

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 21, 2025

The regular monthly City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Deborah Pinkerton after she declared that a quorum was present. A moment of silence was followed by the pledge of allegiance. Council members present were Alderman Neal, Alderman Saddler, Alderman Johnson and Alderman Cook.

A motion to approve the December regular monthly meeting minutes was made by Alderman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Saddler. Passed 4-0

The financial report was presented by Treasurer Sandy Cook. December end of month balances for each account were read and the January Financial Report was reviewed. A motion to approve the January Financial Report was made by Alderman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Cook. Passed 4-0

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Grounds Supervisor Kenny Brenton reported that the department has been busy putting sand/salt on the roads during the snow and ice. Roads were in need of repair after the inclement weather and in need of large amounts of gravel. Alderman Cook asked if the department could supply the council with a written report each council meeting comparable to reports the fire department and the police department supply. He stated if they had a list of road repairs, the council members could deflect some of the negative posts. Alderman Johnson stated the council's appreciation for all the street department has done.

Police Chief Ken Howard reported 40 citizen calls, 3 assists to other agencies, 5 citations, 30 warning citations, 0 alarms answered, 3 accidents, 5 arrests, 16 felonies and misdemeanor reports filed, and 0 warrants served. Officer Clifford introduced the newest addition to the police department. Bea is the new dog being trained in drug detection. The D.A. is donating the modifications for the car, the police auxiliary is donating the food and an officer is volunteering the training. Alderman Cook asked for a start date. Officer Clifford stated training would begin the following Saturday and the dog should be in service within 12 weeks.

Fire Chief Cody Cooper reported 2 fire calls and 4 medical calls. Chief Cooper informed the council that on January 9 he has applied for the Fire House Sub grant in the amount of \$43,976.66 for auto extrication tools. The department will be notified around April 3rd if awarded.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dumpsters will be placed at City Hall on a continuous basis as of now. This will be closely monitored for efficiency. It seems to be currently working.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Judy Lawrence of Shady Oak Lane asked if anything could be done about the shooting of guns in their neighborhood. Mayor Pinkerton stated she would discuss it with Chief Howard.

Hannah Cooper gave a Fire Auxiliary update report. The auxiliary is currently working on fire safety education and has started an equipment fund for the fire department. It is also currently researching possible AD&D insurance for the volunteers.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Pinkerton asked the council to reimburse for meals at the recently attended municipal conference. A motion to reimburse was made by Alderman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Cook. Passed 4-0

Mayor Pinkerton asked the council to bring suggestions for an updated travel expenses reimbursement plan to be discussed at the February meeting.


Mayor Pinkerton presented Resolution # 2025-01-21-01, entering into contract with the Cedarville Senior Center. A motion to approve Resolution # 2025-01-21-01 was made by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Johnson. Passed 4-0

Resolution # 2025-01-21-02, entering into contract with the Crawford County Library System was presented by Mayor Pinkerton. A motion to approve Resolution # 2025-01-21-02 was made by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Saddler. Passed 4-0

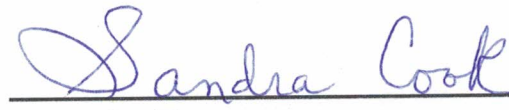
Mayor Pinkerton presented Resolution # 2025-01-21-03, approval of Council Policies and Procedures. A motion to approve Resolution # 2025-01-21-03 was made by Alderman Saddler and seconded by Alderman Johnson. Passed 4-0

Resolution # 2025-01-21-04, approval of the 2024 amended budget and financial report was presented by Mayor Pinkerton. Treasurer Cook gave a brief explanation of the amended budget. A motion to approve Resolution # 2025-01-21-04 was made by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Saddler. Passed 4-0

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Saddler and seconded by Alderman Johnson. Passed 4-0



Mayor



Recorder/Treasurer