

Town of Parkton Board of Commissioners

Meeting Minutes for December 3, 2024

Mayor Underwood called to order the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners at 7:00 pm on December 3, 2024. The following members of the Board of Commissioners were present: Mayor Underwood, Commissioners Carlson, Lowery, Mahaffey, McColl and McVickers. Commissioner McColl gave the invocation. Mayor Underwood led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Underwood called for approval of the Minutes from November 12, 2024. Commissioner McVickers made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Lowery seconded and the Motion carried.

Extraterritorial Jurisdiction

A plan needs to be associated with the ETJ – Town attorney will reach out to Mr. Lloyd to figure out next steps. Statement was made by the board to citizens that the ETJ keeps certain entities from encroaching on the Town without being held to the Town Standards, this is to protect the citizens from development outside of town.

Sewer Rates

Discussion on the Sewer extension fee proposed last month, discussion on if it is a fee or a permit and what the town provides for that fee. More discussion on how the permit is in line with all other providers and the rate is lower than most in the area. Commissioner McVickers recommended tabling once again for verbiage clarification and make a priority for the next meeting. Commissioner Lowery seconded, motion approved.

Citizen Comments

Jenna Williams -Freedom Place Voiced concerns about her water line, the road and the fact that their land survey is incorrect. She has been to Squires attorney twice to go to the table and have not gotten anywhere.

Public Works

Utility Clerk Reported 3 new accounts and 0 cutoffs

Admin Box located at Town Hall for Toys for Tots, will be picked up Friday if anyone wants to add to it. Two bank accounts were closed and money moved to high yield account as approved last month. Want to discuss half yearly budget at next meeting. Commissioner McColl asked when a vote was made to raise the fee for late payments on the water bill. This was passed in August of 2023 and was just implemented last month. Commissioner McColl asked if we had a report from code enforcement, Commissioner Lowery has it, was suggested by Commissioner Carlson that we add a departmental item.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner McVickers – Recommended that the board consider an “exemplary citizens award for those who go above and beyond, maybe quarterly or when the opportunity arises. Discussion to consider non citizens, or a group. There is a company that wants to locate a business in Parkton based on grants for psychiatric health. Looking for existing building or a location to build.

Commissioner Carlson – Wants to wish everyone a Merry Christmas

Commissioner Lowery – Two permits were issued in the past few weeks, one for a fence and one for solar panels – there is also one for a storage building in the works.

Motion for closed session was made by Commissioner Carlson and seconded by Commissioner Lowery

Re-open session Commissioner Carlson made a motion for approve request from the Police Department for \$3,000 out of capital funds to purchase 6 new handguns. Commissioner Mahaffey seconded, all approved.

Commissioner McVickers motioned for adjournment, Commissioner Mahaffey seconded all were in favor and meeting was adjourned.