

**FOREMAN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
August 16, 2021**

The Foreman City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 16, 2021, in the Foreman Community Center at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Harp. Prayer was offered by Mike McKee and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Deputy Recorder/Treasurer Theresa Woods, called the roll. Present were Mike McKee, Jacqueline Wiseman, Perry Young, and Joyce Green. Mayor William Harp, and Water Superintendent Eddie Smith were also present. Tommy McDonald and Alana Cody were absent. A quorum was declared. Deputy Recorder/Treasurer Theresa Woods and city Attorney Thad Bishop attended the meeting via ZOOM.

**Regular Session:**

The minutes were presented for review, revision, and approval. After some discussion, Mike McKee made a motion to approve the minutes and Jacqueline Wiseman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented for review and approval. Mike McKee made a motion to approve the financial report with Jacqueline Wiseman seconding the motion. Motion carried.

**Citizens wishing to address the Council:** None

**Department Reports**

**Administration:**

Mayor Harp reported that after the meeting on July 19<sup>th</sup>, Recorder/Treasurer Angelina Carver turned in her resignation stating personal reasons. He stated we need to find a person to replace her as soon as possible.

Mayor Harp presented the council with a map from Premier showing the fiber optic cable coverage area. He stated the federal grant application has been submitted and we will be applying for the state grant in the near future. Mayor Harp stated it could be November before we know if we awarded the grant. Mayor Harp said he is hopeful we receive one of the grants so we can go forward with the project making high speed internet available to the City of Foreman residents.

**Law Enforcement:** The Law Enforcement report for July was presented for review. The deputies drove approximately 4,200 miles for the month. Deputies responded to (98) calls for service including (9) disturbance calls, (3) suspicious person calls, (1) medical call, and (2) accidents. Deputies made (6) misdemeanor arrests, served (5) warrants, and issued (16) warnings and (8) citations. Deputies also located (4) open doors while conducting security checks and collected \$995.00 in fines for the city for the month of July.

Joyce Green asked the question if the law enforcement contacted the building owner if a door was found unlocked. Mayor Harp said he was not sure but would check with Sheriff Walraven. A brief discussion followed.

**Fire Department:** No Report.

**Parks Department:** Mayor Harp reported the contractor has poured some cement and the electrician has been out there working. He also said they installed the culvert.

**Street Department:**

Perry Young said he saw where the new culverts had been installed on Schuman St. Mayor Harp reported they have been installed. Eddie Smith said the ground has got to settle a couple of months before asphaltting. Mike McKee asked what the status of the repairs to Stephens St. Mayor Harp said he spoke with County Judge Mike Cranford and it will be September before the county can make the repairs. Mayor Harp stated Judge Cranford said they will repair the culvert on Dollarhide also.

Eddie Smith stated the contractors are here repairing the sewer main on S. Bell St. He has his crew patching potholes while he is tied up with the contractors. He spoke of repairing the potholes on Rocky Comfort. Jacqueline Wiseman asked about the culvert on Sixth Avenue. Mr. Smith told Mrs. Wiseman he will get it done. He stated he still needs to repair the potholes on Ginn St.

**Water Department:** Mr. Smith said the water department is going good. He said we are still having problems getting new meters and transmitters. He has been told the manufacturer cannot get parts needed to make the meters and transmitters. He stated we are having the same issue with getting materials for the Wastewater Rehab project. They are unable to get the materials they need for the project so he has no idea when the project may get started. Mr. Smith reported the federal government is working on a program for cities to apply for funds for water and wastewater infrastructure needs. Mr. Smith reported that Glenn Spears with Spears Engineering has submitted a list of projects for water and wastewater improvements on behalf of the city. Mr. Smith stated he is working with Glenn Spears to gravity flow the sewer on the southwest side of town and that would eliminate the grinder pumps. Mr. Smith said we are having a lot of problems with the grinder pumps. A brief discussion followed. Mr. Young stated he would like to look into annexing a resident on that side of town also. Mayor Harp stated the deadline to submit for the grant was August 13, 2021.

**Sanitation Department:** Mayor Harp reported the Sanitation Department is running well.

**Animal Control:** Mayor Harp reported some traps were put out and took (1) one dog to Ashdown.

**Unfinished Business:** Mayor Harp reported he has tried to contact Scott Tractor several times to talk to them about the Case backhoe. They have charged us \$12,000 to fix the backhoe and it is still doing the same thing. Mr. Bishop said don't pay them. Mayor Harp stated he has gotten quotes from Riggs on a Caterpillar backhoe and Stribling on two different models of John Deere backhoes. He said when our backhoe dies we will be stuck. Mayor Harp stated Stribling had the lowest quote for the John Deere lease to own. Mayor Harp said the John Deere EP model is a smaller machine and doesn't use DEF. The cost for a 5-year lease to own \$86,700. The monthly payment would be \$1,569.26 at 3.25% interest. Mr. McKee asked if the John Deere EP model backhoe would do what the city needs. Mayor Harp said he believed the John Deere EP model would be sufficient for the city. Mayor Harp said the quote for a John Deere 310 L is \$91,000 and the payment would be \$1,662 per month and 2.99% interest. Mayor Harp said the Caterpillar models are higher priced than John Deere models. Mr. McKee asked Mayor Harp which machine he felt was better the John Deere or Caterpillar. Mayor Harp stated the John Deere backhoe the city had in the past was a good machine and was in service a lot of years. A lengthy discussion followed. A motion was made by Perry Young and seconded by Joyce Green to do a five year lease to own program on the John Deere 310 L. Motion carried. Mr. McKee requested Mayor Harp to get Stribling to have a training class for the city workers on how to operate and perform routine maintenance on the backhoe and have them sign off they have completed the training and can operate and do routine maintenance on the backhoe.

Mr. Bishop gave an update on the Memorial Medical Clinic in Foreman. He said they have seen 120 patients in a twelve day period. Mr. Bishop stated things are off to a good start.

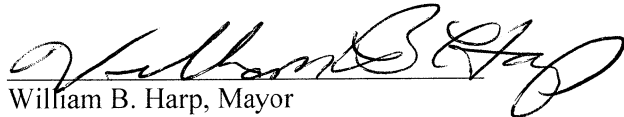
**New Business:**


**Executive Session:** None

**Regular Session:**

The next council meeting will be held on **Monday, September 20, 2021**, at 4pm in the Foreman Community Center.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by a motion from Jacqueline Wiseman, seconded by Perry Young. Meeting adjourned.

  
William B. Harp, Mayor

Attest:   
Theresa Woods, Deputy Recorder/Treasurer