

MONDAY

AUGUST 19, 2019

The Governing Body of the City of Pratt met in a Regular City/County joint meeting in the Commission Room located in City Hall.

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| PRESENT: | Doug Meyer   | Mayor        |
|          | Gary Schmidt | Commissioner |
|          | Don Peters   | Commissioner |
|          | Zach Deeds   | Commissioner |

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| ALSO PRESENT: | Bruce Pinkall    | Interim City Manager |
|               | LuAnn Kramer     | City Clerk           |
|               | Regina Probst    | City Attorney        |
|               | Diana Garten     | Finance Director     |
|               | Nate Humble      | Chief of Police      |
|               | Glenna Borho     | County Commissioner  |
|               | Tom Jones        | County Commissioner  |
|               | Sherry Kruse     | County Clerk         |
|               | Tyson Eisenhauer | County Counselor     |
|               | Jimmy White      | Pratt County Sheriff |

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Meyer. Mayor Meyer instructed the Clerk to note that all Commissioners were present with the exception of Commissioner Leslie.

**BUSINESS:**

**CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON WATERLINE TO COUNTY PROPERTY BY 54 PICK-UP:**

Interim City Manager Pinkall stated that Public Works Director Rambat thought that the waterline was where it was going to be. Commissioner Borho commented that Landmark Architect would be here Friday for a meeting, but commented that there would be no decisions made right now. Commissioner Borho questioned if the line would be closed rather than looped. Mr. Pinkall stated that was the initial plan and added that it would cost a million plus if it was looped. Commissioner Borho stated that Kirkham Michael had thought it would be around \$493,000 and that would be the County's responsibility. Mayor Meyer asked if they had heard anymore from KDWPT. Commissioner Borho stated that they had not heard a word.

**CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON DISPATCH:**

Mayor Meyer reminded everyone that there had been an LEC meeting since the last joint meeting. City Attorney Probst stated that she had sent out a revised copy of the agreement and had added some things in red. Ms. Probst added that the yellow highlights were where no decisions had been made. Mayor Meyer stated that one of the topics to be discussed was 6.1, which related to the percentage of the utilities paid by the City. Ms. Probst stated that the current agreement was that the City and County would share the utilities 50/50; however, the City's position is that they use 15% of the building and the bill should be split accordingly. Ms. Probst commented that the County had not agreed. Commissioner Peters stated that he had come up with 18% for the City utilities. Sheriff White stated that there was also the classroom, exercise room, bathroom and hallway. Sheriff White commented that the utilities were not

used very often by either department. Ms. Probst stated that the plumbing diagram showed about 20% of the building was used by the City and she did not know the areas that were added. Ms. Probst asked if the City had to ask permission to go into an area that was not theirs. Chief Humble stated that they did not. Sheriff White stated that they do not deny access to any part of the building. Commissioner Peters did some more figuring and came up with a reasonable amount for the City's portion of the utilities as 28%. Mayor Meyer questioned if the County was in agreement to dividing cost proportionally or leave it as it was. Commissioner Borho stated that they agreed to leave it the same in 2020 and things could get sorted out in 2021. Commissioner Peters stated that he thought that they had agreed that the City would pay 15% and the County would pay 85% in Section 4.4. County Counselor Eisenhauer stated that he had not agreed to anything, but he had asked what percentage the City would be willing to pay. Commissioner Borho asked if the City Commissioners had been down in the classroom, because it was rather large. Commissioner Jones suggested that they should use square footage to measure and that would be more precise. Commissioner Peters stated that he was in agreement to do it by square footage. Commissioner Borho stated that if that made him happy, but she felt it was not fair since both departments utilize some areas.

Commissioner Borho commented that this agreement had been between the two departments since 1976 and all the sudden it had to be done precisely and was not a matter of being inequitable. Commissioner Peters stated that, if it had been that way for forty-five years, it did not mean that it had to stay that way and it did not mean it was right. Mayor Meyer commented that he agreed with Commissioner Peters and added that he felt that the City was paying more than their fair share. Mayor Meyer stated that this was a different Commission now and no one would want to pay this guy's share of the rent just because it had been done that way forever. Mayor Meyer explained that they were looking at the money and percentages, so we were doing our due diligence and he was not trying to be confrontational. County Counselor Eisenhauer stated that what Commissioner Borho had said was that the previous Commissions went forward with the belief that the County was getting credit for all the things they do and they were not. Mr. Eisenhauer commented that he realized that Commissions change, but amounts expended by the County had not and he added that we can term that as a Statutory responsibility; however, previous Commissions recognized that the County was providing value.

