

**TUESDAY, JULY 25TH, 2023
CITY COMMISSION MEETING – 5:30 P.M.**

Present: Jesse Nelson, Mayor
Sam Peebles, Commissioner
Pat Perno, Commissioner
Jamie Warrick, Mayor Pro Tem
Judy Vandergrift, Commissioner
Vickie Gainer, City Manager
Chief Ramie, Sergeant at Arms
Kevin Obos, City Legal Counsel

Item # 1. Call to order.

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 5.30 P.M.

Item # 2. Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation was given followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item # 3. Public Commentary.

Glenda Butler - 415 Montana Ave. The LH raiders are now playing in the ball field. They don't stop at stop signs. There're drafting. It happens every year. The director of sports & rec was supposed to inform the police department.

1311- New York Ave. Traffic and speeding up and down the neighborhood. People are going well above the speed limit. I'd like to ask that there be something done.

Gerry Parker - Rhett Place. 1619 Minnesota. House has been empty. I mentioned this to you before. Part of their back grass is overgrown. Mattresses are behind the house. They only mow once every month or two. Major stop sign at that corner. It has been a nuisance for a long time. Hurricane stuff has not been taken care of.

Griffith - 4531 Hilltop Lane. Interested in what the long and short-term plans for the sports park. All the trash dumpsters are being stored up there. Mentioned that the acoustics are bad.

Item # 4. Mayor's Report.

The past few weeks He has been apart of the financial review committee. Focused on the debt of the city. We have a more expansive view of the utility rates. On Monday there will be a workshop. There is a recommendation that came to us from the financial review committee. They will share the recommendation with us at the upcoming workshop. 9AM and 5PM - two meetings to discuss the utility rates. Appreciate the financial review committee. Really focusing on our debt. Paid off 2-million-dollar debt. Community engagement - had some citizen concerns. Followed up with Mr. Lightfoot regarding those concerns. He had shared some of the ideas with Mr. Lightfoot. Thank you to all that came to the stormwater workshop. He did follow up with the city manager after the pre-meeting on Friday regarding a strategic way to go through the ordinances. He wants her and the city attorney to get together and see which ones have already been updated. We are hoping to bring some of those to the August meeting. We are going to start addressing those various codes to make sure everything is up to date and current.

Item # 5. Commissioners' Reports.

Commissioner Peebles – wants to thank all the citizens who have reached out with their concerns.

Wants to thank the LH golf cart crew who cleaned up Porter Park. As citizens we can keep our city clean too. With what the Mayor said, he is extremely excited to update those. Please reach out to us if you have any thoughts on those ordinances. He wants to address the chicken ordinance. In place for a long time.

Commissioner Perno – just wanted to say that we have some hard choices coming up with potential rate increases. We need to solicit all that have opinions to get with us and to email the commissioners. He appreciates it when we hear from the citizens.

Commissioner Warrick – asked residents to please reach out to him. He is always available. Thanks to all the city employees for what they do.

Commissioner Vandergrift – also wants to thank the citizens for their comments and when they inform us of their issues. She got a compliment this week about a member of the staff for being pleasant and helpful.

Item # 6. City Manager’s

A. Warrant list – There were no questions.

City Manager said – To answer about the sports complex, we are rebuilding the gym there as well as the facility maintenance building. We are staging the dumpsters for commercial accounts at the complex. Dumpsters will start to switch out soon. It is just a staging area.

Fall ball has already exceeded spring ball. Fall ball will have an opening day. Weekend Tournaments will be bringing in revenue. We already have a widespread look at our Gym. We will probably be hosting a traveling baseball team in September sometime. We will host many tournaments.

Chief of Police addressed the meeting - We are going to try to reverse the traffic at LH Elementary School in the afternoons. No oncoming traffic. We must do something to take away the danger of head-on collisions. We will put maps out after getting with the principal.

Item # 7. City Attorney’s Report.

City Attorney – We had the first contractor examination board meeting last week. We went over and explained the old ordinance from 1998. This year the legislature passed a law that states DBPR is going to come up with licenses for those 12 industries. This board is going to focus on hearing contractor complaints and appeals of decisions of the building official. We are going to bring back a revised ordinance to the committee first.

CONSENT AGENDA

Item # 8. Approval of Minutes dd 07/11/23 - Regular meeting minutes.

Item # 9. Approval to declare truck 90 as surplus and authorize staff to auction off.

Motion by Commissioner by Perno to approve the consent agenda.

Second to the Motion: Commissioner Vandergrift

On Vote:

Perno	aye
Vandergrift	aye
Peebles	aye
Warrick	aye
Nelson	aye

Motion passed: 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

Item # 10. First Reading only of Ordinance 1156 – Amending Section 66-6 regarding golf cart operations on streets within the city.

The City Manager read the Ordinance by Title only.

The City Attorney explained the item.

Mayor opened the floor for comments. There were none.

Item # 11. Adjourn.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:58 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 8th DAY OF August 2023.



Jesse Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Vickie Gainer, City Manager

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