

MINUTES - May 8, 2025

The regular meeting of the Big Flat City Council was called to order by Glenda Wiseman, Mayor.

Council Members Present: Lonnie Holt, Sharon White, Bonnie Sutterfield, & Kim Shelton

Guests & Other: Natasha Chaney, Marcia Griffin, Bobby Wallis Fire Chief, & T.J. Woodbury, Asst. Fire Chief

Mike Treat, Recorder/Treasurer read the April Minutes and the Bank Reconciliations for the General Fund, Building Fund, Street Fund, Fire Fund, & the ARPA Fund. Corrections noted: Correction was made to March Minutes & Dates for May Farmers Market should have been May 3 & 17<sup>th</sup>.

Natasha Chaney reported the first Farmers Market had three (3) vendors who were satisfied with the results of the event. Approximately 30 people attended even though the day was cold & windy. Several more vendors expected for the 17<sup>th</sup> event. A very attractive banner has been purchased & displayed for advertising. The Council asked Natasha to keep a written record of the finances involved & report same to Council.

Due to a certain resident's continued unacceptable notes & a concern for the safety of city personnel from this resident, Marcia Griffin who helps the person, came to assure the Council that there was no history of violence, however she understood the concern. She stated that the person required medication & had been off it for some which she took responsibility for & stated that the medication had been restarted & she would make sure it was taken on a regular basis. The Council thanked her for the information & complimented her on taking on such a responsibility for a friend.

Water Report & Water Dept. Bank Reconciliations by Rich Hiter who reported that Attorney was negotiating with Fifty-Six Attorney on Operation & Maintenance Agreement for the Pump House. Jerrod Ramsey had made a substantial payment on his water bill. Glenda noted easements needed for Water Project had been filed & Clear Site Certificate had been sent to ANRC. & an e-mail from Christina Byrd, Fifty-Six Recorder/Treasurer indicating that Mtn. View Water System had raised their water rates 3% & that according to the agreement with Big Flat, the rate to us is increased 3% to \$5.48/per 1,000 gal. Water Audit for year 2024 has been given to the auditor & a motion by Sharon, 2nd by Lonnie to contract with Ballard & Co., LTD again for the sum of \$1,500 - \$1,750 for the procedures & financial statement required yearly by Legislative Audit. All present voted in favor.

As the "Domino Shed" has been placed on the National Registry of Historic Places & is City Property, a letter will be sent to Wesley & Darla McCoy requesting them to remove all personal property from the property due to "History Buffs" visiting the site. It has for some time been designated as a place for Bikers to stop & rest but has had the appearance of private property. The Council thanks them for the prompt compliance.

Mike noted a problem with gravel having been washed around the Spring House at the North end of First Street. Council opted to post bids for fixing this problem.

Due to some concern re a tree close to the Tire Shop, a County Extension Tree Service Employee looked at it assuring the Council the tree was alive & should be for at least 20 years. He suggested having the damaged area, caused from an ice storm some years ago, cut back by an experienced tree trimmer. Mike to call for estimate.

A motion by Bonnie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim to have Charles Hafner replace the lights & ceiling fan in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Unit of the Old Lunch Room for his estimate of \$700.00. All present voted in favor.

Council noted that door on south end of gym needed to be repaired & a small roof extension above the basement door be replaced. Will be looked into before next meeting.

Kim noted the new tables & half the chairs had been delivered, however, was having much difficulty getting the other half of chairs. Will stay on it till they are delivered. Discussed disposal of wood tables. Several options discussed including putting in a silent auction during Homecoming.

With no further business, Sharon made a motion to adjourn, Kim 2<sup>nd</sup> & all voted to adjourn.

  
Mike Treat, Recorder/Treasurer