**Toulon City Council**

**Regular Meeting**

**October 16, 2024**

**Toulon Firehouse**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Larry Hollis, Barbara J Cantwell City Clerk, Kate Carter city attorney.

Donna Lefler, Joe Hulsey Alderman Ward 1

Michael Schott, Connie Jacobson Alderman Ward 2

Ryan Kelly, Brandon Simpson Alderman Ward 3

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Hollis called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**MINUTES TO THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2024 MEETING:** Page 1 misspelled employees on the last paragraph. Page 2 last paragraph, 4th line resend should have been spelled rescind. Michael Schott made a motion to approve the minutes for September 9, 2024, as amended. Ryan Kelly 2nd, Connie Jacobson abstained, motion passed.

**MINUTES TO THE RECESSED MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2024:** Made Brandon Simpson (absent). Michael Schott made a motion to approve the September 16, 2024 minutes as amended. Donna Lefler 2nd, Brandon Simpson abstained, motion passed.

**CASH RECEIPT REPORT:** Total Cash Receipt for September 2024 is $95,165.20. Ryan Kelly made a motion to accept the Cash Receipt Report for September 2024. Brandon Simpson 2nd, motion passed.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Total for the Treasurer Report for August 31, 2024 is $1,306,261.39. Michael Schott made a motion to accept the Treasurer Report for August 2024. Brandon Simpson 2nd, Donna Lefler voted no, motion passed. -1-

**TREASURER REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER, 2024:** There was no Treasurer Report for September 2024.

**REPORT FROM CITY EMPLOYEES/COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:** Matt Forstrom reported the sidewalk in front of the Baptist Church has been all torn out and repoured. There was a water main break in the Musselman addition and fixed it live. The fire hydrant by the corner or Washington and Main St. needs a heavier type of protection around it, the semi-trucks have hit the pole by the hydrant. Ryan Kelly reported there were 10 traffic stops, 2 citations, assisted Wyoming, 4 city ordinances, assisted the county, and 1 bar fight.

**APPROVAL OF SUBMITTED CLAIMS:** Michael Schott reported that the word chief was misspelled in several places. Brandon Simpson made a motion to approve the claims as amended. Donna Lefler 2nd, motion passed.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** Nothing to report.

**ENGINEER REPORTS:** Justin Reeise was not present.

**WATER, SEWER, AND GARBAGE RATES:** `The water committee met and proposed a water and sewer rate increase.

Increase in Base Rate:

Water – increase 7.50 to a new base rate of $24.47

Sewer – increase 1.00 to a new base rate of $19.13

Increase the amount charged for both garbage and recycling by $1.00 each

$23.59 from 21.59

Water usage:

Increase rate to .45 per 0 to 5,000 usage and .60 over 5,000

Sewer usage:

Increase rate to .40 for all usage

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There will be a 3% rate increase in May 2026 on water and Kate was asked to make up an ordinance for the November council meeting.

**PUBLIC CONCERNS: The** Mayor read a thank you for the flowers for the service of Phil Wilkinson. The mayor set the Halloween hours to be 5:00 – 7:00 on October 31, 2024. Joe reported that it's time for some fire hydrant flushes in certain areas.

**HIGH-EFFIENCY PUMPS INSTALLATION:** The City had to have work done on the new high service pumps. The existing pipes were not the correct size so G.A. Rich & Sons had to make some custom parts and install the pumps with the city’s help for the proposed price of $11,550.00. Michael Schott made a motion to approve $11,550.00 to G.A. Rich & Sons, Inc. Ryan Kelly 2nd, motion passed.

**TOULON POLICE (TRAINING UPDATE-NOV 12 & 13, VISA LIMIT):** Gary Bent reported this is training that has to be done before the end of the year. Gary paid for the class $850.00 with the city's Visa. Val Wagher and Ashley Karpel found a 3-day class for free rather than a 2-day for $850.00 class. So, we are waiting for the refund of the $850.00. There will also be another free class at the end of the month in Springfield that will have to be taken.

