

City of Pomona
Regular City Council Minutes
Monday, December 2, 2019
7:00 p.m., City Hall

Attendance: Mayor Seneca **Council members:** Shenoa Prouty, Rick Smith, Richard Adler, Dotson Bradbury, Kim Giffin

Others in Attendance: Sheriff Jeff Richard, David Hopkins, Kathy Lee, Sherry Wright, Maiyee Lor

Meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Amend Agenda

Mayor Seneca proposed an amendment to the agenda to move the agenda as following:

1. David Hopkins as first item
2. Then add CDBG Grant extension
3. Remove Resolution 2019-06 and replace with utility extension dates

Council member Adler motioned to accept the agenda as proposed by the Mayor. Seconded by Council member Bradbury and vote carried 5/0.

Consent Agenda

- Review Utility Accounts 30+ Days Delinquent
- Review Employee Vacation, Discretionary, and Comp Time Accruals
- Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - November 4, 2019
 - November 8, 2019
- Financial Reports/Action on bills
 - Current bills and prepaid bills

Council member Smith approved the consent agenda. Seconded by Council member Adler and vote carried 5/0.

Items of Business to Discuss and Consider Action:

David Hopkins

David Hopkins was told by the sewer guys that they will not do his place. He plans to build on it in the future but wanted to know if he has to do it now. The trailer house had current utility on it. No one has lived there for two years. Mayor Seneca have a list of not to be abandoned and was on that list. Mayor Seneca prepared list as requested. Mayor Seneca select properties that are not to be abandoned, they were to be develop and David's was too. Dean feels all new home should have all new lines. The list was changed. Council question why the list change? Council member Bradbury said it is a matter of directing city staff to communicate and the line to be maintain. The property is 320 Madison. Council is concerned about other properties. What about the house behind Leroy's? Council discussed that she is under the impression that the line will be maintain. Council member Bradbury said she spoke with city staff and said it will be maintain. Mayor Seneca will check on that one as well. Council feels that Mayor Seneca have the list and is the boss. Mayor Seneca is not as available as employees are and will not have known if Hopkins did

not contacted her. Mayor Seneca will like to see her list compared. Mayor Seneca asked the council if a property that is already been abandoned, what can be done for the residents?

Johnson stated the project purpose is to reduce and seal up any holes in the system. When going through process to identify active and inactive service taps. One that has service connection is a major source of infiltration is left out. Johnson explains to the council how it is done from PVC line to house. What they do not want is clean outs and 4" pipe full of water. The solution is the list with CCTV contractors and will cross check the list with the Mayor Seneca. Johnson suggests another meeting to make sure all are on the same page. Mayor Seneca took a lot of care to prepare list. The council suggested the list should be adhere to, unless someone said no. Mayor Seneca agrees with it. Council members are concern. Hopkins does not want to cause any problems to anyone.

Council in discussion.

Council member Bradbury moved that a meeting between the engineer and the Mayor in regards to and cross reference to ensure that the Mayor Seneca list is in regards to the sewer abandoned. Seconded by Council member Smith and vote carried 5/0.

Sewer Project Update Pay Application #6 for Sewer Improvement Project CDBG Grant Extension

Sam Johnson passes out a handout to the Mayor and council members. Johnson explain the sewer project and progress is going well. Johnson will get with Craig to set a meeting, maybe later in the week: Thursday or Friday, to go over the list. Johnson explained the report he gave out.

Johnson explained CDBG project and timeline to council. According to contract, the contractor project is to be done by June 16th. Johnson asking council to issue a four month CDBG extension request. Johnson will work with Mayor Seneca and GAS to approve that request. Johnson discussion financing review with the council. Johnson explained the change order. Johnson explained that the city cannot applied for a new grant with an open CDBG grant and CDBG is the contributing partner.

Council member Bradbury motioned to approve the pay application in the amount of \$620,996.24. Seconded by Council member Prouty and vote carried 5/0.

Council member Bradbury approved to apply for CDBG time extension of four months. Seconded by Council member Adler and vote carried 5/0.

Wreaths for Veterans

Kathy Lee, the director of Wreath Across Franklin County, along with Sherry Wright her co-director were present to discuss and share information about what the organization do. They are a 501c3 non-profit organization and they are not associated with Wreaths Across America. They will do 16 cemeteries. There are 66 cemeteries in Franklin County, 29 of which has over 50 veterans. They need 1800 wreaths. Donations and grants are the main way of raising money. They also have cans in different businesses in Franklin County. This is the first year for Woodlawn Cemetery in Pomona, KS. There are 300 veterans there.

They have someone walking every cemetery and getting the names and sending them to Franklin County. Wreaths will be put out on the December 14th and pick them up December 28th. They honor men and women both. They use Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4H'ers, and expand to families. They are currently housing not only Pomona's but Lane's, Richmond's and Princeton's wreaths.

They plan to store the wreaths at the cemetery shop per the Mayor's approval. Council in discussion about storage for the wreaths. There is approximately 300 wreaths in Woodlawn: 24" wreath with a bow. Each box is 37" long and 17.5" deep. There are pieces of pipe at the shop, so there really is no space for storage there. Mayor Seneca did not realize the size of them. Council suggested that there is no room this year for storage but in the future maybe at city hall building.

Council concerned that some may be skipped because there are a lot that are not marked. Lee said the county is responsible for the marking. Lee suggest to talk to Janet Paddock. It is the family's responsibility. The council offer to buy wreaths and the cost is \$10 each. The council discussed a possibly donation to Wreath for Veterans.

Council member Bradbury made a motion after consultation if allowed, the city will donate \$1,000 to Wreaths for Veterans. Seconded by Council member Smith and vote carried 5/0.

Utility Extension Dates

Council accidentally skipped this.

Court Fines Schedule

Mayor Seneca offered the spot for Sheriff Jeff Richards if he had something to say or share. Sheriff Richards explained bond and its process to the council. He stated that some just don't pay. It is based on their priorities. Municipal court has never been a money maker and it is just the way it works.

Council member Bradbury asked clerk about the court financial reports and numbers. In reality cost is about \$2300 for the year. Council asked Sheriff Richards about the cost for county inmate. Sheriff Richards replied it cost over \$80 a day but they only charged half of that a day for cities and explained it to the council, about \$40 a day per inmate. Sheriff Richards explained to the council that court is never a money maker. The problem is people don't pay and it just circulated and can cost more for the organization.

Council asked Sheriff Richards if his officers issued citations for district or municipal. Sheriff Richards explained to the council which ones goes where. City ordinance violations goes through municipal. Statue violations: seatbelt, violation of tag, speeding tickets goes to municipal court. Drug and paraphernalia ordinance was added a few years ago, so goes to municipal court. Sheriff Richards said that it can also depend on what it is.

Clerk explained the two options to the council: the judge can increase the fine schedule or council can adopt a chartered ordinance. Council in discussion.

Council member Bradbury motioned that city staff be directed to finish out the year with cost of reports and to provide the council a year to date and recommend the judge to increase fines effective January 1, 2020. Seconded by Council member Prouty and vote carried 5/0.

Meeting Adjourn

Council member Adler moved to adjourn. This was seconded by Council member Bradbury and the vote carried 5/0. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

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Mayor Seneca