

BETHUNE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Teleconference

May 14, 2020

The Bethune Town Council met Thursday, May 14, 2020, via teleconference with the Honorable Mayor Charles McCoy presiding.

Mayor McCoy called the meeting to order.

Councilman Witham opened the meeting with prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor McCoy asked Council if they had looked over the Minutes for the April 9, 2020 meeting. There were positive responses. Councilman John Heflin made the motion that these minutes be accepted with the exception that he did not vote "no" to the section regarding acceptance of the Sandhills Medical Clinic but abstained from voting. Councilman Witham seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial statements were provided to each of the Town council members and to the mayor for review.

Councilman Witham gave an update on the water project. Target for completion is either late August or early September. It was noted that the roof on the tank house has to be repaired. Closing on the USDA grant loan is the 28th of this month. Councilman Witham asked if there were any complaints about the sidewalks or the work along the streets. Council members mentioned several issues.

A discussion took place regarding the list of Community Welfare people. Councilman Witham went over the list with Council and the members chose those who they would check on.

Amy Kinard of the Chamber had informed Councilman Witham that the chamber could assist the town in seeing that council minutes are published on their website and could record our council meetings. After a short discussion, it was decided that having the town minutes on the website would be permissible but the recording of meetings is not something the council wishes to pursue.

Also, Councilman Heflin stated that he was checking into a website for the town and he hopes to have something soon.

Mayor McCoy mentioned the town grass cutting and the need to have it bided out for at least the months that the grass is cut.

Since it is near budget time, the clerk was asked to send the council members a copy of last year's budget.

Mayor McCoy mentioned the problem with the outside vinyl, gutter, and cornice on the building and the smell occurring when it rains. He inquired from Councilman Heflin about this cost in the ADA bids. Councilman Heflin stated that this repair was not separated out. Mayor McCoy asked if Councilman Heflin could get this done.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding Chief Josh Ward's work performance as council members had received some complaints. Mayor McCoy stated that there were a number of things that the Chief had to handle with other law enforcement agencies that we would not know anything about. A question was asked about the cop cars. Where were they? Mayor McCoy stated that they were getting detailed and would be available soon for approval.

Councilwoman Hunter made the motion to adjourn, and Councilman Heflin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Stephens

Clerk

Attachment

Present:

Mayor Charles McCoy

Don Witham

John Heflin

Cindy Hunter

Jimmy Lucas