



Council meeting June 3, 2024

Present: Mayor Chris Lelle; Councilmen, Doug Koestel, Tommy Buchanan, Eric Dailey, Sharon Johnson and Sally Brown; Clerk, Kathy Bridges; Attorney Brian Dempsey and Karen Thomas

Visitors: Beth Buchanan, Jerry Johnson, Brian Ehram, Tim and Lisa Hill, Dan Wages, Sandy McNab

The meeting opened at 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor asked to amend the agenda to add open discussion with a 3-minute limit and also to discuss the town hall meeting on June 17. Sharon Johnson made the motion to amend the agenda to add the two items, Sally Brown seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Mayor asked for approval of the May minutes. Sally Brown gave the motion to approve, Eric Dailey seconded, and the vote was unanimous. Sharon Johnson refrained from voting because she was absent from the meeting.

The Mayor asked if anyone in the audience wanted to speak, and no one replied. He moved on to the first item on the agenda—the Chamber of Commerce magazine advertisement. The town had purchased a full page in the past for \$1995. Doug Koestel made the motion to buy the same size ad, Sharon Johnson seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved. The council agreed to use the ad presented for the clerk marked ‘not used’ and asked that she add the new logo. She said she would send a copy of the final proof to the council.

The Mayor moved on to the town hall meeting on June 17. He said he would introduce the council and have open discussions for the participants. Offering drinks and snacks was discussed as was the arrangement of the room.

At 7:30 Sally Brown made the motion to go into executive session to discuss real estate and litigation. With a second by Sharon Johnson the motion was unanimously passed.

At 8 p.m. Brown made the motion to come out of executive session to resume the regular meeting. Doug Koestel seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

The Mayor asked to amend the agenda to add the real estate agreement and the adoption of the agreement. Eric Dailey made the motion to add the two items and with a second by Sally Brown the vote was unanimous. The council had copies of the real estate agreement to purchase the

property on Angel Street which included the block house, the former fellowship hall and the frontage to Highway 11. The closing date would be on or before July 31 so no CDs would have to be cashed out early. The Mayor asked for a motion to adopt the purchase agreement with H2J Investments, LLLP for the purchase price of \$425,000 with an earnest money downpayment of \$25,000 to be paid out of the general funds. Sally Brown made the motion to adopt the purchase agreement, Sharon Johnson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. Johnson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.