



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Minutes Caucus Meeting July 5, 2022**

After the pledge and invocation by Amy Hurst, Mayor Stinson called the meeting to order.

The following Council Members answering roll call:

Amy Hurst	Present	Joyce Carson	Present
Craig Owen	Present	Sebastian Ernst	Absent
Darryl Ammerman	Present	Luke Price	Present

Also Present: Attorney Brandon Voelker

Mayor Stinson recognized guest resident Betty Truner to speak. She explained she resides at 304 W Fourth street, and next to her is an abandoned property that has been cited multiple times, however there is a tree that needs attention due to blocking view when she backs out of her drive. After discussion regarding the issue, City Supervisor Gary Lea said he would visit the property to inspect the situation.

**Departmental reports:**

Gary Lea – He reported the bucket truck that had been added to the surplus equipment had sold and been removed from the City lot. There had been a leak on Shelby street they repaired, but otherwise going smoothly. The part time person he had for mowing had been off for medical reasons, but luckily the mowing had slowed due to lack of rain.

Andy Richie - Not present

Dave Klaber – Submitted his monthly fire report. They had a very busy month with fire calls. Added 3 new members to the department, 1 at Falmouth and 2 at the Butler stations. There had been a blowout of a tire on Unit 2601 and will be replacing rear tires that are needed. Unit 2603 at the Butler Station has a hydraulic leak; he will get with Mayor McElfresh to see who they prefer to repair.

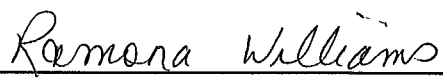
Shannon Clem-submitted his monthly report for discussion. Officer Shaun Seger and Assistant Chief Ron Hutchison were also present. Chief Clem thanked Clerk Ramona Willams and Officer Seger for their work in the purchase of vests. He reported that Officer Branham had been transported to hospital for possible appendicitis and they were waiting for a report on him.

Councilman Craig Owen inquired a status with the Abigail group. Mayor Stinson said it had been communicated to them the City is open to an offer being made on the Klee, and at this time they were waiting on a response from them.

Clerk Ramona Williams – provided an updated draft of the proposed budget explaining she had reviewed June ending numbers to be as close as possible with FY year closing. The previous draft was presented with numbers through May. She also reported that two representatives are needed for the PC Joint Board of Adjustments. They are not party specific, but the City does hold two spots on the board and have never been appointed. It would take the members from 5 to 7 members. A resignation with the Pendleton Co Recreation Board would necessitate appointing a new member to serve out the term.

After department reports were complete, Mayor Stinson then asked for discussion on the Parking Ordinance. No community members were present for the discussion. Fire Chief Dave Klaber and Assistant Chief John Lucas conveyed their concern with the lack of space on either side of the fire trucks if a fire event occurred for them to effectively maneuver equipment. While there is ample space to drive through the area, the needed clearance for equipment is compromised with the current situation. He stated an ambulance vehicle needs the same clearance. Councilwoman Hurst wished the minutes to reflect the whole parking issue became a discussion due to safety issues and nothing more as was alleged previously. It was decided the Committee would take all information provided from both groups and revisit the ordinance and bring back to council their recommendations. Another resident was present with concerns of handicapped parking on her street due to elderly, disabled parent. She cited a problem with cars blocking her mother's ramp and sometimes the sidewalk as well. Chief Clem clarified and stated that no one can park in front of a ramp, and Mayor Stinson offered to have a handicapped parking sign placed in the are in line with the amendment to the Ordinance being discussed; and allowing the police department to install them when needed.

  
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Ron Stinson, Mayor

  
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Attest: City Clerk