



## Meeting Minutes for City of Culver Council Meeting

### Meeting Details-

Date: 09/11/2024

Time: 7:00pm

Location: City of Culver, City Hall

Meeting was called to order by: Jim Murphy

Roll call was taken.

Attendees: Jim Murphy, Lou Ann Inscho, Ashley Trow, Kara Shroyer, Renee Mattison, Sam Davis, Patricia Velasquez.

Visitors: Venus Davis and Cindy Abrams.

Absent:

Read and approved meetings from last month's meeting.

The clerk stated that we will be moving to water early tonight due to public concerns. Ashley Trow asked Lou Ann took over. Stated she did not use anyone's numbers Carols or Ashley Florke's. She started from January 2024 until current using meter readings only. Not what was on Carol or Ashley's figures. A spreadsheet with the calculator is used in Excel. The right side of the bill will state what you owe. Lou Ann called the attorney- he stated a council member should not have been sending out water bills. If there were any mistakes on the bills previous to the ones mailed today, it was not Lou Ann. Lou Ann also states refers to state statue 14-204, once a council members move out of town, they are no longer a council member. Lou Ann stated she went through the minutes and no one gave Ashley Florke permission to send water bills, she was only given permission to audit a few accounts. Lou Ann stated she is now in charge of water bills. Only your account can be discussed, no one else can be present. Lou Ann handed an audience member her audit, break down of bills and payments made. Renee stated that citizens need to understand that Carol was declining and there were several people working on this that did not have any experience. Cindy Abrams stated that this is between Lou Ann and her, not Venus. Cindy stated she

has not increased her water usage. She has requested a new meter and would like her old one calibrated. Cindy stated that she has a toilet with a bad flapper and it runs on its own so there is a chance that it is that. Ashley Trow and Lou Ann will break down her bill each month from January 2024 to current. Renee stated we are not responsible for Ashley Florke's water bills she sent out. Renee Mattison stated the water and the city are two different things. Jim Murphy stated that is not true. Renee stated that Jim has always stated that they are different. Venus Davis would like us to no longer use city envelopes. Renee made a motion that Cindy Abrams will not get a late fee this month due to us figuring, Erin second, motion passed. Venus asked how much it would cost to put a meter in on her spare land and in her field to be able to burn. Renee stated she has been waiting for two years for her water to be turned on at the shop. Renee stated it is leaking in the pit. And it needs fixed. Ashley Trow stated that Joey will check Renee's meter next week, Kara Shroyer will also let him know to look. Lou Ann stated we will go through parts to see what we have left to get an idea of what we will charge Venus for her new hookups. Advised Venus we will have an estimate put together in a week or two. She would like it done before Spring. Ashley Trow stated that she will moving everything with KDHE will be switched to Paul. Ashley also stated that we had an anonymous call to KDHE stating Ashley did not know how to do tests and would allow filtration to go off for days at a time. Ashley responded to KDHE advising how she takes a test. She also showed proof of the filtration alarms and when they went off. It was a false complaint that has been taken care of. However, we were charged by Mark Smith to come out. Ashley Trow stated the last three bills for Verhoeff have been returned for not at this address. Sam made the motion to shut off Verhoeff, Renee second, motion carried.

**Public Concerns:** Ashley Trow, the clerk reads the following "we will be addressing public concerns. Anyone with a public concern will have the floor to present their issue. This is the ONLY time the public is allowed to speak. Each council member, starting from the right of the mayor will then be allowed to ask further questions to the citizen, ONE AT A TIME. All public concerns may not be fully addressed or voted on in the same meeting it is brought up in. Council members- one speaking at a time, even in discussion!" There are no public concerns.

Ashley Trow stated the Hartman's would like to remove their sidewalk. Lou Ann stated that they will need to put a culvert in or the area would cave. Lou Ann will call the county to see who is responsible for the culvert, us or the county. This will be tabled until next meeting. Ashley Trow stated she has had people inquire on the future of the park. Renee stated she has never had a council that will ever allow her to make changes. Renee stated she would like to get things for all ages. She was thinking like exercise equipment. Trish suggested a half basketball court. Cindy stated she has a tether ball pole she can donate. Renee will start looking for grants and bring them to council.

**Clerk Report:** Ashley Trow stated that she has had several people come back to her about issues that are not true about the city and council. Renee made a motion to allow the minutes to be posted on the website and mail the ones that do not use internet, Erin second, motion passed. Ashley Trow also stated that she feels that citizens should only be able to contact members and employees during normal business hours. 8am-4pm Monday through Friday. This will be put in the Clerks Report mailed out for the month of August. Renee stated that the water department should not be personal number. Erin will get with Kara about an app about using an alternative number for the water department to use. Ashley stated that Jon Velasquez has volunteered to be the building permit inspector. The fee would be given to the clerk, the clerk would reach out to the inspector. A permit is \$10, the inspector gets \$8 and the city gets \$2. Sam made a motion to increase the building permit fees to \$15, \$10 would be the inspectors and \$5 for the city, Erin second, motion carried. Erin makes a motion to make Jon Velasquez permit inspector, Sam second, Trish abstained, motion carried.

**Old Business:** Main street will start at Davis to elevator, then we will go east and west, if there is extra we will go to East st if there is left over- where the bus routes. Ashley Trow will set a date and get with Joey to let him know so the roads are finished. Renee made a motion we can reopen the limb pile at the park, where it was previously burnt, Trish second, motion carried. Ashley Trow updated on the certified letter to Mendenall on 9/9/2024. Lou Ann stated that she got a call for the ARPA fund, they were given great information. We have to have our funds obligated by end of 2024, and spent by 2025. ARPA are the COVID funds. It can be used for the roof, flooring, cannot be used for bills. Ashley Trow will put this on next month's agenda. Anyone who does the work will come from the ARPA fund and not from payroll.

**New Business:** Ashley Trow stated there was an issue with city worker and resident and with the misconceptions of things happening, we think it would be beneficial for them to wear one as well as have one in city hall. Jerry will mow around the fire hydrant by Bechard's property. Erin will let him know. Murphy also stated the hole needs filled there too. The back hoe will need to fill that in. It also needs done on 3<sup>rd</sup> and East. Sam made a motion to purchase the camera for the city hall to be operating when residents/citizen are in the building and a body camera for city employees to wear while out working with \$150 budget, Erin second, motion carried. Lou Ann Inscho is inquiring on a raise for taking over the water bills, and ordering materials is the treasurer's job. Renee is asking the amount she is asking for a raise. Sam stated that \$50 a month is reasonable. Trish made a motion to increase Lou Ann Inscho's pay to \$150 per month while she is treasurer for the City of Culver, Sam second. Motion carried. Specified that it is a \$75 increase for Lou Ann only, next treasurer will be re-evaluated.

**Work To Do:** Already spoke about burn pile.

**Work Done: NONE**

**WATER REPORT AND WATER BILLS: SEE ABOVE.**

**Reading of the Bills: Lou Ann read off the list of bills. Lou Ann asked if there were any questions. Trish made a motion to pay the bills, Sam second, motion carried.**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting was done by Trish, Erin second, motion carried.**