

**Greensburg City Council
October 15, 2018
City Hall**

A) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Robert Dixon called the October 15, 2018 meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was said. The invocation was given by Tony Factor.

C) ROLL CALL & APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council Present: Matt Christenson, Mark Trummel, Pam Reves, and Haley Kern. Sandy Jungemann was absent. Trummel made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Christenson and passed 4-0.

D) CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no comments from citizens.

E) CONSENT AGENDA

Referencing the Appropriation Ordinance presented, Reves asked how many payments were owed to King Solar. City Clerk Christy Pyatt stated that King Solar requires 1/2 down. The payment on the Appropriation Ordinance is the first half, with the remainder to be paid upon completion of the project. Reves made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Trummel seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

F) ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Authorize Purchase of a commercial lawn mower for the Public Works Department, to replace a 2004 mower.

Interim City Administrator Jay Newton welcomed Danny Trent, City Mechanic, to the meeting to answer questions related to the requested purchase of a commercial lawn mower for the Public Works Department. Newton stated that he believes that more than just the City Administrator should be speaking for the City.

Newton presented quotes on 4 mowers, requesting the purchase of the Grasshopper 400 Diesel. This mower would replace the 2004 mower that was donated to the city at the time of the 2007 disaster. Staff has obtained a discounted price of \$14,715 for the unit, which meets the specifications set by Staff. Dixon asked if the proposed purchase was a mid-mount, which Newton confirmed. Trent commented that he has received excellent service on the city's other Grasshopper mower, and that parts are generally available locally. Trent pointed out that the motor and spindle are double the size on the proposed mower. Staff prefers a diesel motor and rear discharge. Trent stated that parts for the proposed mower are interchangeable with the city's other Grasshopper mower. Staff plans to keep the John Deere mower that they have. Trent stated that it was worth more to keep the mower, to use on areas with steep slopes, than it was to trade it. Last year Trent priced a new deck for the John Deere, which he has patched and repaired many times. He was quoted \$5,000. He explained that the deck of the Grasshopper is built heavier than the John Deere was.

Trummel made a motion, seconded by Kern, to purchase the Grasshopper 400 Diesel for \$14,715. The motion passed 4-0.

Dixon asked if Staff needed a trailer to transport the mower. Newton and Trent confirmed that a trailer that fits within the Administration spending authority is on order, and that it will be able to transport mowers, as well as the City's scissor lift.

Trent recommended to Council that 80% of any money collected through the abatement of properties with weeds be placed in the Parks Fund to assist with mower repairs. Council advised that very little of the fees charged to the properties is ever collected.

2. Consider Authorizing the purchase of a 20' x 40' shelter to be located at the park where the swimming pool is located.

Newton has been told that completion of the one block area around the city swimming pool, as a park, is a priority of the Council. Newton pointed out that no formal name has been designated for the pool or park. One major element of the project will be the construction of a shelter that would accommodate a large family or group gathering. Newton has contacted ATHCO, the supplier of the shelter behind the Big Well (20' x 20') and requested a proposal for a 20' x 40' shelter. The appearance would match that of the Big Well shelter, with a green metal roof, poured concrete floor, and stone work supporting the columns. A water fountain, electrical outlets, and lighting for evening use would be included in the project. The cost of the shelter is within funds available for park purchases. Assembly would be done by employees, as was the shelter at the Big Well. The concrete and stone work would be bid out. Dixon concurred that continuity between the parks should be a focus.

Dixon and Newton spoke to the location of the shelter, which will be determined at a later date, with the possibility of needing to relocate a tree or two. Trent asked about a shelter for the empty lot across the street from City Hall. Dixon asked about a place to store the materials if the weather is not conducive to construction. Trent confirmed that there was room to store materials at the shop.

Kern made a motion, seconded by Reves, to purchase a 20' x 40' shelter from ATHCO. The motion passed 4-0. A copy of the original landfill contract was included in the packet. Newton had previously recommended utilizing money from the sanitation reserve fund that has recently become available per the contract.

3. Consider approval of applications for State funding of improvement of the Greensburg Municipal Airport.

Pyatt and Newton have been in contact with Lochner, the City's airport engineers. Updated applications for continued development of the airport have been proposed by Lochner and were made available in the meeting packet. A 10% City share for the three applications would be \$335,000. Local share funds are currently available. Newton recommended Council continue to look at developing business guidelines by which the City would retain management of the property.

Trummel made a motion to approve the proposed applications for submittal to KDOT-Aviation. Kern seconded, and the motion passed 4-0. Reves asked if a motion should also be made regarding the preservation of funds for the project. Reves made a motion to reserve enough funds for the required local match. Trummel seconded. Motion passed 4-0. Pyatt explained that grant recipients are typically announced early in the year, with funds made available in July.

4. Convene to Executive Session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel.

Dixon requested Staff Reports and Governing Body Comments prior to convening executive session.

Trummel made a motion, seconded by Christenson, to go into executive session for 45 minutes, until 7:15 p.m. for matters of non-elected personnel. The motion passed 4-0.

G) CITY STAFF REPORTS

After researching the topic, Newton has discovered that the County Commission is correct


in its understanding of who is responsible for maintenance of the large drainage ditch the runs east along Grant Street, outside of city limits. Newton will continue to review the issue, determining if the city owns the property or was legally given easement.

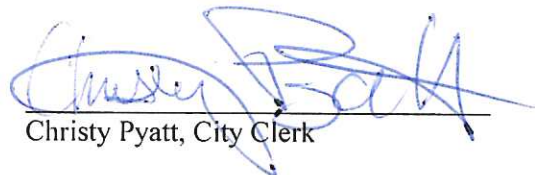
H) GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS.

Kern asked if Staff was still draining the primary lagoon, for structural evaluation. Newton confirmed that the process was ongoing. Utility Superintendent Kendall has advised that he will need to rent or borrow a larger pump.

D) ADJOURNMENT

Council returned to open session at 7:15 p.m. Council President Christenson advised the Clerk that upon entering executive session, Dixson recused himself for the remainder of the meeting and left the building. With no additional items to discuss, Christenson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.


Robert A. Dixon, Mayor


Christy Pyatt, City Clerk