

**FOREMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 20, 2021**

The Foreman City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 20, 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, who was attending via Zoom, was asked to call the roll. Present were Alana Cody, Jacqueline Wiseman, Joyce Green, Perry Young, Tommy McDonald, and Mike McKee. Mayor William Harp and Water Superintendent Eddie Smith were also present. A quorum was declared. City Attorney Thad Bishop attended the meeting via Zoom.

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The minutes were presented for review, revision, and approval. Mike McKee made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Jacqueline Wiseman. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented for review and approval. After a brief discussion, Mike McKee made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Joyce Green seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Citizens wishing to address the Council: None

Department Reports

Administration:

Mayor Harp stated he wanted to make everyone aware there are problems with the park multipurpose building project. He said he didn't want to discuss at this time because he needed to get more information before discussing with the council. He stated the electrician is trying to finish up his part. Mike McKee stated that no money should be paid out until all issues are resolved. Perry Young said there is a lot of materials left out in the open and asked why the materials were not secured. A discussion was had regarding putting in a high mounted security camera.

Law Enforcement: The Law Enforcement report for August was presented for review. The deputies drove approximately 5,100 miles for the month. Deputies responded to (70) calls for service including (10) disturbance calls, (3) suspicious person calls, (3) medical calls, (4) theft calls, and (1) animal complaint. Deputies made (2) misdemeanor arrests, (2) felony arrests, served (1) warrants, and issued (17) warnings and (15) citations. Deputies also located (4) open doors while conducting security checks and collected \$2,655.00 in fines for the city for the month of August.

Fire Department: No Report.

Parks Department: Tommy McDonald said he has been checking on the progress of the park project. Tommy stated Mayor Harp and himself has been in contact with Jimmy Anderson, the contractor.

Street Department:

Eddie Smith commented that the street department was doing good. They have been able to get some of the outstanding projects completed.

Water Department: Eddie Smith stated the Water Department was holding on. Mayor Harp asked about the emergency repairs on S. Bell St. Eddie said the repairs to the sewer line have been made. Theresa Woods stated she is expecting an invoice from RBIS and Spears Engineering for the work done. She said the council will have to allocate the funds to be paid from the American Rescue fund. When asked the cost of the repairs, Theresa Woods said it was close to \$40,000. Mayor Harp followed with more discussion on the project. He said he will call a special meeting when the invoices are received so we can allocate the funds to pay RBIS and Spears Engineering.

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

Animal Control: Mayor Harp asked Eddie Smith if they had picked up any dogs last month. Joyce Green stated there were two black and white bulldogs by her house chasing cats. Eddie Smith stated they had not picked up any dogs last month.

Unfinished Business: Mayor Harp stated that he needed to request a resolution to put the old Case Backhoe out for bid. He told the council the new John Deere backhoe is working great. Mike McKee said he understood we still have an outstanding debt of \$12,000 for repairs to Scott Tractor. Mayor Harp said yes we do have an invoice for approximately \$12,000 owed to Scott Tractor. Mayor Harp stated he has left messages and today they finally returned his call but Mayor Harp was unable to get back in contact with them before the meeting. A discussion followed pertaining to the selling of the Case backhoe. Joyce Green made a motion to pay the outstanding debt against the Case backhoe then put it out for bid. Jacqueline Wiseman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Harp stated that the Recorder/Treasurer resigned in July and he has two people interested in the position. He stated it would be an appointed position for the rest of the term expiring December 2024. The candidates are Roger Quilty, who is present, and Sherry Mason. Tommy McDonald asked what the duties were. Mayor Harp said they would write up the minutes, attend all regular and special called meetings, prepare council packets, and deliver packets to the council members. After a brief discussion, the council asked both candidates to attend the next council meeting to be interviewed. A motion was made by Mike McKee to table the decision until the next meeting. Jacqueline Wiseman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

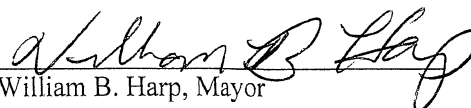
New Business: Mayor Harp reported that it was time to decide if they were going to raise the millage or not. He stated that we can go up 2% without going to the voters. Jacqueline Wiseman made the motion to table the discussion until more information is available. Joyce Green seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mike McKee added he would like to have a Town Hall meeting if we choose to raise the millage.

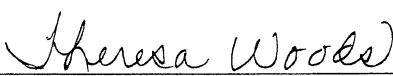
Executive Session: None

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The next council meeting will be held on **Monday, October 18, 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