

State Center City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2019

State Center City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, July 17, 2019 in the City Hall Council Room. Mayor Sodders called the meeting to order and asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Mayor Sodders, Councilors: Darrow, Nichols, Shaffar and Wilkinson. Absent: Bunn. Others Present: Jeff Robinson, Zach Faught, Mike Kielly, Linda Wells, Brad Pfantz, Jim Eckhardt, Chris Davis and Lori Bearden.

- Motion by Wilkinson, 2nd by Darrow to approve the consent agenda. Motion passes 4-0.
- Brad Pfantz approached council regarding replacement of heat/cooling in Fire/EMS weight room. Council asked Brad to get a 2nd quote, Lori & Brad will work out the budgeting for this.
- Jim Eckhardt representing the SCDA addressed the council that the Evans Bldg. is ready for sale, the grocery store is still looking for a buyer and purchase of the Yeager property should be complete soon.
- Zach Faught explained to the council his recommendation to purchase a used Elgin Pelican street sweeper for \$120,000.00. He and Mike Kielly have looked at it, Zach has driven it and they feel it is a good buy after the dealer makes some necessary repairs. It is felt that the City's three dump trucks will last until funds can be built back up. Motion by Wilkinson, 2nd by Darrow approving use of dump truck set aside for the street sweeper purchase. Motion passes roll call vote 3-1 with Shaffar voting nay.
- Mayor Sodders updated the council on progress with police department hires. Shane Sweitzer, Cody Rodriguez and Nathan Wunn will be part-time fill ins along with Dustin Blackburn, Dan Quigley and Glenn Goode. We will have the PD phone forwarded to the county dispatch. Mayor Sodders and Dan Quigley will put together a schedule and will be working on new full-time hires.
- The resolution to put the sixty-seven- and one-half cent capital project levy on the November ballot was tabled until next month. This levy would start accumulating funds for a new Fire/EMS station.
- After discussion of increasing council compensation which has been at \$15.00 per meeting since the 1990's with different amounts considered, motion by Wilkinson, 2nd by Nichols to change the current rate of \$15.00/meeting to a \$700.00 annual payment. That being done, Darrow moved that Ordinance 348, amending council compensation to an annual payment of \$700.00 per council member be given its first reading for passage. Nichols 2nd; motion passes 4-0 roll call vote.
- Changing the mayor term from 2 to 4 years was tabled until the clerk can get additional clarification on the election requirement.
- Motion by Wilkinson, 2nd by Darrow to approve payment of the annual property, liability and work comp premium to Eckhardt Enterprises in the amount of \$86,850.00. Motion passes 4-0.
- There being no further business, motion by Wilkinson, 2nd by Darrow to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Motion passes 4-0.

Steve Sodders, Mayor

Attest:

Lori Bearden, City Clerk