

COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 4, 2013

The Paden City Common council met in regular session on Monday, February 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers of the municipal building with Mayor John Hopkins presiding.

ROLL CALL: Present were Mayor Hopkins, and the following members of council: Richard Wright, Tom Trader, Dan Probst, Matt Ferrebee, and Larry Potts. Councilman Glenn Casteel was absent. Recorder Tamra Billiter and Police Chief Mike Kelly were present. Water Superintendent Clifford Duke was absent.

PRAYER: Chief Mike Kelly led council in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTES: Minutes of the January 7, 2013 Regular Meeting were read.

Motion: Dan Probst

Approve Minutes of January 7, 2012

Second: Larry Potts

Action: Hearing no objection, the **motion carried**

CITIZENS: N/A

FINANCE:

Motion: Dan Probst

Pay the Bills

Second: Larry Potts

Action: Hearing no objection, the **motion carried**

WATER:

Pump at the water plant that was down has been repaired and will be reinstalled this Friday.

After determining the WV State Investment Pool offered the best interest rate at .15% the motion was made to authorize the recorder to open an account.

Motion: Tom Trader

Open a "Water Reserve savings account" with the WV State Investment Pool.

Second: Tom Trader

Action: Hearing no objection, the **motion carried.**

Mayor Hopkins informed council that it had been discovered that the maintenance/water department's radios have become obsolete and we will have to replace them to be compliant with FCC rules. Clifford will get the information to Miller's Communications for a price quote.

SEWER: The Sewer Board met with and interviewed engineers for the Storm Sewer project but a decision has not been made.

STREETS: Councilman Richard Wright asked if more streets could be added to the list for paving this spring since that fund will have grown. The mayor and all council members agreed that was a good idea and Wright asked the recorder to inquire with Clifford Duke and the maintenance crew what additional streets they would recommend.

Councilman Tom Trader commented that something should be done about people parking their vehicles on the sidewalk(s) along Route 2. This issue had been discussed in the past but never gone any further. Trader added the citizens are responsible for maintaining the sidewalks and it was not fair to them to have to repair the sidewalks because of other peoples inconsideration. Mayor Hopkins said that this would be referred to the police.

FIRE: See attached

POLICE: A budget revision for the police department was presented:

DECREASE EXPENDITURES

700-65-59	Police	Capital Outlay	\$3,500.00
		(this will leave a balance of \$1,500.00)	

INCREASE EXPENDITURES

700-40-17	Police	Contractual Services	\$2,000
	Maint./ Repair Autos		

700-55-41	Police Dept.	Commodities	\$1,500
	Dept. Supplies		

Motion: Richard Wright
Allow budget revision for police department

Second: Matt Ferrebee

Action: Hearing no objection, the **motion carried.**

Interviews for the purpose of hiring a police officer were held on Thursday, January 31, 2013. The following motion was made with Larry Potts abstaining from the vote:

Motion: Richard Wright
Hire Jason Utt as a full time police officer effective immediately

Second: Tom Trader

Action: Hearing no objection, the **motion carried**

The subject of a raise for the police clerks was tabled until the next meeting.

Motion: Dan Probst

Table a raise for the police clerks until next meeting

Second: Richard Wright

Action: Hearing no objection, the **motion carried**

Motion: Richard Wright

Allow the chief to purchase West Virginia Blue Book Law Enforcement Directories

Second: Larry Potts

Action: Hearing no objection, the **motion carried**

CARS, HEALTH AND SANITATION: N/A

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: An issue with Dominos Pizza's garbage was brought up. The mayor said he would talk to the manager about the problem.

PARK AND POOL: Councilman Trader said the Barker plaque had arrived and was very nice.

EDA: N/A

PADEN CITY FOUNDATION: Mayor Hopkins stated the foundation would have a meeting in the spring.

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Hopkins reported to council he had been in contact with Easy Care and with a laboratory called MedTox at Easy Care's recommendation. He has faxed a copy of the City's drug policy to MedTox and they will reply with costs and recommendations. At this time he has determined there will be approximately a \$100 starting fee and \$94 per employee per testing. The employee would report to Easy Care for the sample and it would be sent to MedTox for the testing. He will let them know the specifics when he has them.

The subject of the incident at Days Gone By was revisited. City Attorney Carolyn Flannery said at the most the city could be held libel for dereliction of duties of a city employee and in no way could or should they be held responsible for damage caused by a third party. The mayor interjected that evidence of a call to 911 on the night of the incident has never been found and officers from Paden City and Sistersville did respond.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Hopkins proclaimed June 6, 2013 as City Election Day.

Motion: Richard Wright

Accept proclamation of June 6, 2013 as City Election Day.

Second: Tom Trader

Action: Hearing no objection, the **motion carried**

Motion: Dan Probst

Renew contracts with Pestech

Second: Larry Potts

Action: Hearing no objection, the **motion carried**

After discussing the “Vacancy in Office” ordinance it was determined some additions/changes were needed. Attorney Flannery will make the additions/changes and the first reading will be held on this ordinance at a Special Council Meeting to be held on Thursday, February 7, 2013 at 6:00 pm. The additions/changes requested by council were as follows: Add the Recorder in addition to council members; make the vacancy time 90 days; and by vote to have council appoint the temporary replacement. *(A roll call vote was held with all 5 councilmen in attendance agreeing to the council appointment.)*

Mayor Hopkins informed council that a payment of \$1,014 had been received as the result of a lien on property to retrieve municipal and street fees.

Motion to Adjourn: Matt Ferrebee

SIGNED: _____
John Hopkins, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Tamra Billiter, Recorder