

Pendleton Town Council
August 10th, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The Pendleton Town Council met August 10th, 2023, at 6:00 pm at the Pendleton Town Hall. All documents presented are on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's office and may be reviewed upon request. Town Council President, Marissa Skaggs, called the meeting of the Pendleton Town Council to order.

ATTENDEES

Council Members present were President Marissa Skaggs, Vice President Shane Davis, Jennifer Roberts, Steve Denny and Jerry Burmeister with a quorum established. Also in attendance were Town Attorney Jeff Graham, Clerk-Treasurer Willie Boles, Town Marshal Marc Farrer, and Town Manager Scott Reske, Park Superintendent Aaron Burris and Fire Chief Chris Nodine. After a moment of silence, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Fletcher Owens.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Jerry Burmeister and 2nd by Shane Daviss to approve the meeting minutes for July. Motion approved 5-0.

CLERK TREASURER'S REPORT -START

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Willie Boles reported on the claims for July. The financial report was not ready to be presented.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police- Marc Farrer presented the report.
Park- Aaron Burris submitted his report.
Plan- Hannah Urbanski submitted her report.
Town Manager – Scott Reske presented his report.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 23-18 Amending Golf Cart Seat Belts

This amendment would remove the language that golf carts must have seat belts.

Motion to approve Ordinance 23-18 was made by Shane Davis and 2nd by Steve Denny. Motion approved 4-1. Jerry Burmeister dissented.

NEW BUSINESS

Conflict of Interest for Jacob Johnson

A Conflict-of-Interest statement for Jacob Johnson was disclosed to the council. It was acknowledged and approved.

Correct Scrivener's Error on Ordinance 23-13 Hourly Labor Charges

It was discovered that the hourly labor charges were incorrect for Ordinance for the electric lineman. The Standard Rate should read \$86.00 and Overtime Rate should read \$129.00. Since this was just an incorrect number when drafting the Ordinance, it does not need to be voted on again. Correction was made to Ordinance 23-13.

Presentation of the 2024 South Madison Fire Protection Territory Budget

Chief Nodine presented July's report to the council. This included future equipment purchases and hopefully a Safer grant that will allow the department to hire 6 fulltime firefighters in January 2024.

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A discussion ensued about 2 of the line items on the 2024 budget, specifically the Fire Hydrant Fees of \$126,060 and the Dispatch Fees of \$103,000.

SMFPT owes approximately \$81,000 to the water utility for hydrant fees for 2023. This will need to be paid back within 3 years. For 2024, the Hydrant Fee would only need to read \$21,060 for the Ingalls fee and then a Debt Service line item would be added for the \$81,000.

President Skaggs would also like the dispatch fee removed from the budget because the town will pay it for 2024. It was mentioned that the fee for 2023 was owed in June and still not paid. Chief said that he wanted to wait on the payment until after October 1st when a new law may go into effect that would eliminate the department from paying them.

President Skaggs made a statement to formally reject the 2024 SMFPT Budget and send it back to their executive board.

Motion to reject the SMFPT 2024 budget was made by Shane Davis and 2nd by Steve Denny. Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance 23-25 Overnight Parking in Public Parking Lots.

After a lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of allowing overnight parking, the Ordinance was tabled. The council would like to have more gather more information.

A motion to table Ordinance 23-25 was made by Shane Davis and 2nd by Steve Denny.

Motion approved 5-0.

Ordinance 23-26 Amending the Speed Limit on Water Street

This Ordinance will reduce the speed limit to 20 mph from Main Street to US 36. The Pendleton-Fall Creek Township Board of Parks and Recreation adopted Resolution 23-02 requesting a change in speed limit.

Motion to approve Ordinance 23-26 was made by Shane Davis and 2nd by Jennifer Roberts. Motion approved 5-0.

A motion to suspend the rules and have a second reading was made by Shane Davis and 2nd by Jennifer Roberts. Motion approved 5-0.

Motion to approve Ordinance 23-26 on a second reading was made by Shane Davis and 2nd by Steve Denny. Motion approved 5-0.

Ordinance 23-27 Amending the Traffic Code Stop signs at Water Street and CR 300 West

With the construction going on at US 36, as vehicles are now using this as a bypass, the intersection has become hazardous. The Ordinance will create an all-way stop sign at the intersection.

Motion to approve Ordinance 23-27 was made by Shane Davis and 2nd by Jennifer Roberts. Motion approved 5-0.

A motion to suspend the rules and have a second reading was made by Shane Davis and 2nd by Jennifer Roberts. Motion approved 5-0.

Motion to approve Ordinance 23-27 on a second reading was made by Shane Davis and 2nd by Steve Denny. Motion approved 5-0.

Public Comments

Joe Noel requested that the council and town manager discuss the possibility of making Water Street and one way road east of Main Street to Pendleton Avenue.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

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Prepared by 
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Approved by 
Marissa Skaggs
Council President