

Regular City Council Meeting  
Idalou City Council  
April 12, 2021

The regular meeting of the Idalou City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Joe Sisk. Those in attendance were Mayor Russ Perkins, Albert Bravo, Darrell Fuller, Kyle DuBois and Brendi Pierce. Staff in attendance, were City Administrator Suzette Williams, Public Works Director Oscar Rodriguez, Police Chief Eric Williams, EMS Director Billy Vinson and City Secretary Renee Wilbanks.

The Council toured the Sewer Plant.

Approve March Regular and Minutes: A motion was made by Brendi Pierce and seconded by Albert Bravo to approve the March regular minutes. Motion passed.

Approve March Bills as Presented: A motion was made by Brendi Pierce and seconded by Darrell Fuller to approve bills. Motion passed.

Public Works Report: Public Works Director Oscar Rodriguez presented the Public Works Report.

Police Monthly Report: Eric presented the Police Department stats.

Seizure Fund: Eric briefed the Council on the Seizure fund and how that works.

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter EMS Report: Billy presented the EMS quarterly report. We have two new paramedics coming aboard this month. Shattered dreams planning have begun and it will take place Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. We are looking at two years before we might see Idalou get a new EMS Truck.

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter FD Report: Russ presented the FD report. They have received new boots, helmets and a couple sets of bunker gear as of April 1. Remainder gear should arrive within the next few weeks. The FD will be forming a Truck Committee for a new truck. The Engine is 24-26 years old.

Financial Report: Suzette presented the Financial Report

Discuss and Consider Easement Agreement between the City of Idalou and Developer Mike Calvillo: The Easement agreement between the City of Idalou and Mike Calvillo grants the city access to the alley on South Walnut. A motion by Albert Bravo and seconded by Kyle DuBois to accept the Easement Agreement. Motion passed.

Discuss and Consider Amending Ordinance 06-05-01 Paintball Guns to include Paintball guns and Airsoft guns: A motion was made by Kyle DuBois to amend Ordinance 06-05-01 to include airsoft guns. This ordinance prohibits minors from possessing a paint gun and airsoft gun on public property; to include parks, streets, sidewalks, and alleys. This does not prohibit adults from possessing these items. The motion as seconded by Brendi Pierce. Motion passed.

Discuss and Consider Authorizing the City Administrator to create a Foundation for Donations and Memorials for Idalou EMS and Idalou Fire: The Idalou Volunteer FD and Idalou EMS from time to time receive Memorials. They are not tax generated funds so they can be monitored by members outside of Council. Suzette recommends that Council authorize the City Administrator to create a foundation to oversee the funds and use. A motion was made by Joe Sisk and seconded by Darrell Fuller to Create a Foundation for Donations and Memorials for Idalou EMS and Idalou Fire. Motion passed.

Discuss and Consider EMS Ambulance Service Billing Discount: The City from time to time get requests for individuals to reduce their EMS bill. Each agency is different in what they will reduce. The range seems to be 10-30%. A motion was made by Brendi Pierce and seconded by Darrell Fuller to give a 30% discount for payment in full on EMS bills. Motion passed.

Discuss and Consider Idalou Baseball Park Utilization Agreement: A motion was made by Joe Sisk and seconded by Darrell Fuller to accept the Baseball park agreement with two changes. March – July 19<sup>th</sup> the field will be solely utilized by the Idalou Little League. The Idalou Little League will not allow teams to practice on the field during off time to ensure the field is properly maintained for games. Motion passed. Kyle Dubois abstained.

Discuss and Consider Adding Speed Bumps to the 7<sup>th</sup> and Walnut Street Parking: A motion was made by Joe Sisk and seconded by Darrell Fuller to add speed bumps to the parking lot of park to slow down drivers. Motion passed.

Discuss and Consider Authorizing the City Administrator to Request Bids for Employee Health Benefits: A motion was made by Joe Sisk and seconded by Brendi Pierce to authorize City Administrator to go out and request bids for Employee Health Insurance. Motion passed.

Discuss and Consider Selecting an Engineering Firm to remedy 1,1 Dichloroethylene Violation: A motion was made by Darrell Fuller and seconded by Albert Bravo to choose Jacob Martin as the engineering firm to remedy 1,1 Dichloroethylene. Motion passed.

Discuss and Consider Amending Covid-19 Funding: A motion was made by Joe Sisk and seconded by Darrell Fuller to go with Option 2 for Covid Funding. Motion passed.

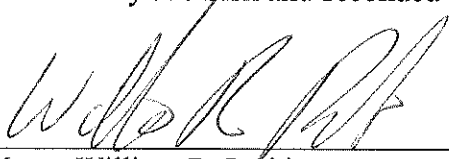
Discuss Residential Appraisal Value: LCAD recently mailed residents their home appraisals. Throughout Lubbock County the average increase was 9%. Based on appraisals increasing by 9%, the City needs to begin the process of determining the City's tax rate.

Discuss Streetlights and City Responsibility: The areas in older sections of Idalou do not have street lights. Suzette has spoken with Xcel and they said they would add lights to these areas if a resident requests and then the City would be charged for the usage.

Update on Street Sweeping: Advance Power Sweepers to sweep the City; approximate quote is \$4500.00. This may be more based on the number of hours they sweep. A quarterly schedule will be presented during the budget session to determine if Council would like to make this a priority for the streets.

Request by Mayor for Agenda Items for the Next Council Meeting:

A motion by Joe Sisk and seconded by Albert Bravo to adjourn. Motion passed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'W.R. Perkins', written in black ink.

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Mayor William R. Perkins