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On September 25, 2021, two dogs were out loose and one of the two was aggressive. The owner was contacted and she was able to get that dog back in the yard without incident. ACO is getting our kennels certified and he will be continuing to work on this until the next council meeting.

Teresa Ballard reported two municipal court citations, with one being a dog bite.

Susan Williams, with the Economic Development Corporation, reported coming back with the "light the town campaign" with lighting down Main Street building and working on getting lights for the big metal Christmas tree pole. Clabe F. Webb asked if a banner could be put up on the west side of Highway 277. It was stated that it was difficult to get done in the past and also permission is needed from private citizens to put the poles on their property. Susan Williams also reported that Bronteoberfest was a remarkable success.

Clabe F. Webb reported that he has contacted the Historical Society and met at the depot to discuss what can and cannot be done with the depot. Estimates will be turned in to City Hall for the restoration on the depot. Susan Williams and Brenda Hines said that they can help and feel that grant money should be available for this building. Clabe stated that there must be a purpose statement for what the building will be used for.

Brenda Hines reported that there would be a cemetery cleanup on Saturday, October 23, from 8 am to 11 am. She expressed appreciation to the city for the road base and that it looks great. The BISD newly installed honor society members will be asking the City if the cemetery could be their project for community involvement.

Ricky Royall reported on three permits. They include Galilee with new construction

on a house, one adding a greenhouse, and one a new slab for an awning.

There was a community member wishing to appeal a building permit. Marty Boyd is wanting to clean up a property and explained that a cargo container would be brand new and the same color as the existing building. Ricky Royall explained to the council that the ordinance says that the container must be beside or behind the building and offsets. Clabe F. Webb made the motion to approve the permit and was seconded by RA Morris. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0.

Mark Gonzales spoke that they are working on the house and are asking for an additional six months on their RV permit. Clabe F. Webb asked if pictures of the progress can be placed in their file. Kinley Pritchard made a motion to extend the permit for six months with pictures of progress. He was seconded by RA Morris and the motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0.

Gwen and Larry Dyess are asking for an additional six months on their RV permit, with the same stipulation of pictures of progress. RA Morris made a motion to to approve the permit extension and was seconded by Clabe F. Webb. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0, with Gwen Dyess recusing herself from the vote.

Michelle Penner was unable to attend the meeting. Mayor Gohman read to the council her concerns and is asking the council to consider placing some type of barrier around the curve on Oliver Street. Clabe F. Webb met with Ms. Penner and referred her to TxDOT or Coke County. The council discussed and there is nothing that the City can do. No action was taken.

Nathan Bearden spoke to the council asking if the city would consider amending the ordinance to allow contractors,

while under construction or remodeling work is being done, not to charge for trash. Ricky Royall recommends adding verbiage to the section of the ordinance that when a contractor is applying for the water application, they can specify which service they will be using during construction. Gwen Dyess made the motion to approve the permit and was seconded by RA Morris. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0.

The cemetery was discussed. David Scott was not present at the meeting but Clabe F. Webb spoke to him and Mr. Scott would like to gift his work and expense to the city regarding the cemetery. Mayor Gohman discussed with the council that the cemetery committee ought to be able to do what they want with the budget and then submitting to the City. He also recommends that the committee look at getting their own 501c. The amount of \$9,100 for road base was out of the FY20-22 budget. The county was to help but what unable to at the time, so Webb Construction spread and packed the road base. Clabe F. Webb asked to change the wording from feeding inmates to feeding volunteers. Ricky Royall did confirm that the fence line in the back can be removed. Brenda Hines asked to think about the back area, since it could not be used for burials, for possible use for a cremation area.

Gwen Dyess discussed aggressive animals in the community and said the City needs to be stricter with the citizens that have aggressive dogs. A solution needs to be produced that no one has vicious dogs in town. There have been two kids bitten by dogs recently. Also when a non-provoked dog attacks someone, it should be labeled as an aggressive dog. Section seven of the ordinance discusses animal behavior. Clabe F. Webb was approached by a citizen asking

if snares can be placed on private property. The Council discussed with the citizens in the audience and with the Animal Control Officer. ACO Tim Smith reported to the Council and citizens to refer them to the Game Warden. Mayor Gohman will set up a meeting with the code enforcement officials the importance of this issue and Teresa Ballard will discuss with Municipal Judge Gilbert if fees could have a deadline for payment. No action was taken, discussion only was held.

Gwen Dyess discussed that there are several properties up for auction at the Sheriff's Sale. Once again it is being asked if manufactured homes can be placed within the city limits. She feels that we are missing out on a lot of families that can only afford these homes. Kinley Pritchard stated that these manufactured homes are harder to insure and hard to resale. RA Morris recommends holding a town hall meeting and get input from the community. No action was taken, discussion only was held.

Kinley Pritchard made a motion to approve Resolution 21-09, RBF Christmas Parade route and festivities on City property. He was seconded by RA Morris and the motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0.

Teresa Ballard asked the Council to consider approving the City 2022 Holiday Schedule. Clabe F. Webb made the motion to approve the schedule, with the December 23, 2022 correction. He was seconded by Kinley Pritchard and the motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0.

Teresa Ballard asked the Council to consider amending FY 20-21 budget increasing line items in expenses. Clabe F.

Webb made the motion to approve the amendment and was seconded by Kinley Pritchard. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0.

Gwen Dyess made the motion to approve the minutes from September 16, 2021, with corrections, and was seconded by Clabe F. Webb. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0.

Clabe F. Webb asked what percentage that EDC receives from sales tax revenue. Teresa Ballard reported that they both get 1/4 of a percent.

Kinley Pritchard made the motion to approve the July and August financials as presented and was seconded by Clabe F. Webb. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Gohman reported that the state has mandated three generators to be purchased after this past winter storm. This is an unfunded mandate. It is a hidden tax that the state has put on the municipalities. The City will wait and see if the state produces money to help with these purchases. There will be webinars and training coming up regarding the emergency plan. The City is looking for grant money to help. The City is also working on grant money for the water plant. Also if the cemetery committee can get a 501c that would open them up for more opportunities.

Utility Report

Ricky Royall reported that he would like to get more road base at the cemetery. The plan is to advertise in November to sell the backhoe and open bids in December. Thursday, October 30, 2021, will be the opening for bids for the TxCDBG pipeline water line project. The cost of the original bid was \$275k with the construction part of \$205k, and the new estimate is \$465k for construction only.

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