**REPLACEMENT LIME PUMP TO PURCHASE:** Matt Forstrom reported the lime pump quit, and he had to use the spare pump and there needs to be another pump purchased to replace that pump for a spare. No decision was made, held till next month.

**LANDSCAPING AT CITY HALL-PUT OUT FOR BIDS FALL OR SPRING:** The Mayor wants an ad put in the paper for bids to have the landscaping done around the city hall.

**TREES REMOVED ON 112 S OLIVE & 106 W COMMERCIAL PAYMENT:** The Mayor spoke with the insurance agent and if there is any doubt about the trees falling, they should be removed because the city is responsible for all damage,

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so, they have been cut down. Donna Lefler made a motion to pay Saw-N-Logs

$5,200.00 for removing the tree on S. Olive and W. Commercial. Michael Schott 2nd, motion passed.

**HOMETOWN CONSULTING CONTRACT FOR APPROVAL:** Michael Schott made a motion to accept the 2-year contract option #2 for $28,000.00 annually. Brandon 2nd, Connie Jacobson, Joe Hulsey, and Ryan Kelly voted no, Brandon Simpson, Michael Schott, and Donna Lefler voted yes, and Mayor Hollis voted yes, motion passed.

**TRACTOR TO BUY:** Matt Forstrom reported the clutch on the Kioti tractor is completely gone. John Deere had a tractor coming in on a trade which so happens to be John Forstroms. It's a 2022 John Deere 3033 with a quick attach loader. It has 180 hours, along with the tractor is a 2022 Frontier brush grapple for $2,000.00, a Frontier RC2060 bush hog mower for $2,000.00, and a Frontier RB2072 rear blade for $1,100.00. The city can purchase all for $33,100.00. Michael Schott made a motion to purchase the 2022 John Deere tractor along with the brush grapple, the bush hog mower, and the rear blade for $33,100.00. Ryan Kelly 2nd motion passed.

**MILEAGE FOR LARRY’S CLASS-REIMBURSEMENT:** The Mayor went to a class on grant writing. He went to Springfield, 200 miles at .67 cents per mile. Donna Lefler made a motion to reimburse the Mayor for 200 miles at .67 per mile. Michael Schott 2nd, motion passed.

**BIDS FOR DEMOLISH FOR 315 W JEFFERSON ST, 311 N FULLER & 213 E GREENWOOD:** The 311 N Fuller is now ready to go up for bids to be demolished. The other two properties will be up soon but the Mayor would like to have the authority to move forward with getting the bids without having to have another meeting. (315 W Jefferson & 213 E Greenwood) Donna Lefler made a motion to put out the bids for demolition on 311 N Fuller St. Brandon Simpson 2nd, motion passed.

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Donna Lefler made a motion to put out the bids for 315 E Jefferson & 213 E Greenwood St upon the court entering a demolish order. Ryan Kelly 2nd, motion passed.

**WHAT ACTION TO TAKE ON TRAILER COURT:** Eric Guy (309-335-3809) was present at the meeting. He runs the trailer park and wants to make it a better place. He wants to get it up to the standards of what the city wants it to be for the community. Their plans were to hold on to the property and sell it later. They would like to get a manager. The pay is $800.00 a month. Gary Bent reported that the ordinances must be taken care of in the time allotted or they will have to deal with it in court.

**EMPLOYEE:** The Mayor reported that he is going to have to advertise for another secretary for city hall. Barbara Cantwell reported she will come back to work for the council until someone else is hired at $25.00 an hour.

**TIF:**  The Mayor asked for the TIF bills to be paid and Donna Lefler said that she thought the city was going to cut down on paying bills out of TIF. None of the bills that were requested to be repaid by TIF at the council meeting have been approved.

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Michael Schott made a motion to adjourn. Brandon Simpson 2nd, motion passed.

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