

Regular Board Meeting August 1, 2022

Linda Taylor was sworn in on August 1, 2022 before the Council meeting began, to start her four year term effective August 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026. City Attorney Rick Wood officiated the Oath of Office to Linda Taylor.

The Parsons City Council met for its regular monthly meeting, August 1, 2022, at 6:00PM in the city council room. Mayor Tim David Boaz called the meeting to order.

Roll called by City Recorder:

Present

Kevin Cagle
Madison Cagle
John Odle
Dale Reynolds
Linda Taylor
Jimmy Lynn Walker

Absent

Marty Carrington

Visitors/in attendance

Lee Villaflor, City Administrator
Rick Wood, City Attorney
Colleen Lawlor, City Recorder
Dale King, Safety Director
Wes Woodward, Interim Police Chief
Shane Bridges
Danny Haynes, The Newsleader
Charles Taylor, Dec Co Chamber of Commerce
Joe Taylor

Approval of regular monthly minutes:

A motion was made by Kevin Cagle to approve and dispense of reading the regular monthly minutes for July 2022.
Second by Jimmy Lynn Walker. Vote: All Ayes

Approval of the Financial Statements:

A motion was made by Dale Reynolds to approve the Financial Statements for June 2022. Second by Jimmy Lynn Walker. Vote: All Ayes

Presentations:

Natural Gas PGA "Purchased Gas Adjustment" Rates

PGA "Purchased Gas Adjustment" is the cost of purchasing gas and transporting it via pipeline from the refinery to City of Parsons Master Meter a.k.a. the "Gate".

- All utility rates are comprised of: Minimum Fee (Base Fee), Base Rate and PGA
- City of Parsons has not had to look at increasing gas rates (PGA) up until now
- Since April 2022, City of Parsons has been selling gas less than PGA
- May 2022 City of Parsons took a loss
- Minimum Fee and Base Rate will remain the same – NO CHANGES
- PGA rates will be adjusted monthly in accordance with purchase prices

Community Forum:

Report in 2nd Quarter JECD Board Meeting from Charles Taylor, Decatur County Chamber of Commerce

- Steven Milligan, President of TCAT/Crump (Parsons) was guest speaker and gave a great report, we live in a blessed community!
- Announced new programs that is coming to Parsons
 - Heating and Air
 - Plumbing/Electrical
 - Nursing
- A physical expansion that will bring total investment to \$11.5M

JECD Board Update

The City Council recommended Kevin Cagle and Dale Reynolds to represent City of Parsons for JECD.

Communications from the Mayor:

We have had a busy month and have a lot of things going on. We received grant monies (all 100% match) that will help rebuild our sewer system. We are under a commissioner's order at the sewer lagoons. Once these repairs are made, we will be back in better shape.

Reports from committees, councilmen, and other officers:**New Business:****Welcoming new Councilmember Linda Taylor:**

We would like to welcome Councilmember Linda Taylor to the board and look forward to working with her this term

Vote on Vice Mayor:

Kevin Cagle received the most votes for councilmember, and as based on previous Vice Mayor's, he would be considered for Vice Mayor.

- Dale Reynolds made a motion to elect Kevin Cagle by acclamation to serve as Vice Mayor for this term.
- Second by John Odle
- DISCUSSION: None
- VOTE: All Ayes, None Opposed
- MOTION PASSED

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

Approval of 2nd Round ARP Funds for Emergency Project: "Lift Station Replacement and Installation"

The 2nd Round ARP Funds is due to the City of Parsons in the amount of \$339,736.00. The City would like to use a portion of these funds to replace and install a lift station. City Funds will not be used in replacing this lift station – it will solely be funded by this 2nd round of ARP funds. This project is categorized as an emergency purchase. The vendor is a "sole-source" and would not be required to be bid out. Currently, only one pump is working at the main lift station that is carrying every bit of city sewer. If the current pump goes down while we are waiting for this new lift station it would stop all sewer pumping and create a bigger problem than it already is.

Lee Villaflor asked for approval to proceed with securing this project at an estimated amount of \$289,000. There is a 12-14 week lead time for delivery of PUMPS, CONTROL PANEL, SCADA PANEL and INSTALLATION.

- John Odle made a motion to approve the proposed funding of ARP Funds for Lift station replacement and installation
- Second by Dale Reynolds
- DISCUSSION: None
- VOTE BY ROLL CALL
 - Madison Cagle - Yes
 - Kevin Cagle - Yes
 - Linda Taylor - Yes
 - Dale Reynolds - Yes
 - Jimmy Lynn Walker - Yes
 - John Odle - Yes
- MOTION PASSED

Old Business:

Discussion and approval of City of Parsons Employee Handbook:

This item on the agenda was tabled until next council meeting.

Adjourn:

Jimmy Lynn Walker motioned to adjourn the meeting. Second by Madison Cagle. Vote: All Ayes

Tim David Boaz, Mayor

Colleen Lawlor, City Recorder