayor and Council about a possible project; painting the fire hydrants that have not been painted. Having a contest for the kids. The fire dept. only concern would be they be painted with reflective paint.

Mayor Christoffersen ask this to be put on the next agenda; which will give her time to put a plan in play.

Councilman Aebischer asked about them possibly doing the irrigation boxes also.

USDA-Rural Development Letter of Conditions”- Discussion/Action – this was approved at a previous meeting.

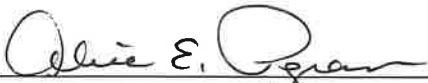
Approve the Bills Discussion/Action:

Mayor Christoffersen asked for a motion to approve the bills; Councilman Atkins made the motion and Councilman Anderson seconded. Motion carried by ½ plus one of the Council.

Mayor Christoffersen adjourned the meeting.



Mayor Gheen Christoffersen

Attest: 

Alice E. Pegram, City Clerk