

City of Potterville

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This meeting was held by teleconference

City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Kring on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 7:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Kring at City Hall, Deputy Mayor Lenneman at home, Member Nichols at home, Member Potter at home, Member Smalley in vehicle, Member Pulda at home and Member Twichell at home

Absent: None

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Member Smalley to approve the Agenda. Supported by Member Twichell. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mayor Kring, Deputy Mayor Lenneman, Member Nichols, Member Potter, Member Pulda, Member Smalley and Member Twichell. Nays: None. Motion Carried (7-0).

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Member Smalley to approve October 15, 2020 and November 4, 2020 minutes. Supported by Member Twichell. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mayor Kring, Deputy Mayor Lenneman, Member Nichols, Member Potter, Member Pulda, Member Smalley and Member Twichell. Nays: None. Motion Carried (7-0).

Approval of Bills: Motion made by Member Potter to approve payment of General Bills in the amount of \$140,186.92. Supported by Member Twichell. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mayor Kring, Deputy Mayor Lenneman, Member Nichols, Member Potter, Member Pulda, Member Smalley and Member Twichell. Nays: None. Motion Carried (7-0).

Approval of Bank Reconciliations: Motion made by Deputy Mayor Lenneman to approve October 2020 accounts for General, Tax and Payroll. Supported by Member Twichell. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mayor Kring, Deputy Mayor Lenneman, Member Nichols, Member Potter, Member Pulda, Member Smalley and Member Twichell. Nays: None. Motion Carried (7-0).

City Manager's Report: Manager's report is in November Council packet.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: Katherine Schmidt of 221 N Church St. reminded council to stay to the meeting rules. Ms. Schmidt asked council to be sure to give clarity to items that are being discussed because of the meeting being virtual. President of Sod Slingsers, Thomas Smyth with Chance Morrison— at Thomas's residence, communicated he did not know why his organization was on the agenda to be discussed. Jeff Bussard of 746 Brenneman St. would like clearer description of new business items on the agenda.

Amendment to Agenda: Motion made by Member Potter to add the MERS Contribution Plan Adoption Agreement Update for Covid-19 work conditions. Supported by Member Nichols. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mayor Kring, Deputy Mayor Lenneman, Member Nichols, Member Potter, Member Pulda and Member Twichell. Nays: Member Smalley. Motion Carried (6-1).

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New Business:

Presentation from Auditor: Peter Haefner, CPA with Vredevelde Haefner, LLC presented a power point explaining 2019-2020 fiscal year financial audit and answered questions regarding the City's finances.

MERS Retirement Agreement update due to Coved-19 work conditions for Defined Benefit: Motion made by Member Pulda to approve the Defined Benefit Plan adoption agreement. Supported by Member Twichell. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mayor Kring, Deputy Mayor Lenneman, Member Nichols, Member Potter, Member Pulda and Member Twichell. Nays: Member Smalley. Motion Carried (6-1).

MERS Retirement Agreement update due to Coved-19 work conditions for Defined Contribution: Motion made by Member Nichols to approve the Defined Contribution Plan adoption agreement. Supported by Member Potter. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mayor Kring, Deputy Mayor Lenneman, Member Nichols, Member Potter, Member Pulda and Member Twichell. Nays: Member Smalley. Motion Carried (6-1).

Sod Slingers Lawn Mower Racing Facility Contract: Member Twichell made a motion to give a 90-day notice to the Sod Slingers Lawn Mower Racing that the City of Potterville is terminating the remainder of the contract. Supported by Deputy Mayor Lenneman. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mayor Kring, Deputy Mayor Lenneman, Member Nichols, Member Pulda, and Member Twichell. Nays: Member Potter and Member Smalley. Motion Carried (5-2).

City Clerk Position: Motion made by Member Smalley to hire Becky Dolman as the City of Potterville Clerk Position. Supported by Member Nichols. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mayor Kring, Deputy Mayor Lenneman, Member Nichols, Member Potter, Member Pulda, Member Smalley and Member Twichell. Nays: None. Motion Carried (7-0).

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: Jeff Bussard of 746 Brenneman St., Council needs to communicate better especially the items of MERS and Sod Slingers. Thomas Smyth from Sod Slingers is saddened that the council is terminating their contract. Katherine Schmidt of 221 N Church St., shared concern with Lockview Meadows Subdivision road maintenance. Council should consider the checks and balances with council and city manager to allow for a better decision-making process.

Communications from Mayor and Council: Member Pulda reiterated that the Sod Slinger Lawn Mower Racing Facility Contract both the parties knew there was a termination clause that either party could choose to use. The city council feels this is a financial decision that will benefit the community. Member Potter would have liked the City to reconsider the contract with the Sod Slinger Lawn Mower Racing Facility. Mayor Kring shared the lawsuit between Rosenbrook et al v. City of Potterville et al, Case No: 19-48-NO, Insurance Claim No:

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Z01501056 has been dismissed by Judge John D. Maurer. Case has been dismissed with prejudice.

Next Meeting is December 17, 2020

Excuse Absent Members: None

Motion to Adjourn: Motion made by Member Twichell and Supported by Member Potter. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Mayor Kring, Deputy Mayor Lenneman, Member Nichols, Member Potter, Member Pulda and Member Twichell. Nays: Member Smalley. Motion Carried (6-1).

Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Becky Dolman

City Clerk

Approved 12/17/2020