

TOWN OF LAPAZ TOWNCOUNCIL MEETING

May 14, 2020 6:00 pm

ATTENDANCE: Roger Ecker Council President, Kelli Chavez Council Member, Ryan Young, Council Member, Lorraine Dove Clerk-Treasurer, Tony Wagner Town Attorney, Paul Tyler, Bill Reed, and Jerry Auer. Patrons: Pill Ellinger and Justin Sherman from USI.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Roger read the minutes from April 9th. He found no correction. Roger made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS: Paving Project: Justin Sherman of USI came to update the council on the week's progress paving report. Paving this week will come back next week to adjust the manholes. Continued paving will depend on the weather. Part of the grindings that were to go to the town was redirected by a private individual to his property without the town's permission. That matter is now in litigation. Justin offered to work with other paving projects in the area to try and get grindings for LaPaz.

Funding the Essentials Campaign: Regarding the COVID-19, Roger reported to the board on Marshall County raising funds for the people of Marshall County affected by the virus due to loss of jobs. This was discussed among the board members, the attorney and the clerk. The clerk was concerned with future payments to the town from property taxes and other revenue sources. The clerk presented a letter for SBOA concerning using Rainy Day Fund. It was decided to create a **Resolution 05-2020** "Allowing the Use of Rainy Day Fund for Economic Disaster Relief". Roger made a motion to accept the Resolution 05-2020 on all three readings. Kelli seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The board then created **Ordinance 2020-02** "Adopting the Use of Rainy Day Funds for the Economic Disaster relief". Roger made a motion to accept Ordinance 2020-02 on all three readings. Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. After more discussion Roger then made a motion to give \$1500.00 to the United Way for the "COVID-19 Funding the Essentials Campaign" of Marshall County. Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

RE: Yard Sales: Citizens were inquiring about yard sales. Lorraine presented a letter from the Marshall County Health Department. It stated that per the governor's Back on Track Plan, yard sale can begin on May 24th. Guideline need to be followed.

Message Board: Roger informed the council that LaPaz will be receiving an electronic message board for the community from Stellar Group Project. The main question was where will it be located? Fire Station was suggested. Roger to talk with the fire department. To be discussed further at June's meeting.

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MVH: Discussion made on replacing the seals on garage doors as well as painting. Roger suggested getting prices on new garage doors and door openers to put into the 5 year plan.

Sewer Department: Jerry gave an update on what is needed to repair the bucket and service the tractor. Roger asked him to have it evaluated to check the life of the tractor verses \$29,525.00 for a new tractor with mower. Money will be tight due to the COVID-19.

Applications for Employment: We had 2 for the sewer. Bill is to look them over. Council will have an executive session to discuss. The board discussed the police applications. The 3 that applied were not currently working as a full time officer. The council wants someone who is been through the academy and works under another department so as to keep up their certifications. Going to be a part time verses full time. The board decided to increase the pay to \$25.00 per hour. Roger made a motion to increase the pay to \$25.00 per hour. Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The board will reach out again to other departments for other applicants. Further discussion will be made at an executive meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Fire Contract: the town has not heard back for the township. Roger to speak with Chelsea to see where the township is regarding the fire contract.

Ordinance Officer: The board will take the responsibility of patrolling the town for ordinance violation. Lorraine to send letters to the people that the board finds in violation.

Website Design: Kelli has not heard back from Josh. She will call him.

Development of 5 year plan: Clerk asked the board to start developing a 5 year plan of expensive projects to assist in setting the budget. Things mentioned were new furnace in the bay area, overhead doors in bay, and drinking water /storm water system.

Security System: ADT verses Simplisafe system. Roger made a motion to go with Simplisafe. Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Fund Report: Roger discussed the Sewer Depreciation and the different funds with the board members. He is concerned with in coming funds or lack of due to the COVID.

Towing Service: Pewee said he will do the towing for the town.

Internet Service: The clerk said the installment is on hold till to stay home order is lifted.

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PATRON COMMENTS: list of complaints are being addressed. Phil Ellinger made a complaint of the cars double parking in the street in front of residents on Randolph Street.

Sewer Bid Proposal: Two bids were sent in to do the work on the lift station at US 31 & Old US 31. Selge Construction sent a bid in for rehab the lift station for \$91,345.00 with an added \$13,750.00 for Epoxy Coat. Haskins Underground INC. sent a bid for \$59,000.00 for work ,labor and epoxy coating included. Discussion of each bid was made with Bill Reed. Board was wondering if the coating was needed. Questions were answered about the epoxy coating. It was decided to go without the epoxy coating. Then changed to go with it if at the time of the work it was really needed. Roger made a motion to go with Haskins bid for \$59,000.00. Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

FINANCIALS: Roger made a motion to approve all APV's from April the 10th through May 13th. Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The clerk presented the board with information on Grant Watch and Positive Pay. Discussion was made. No decision was made.

ADJOURNMENT: Roger made a motion to adjourn. Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM. Next board meeting will be June11, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

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Ryan Young, Council Member	date
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Kelli Chavez, Council Member	date
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Lorraine Dove, Clerk Treasurer	date