Commissioner Borho stated that Reno County had sent her copies of their agreements for Emergency Communication and the City/County Law Enforcement Agreement. Commissioner Borho commented that it was a City run dispatch and a shared building. Commissioner Borho added that some of the utilities were not split 50/50. Commissioner Borho stated that this was what they had; however, they would be changing with the new prison and the County would move more in to that. Mr. Eisenhauer stated that they would go 50/50 for the supervisor, which had been talked about in the LEC meeting. Commissioner Borho stated that this person would be directly responsible to the City Manager. Ms. Probst stated that the decision on percentages was up to the Commissions; however, the cost of health insurance was the City's greatest expense. Commissioner Borho stated that she was not disagreeing with that, but it was not rent. Mayor Meyer stated that it was in lieu of rent. Commissioner Borho stated that no one said that. Ms. Probst stated that the County would have to provide this if the City did not. Commissioner Borho clarified that Ms. Probst was talking about the County having their own dispatch. Ms. Probst stated that was correct. Commissioner Borho commented that that would go over really well with the taxpayers. Commissioner Borho stated that she had set on the City Commission for twenty-one years so she sees the City side and she sees the County side. Commissioner Borho commented that the whole County had to be taken into account and that included the City's benefits.

Mr. Eisenhauer stated that that was the purpose of Sheriff White bringing the numbers of what the County was spending. Commissioner Deeds stated that he would like to know that. Mr. Eisenhauer explained that it looked like the previous Commission had looked at having the City pay rent; however, the County had taken on all this expense and they were not getting credit for it. Mr. Eisenhauer added that nothing

else had changed. Commissioner Borho stated that they had added six additional people to EMS in addition to what they had and they were not asking the City to help pay for that even though there were calls inside the City. Commissioner Borho commented that that was a County run department and was run by the County.

Commissioner Borho stated that they were going to build a public safety building and that would improve EMS and Pratt County Fire and Rescue and be paid for by the County. Mayor Meyer questioned why they were building there. Commissioner Borho stated that the EMS station was outdated and not a usable building anymore. Mayor Meyer stated that he had heard comments about them moving way out there and what type of service they would get. Commissioner Borho stated that it was not that far out and there would be commercial property by the highway and the EMS building, fire and rescue and emergency management would be behind that. Commissioner Jones commented that the Dodge City EMS was farther out than this one would be.

Mayor Meyer stated that there were not going to be any decisions today, but it just sounded like \$300,000 was a lot to pay in rent. Commissioner Borho stated that it was not rent. Mayor Meyer questioned why the City did not just pay rent and the County pay dispatch. Mayor Meyer stated that, if this was commercial property, the City would be paying \$25,000 to \$30,000 a year for that space minus the basement. Mayor Meyer commented that the City would rather pay rent and their utility portion. Mayor Meyer stated that the County would pay for dispatch or they could split the costs. Mayor Meyer explained that this started with Police Chief Humble wanting to have someone in charge of dispatch; however, the Sheriff was in charge of the whole building and we were the tenants.

Mayor Meyer commented that he did not think we were going to do anything this year. Commissioner Borho stated that she thought they had agreed that they would do half for the director in 2020 and everything else would stay the same for 2020. Commissioner Borho added that they had budgeted \$35,000. Commissioner Borho clarified that the agreement was that Chief Humble would go out and look for a dispatch supervisor for about \$70,000 and have that person in place by January 01, 2020. Commissioner Borho commented that it was almost the end of August and the City should be looking for someone. Chief Humble agreed. Mr. Eisenhower stated that that was one thing they had come out aligned on at the LEC meeting.

Mr. Eisenhower stated that the LEC committee had decided to meet in April and October. Mr. Eisenhower commented that, to have something productive to talk about, it was said earlier that the dispatch would be a 50/50 split and the City would pay rent. Mr. Eisenhower stated that this was a place to start. Mayor Meyer stated that this might come out the same dollar wise. Commissioner Peters asked how this position would be advertised. Chief Humble stated that it goes in house for 48 hours to give current employees a chance to apply and then it would go in the paper and be on social media. Commissioner Peters asked how much more knowledge would be needed by a current dispatcher than what they have now. Chief Humble stated that they would need more supervisory skills. Mayor Meyer asked if he had someone in mind. Chief Humble commented that he does have someone who is trained, but they would still go through the application process. Commissioner Peters questioned if a dispatch employee was hard to replace. Chief Humble stated that it was not, but they might not be qualified. Chief Humble stated that they get more for a dispatch position than they do an officer, so the likelihood of finding someone was not a problem; however, getting someone with experience was difficult. Commissioner Borho asked if they would have to hire another part time person. Chief Humble stated that the supervisor could still dispatch some. Commissioner Borho questioned who would fill in when the administrator was doing their duties. Chief Humble stated that they would fill in with one of the five full-time employees.

#### **ILLEGALLY DUMPING:**

Commissioner Borho stated that she had gotten information from KDHE Bureau of Waste Management and it stated that, if a site has created a public safety issue or if there were illegal dumping sites in the City, they should contact them. City Attorney Probst stated that the City had been helped by KDHE on some residential areas and there was another one that they will be involved with.

**LEPC MEETING:**

Mayor Meyer stated that the LEPC meeting last Thursday night was one of the best meetings he had gone to. Mayor Meyer commented that dynamic speaker, Chuck Clanahan, works for Homeland Security and was a former NCIS agent. Mayor Meyer stated that he talked about disasters, terrorists and active shooters. Mayor Meyer added that you can get on their website and look at training material and it was free. Mayor Meyer stated that he had said something about coming to Pratt in January and doing an analysis of our buildings. Mayor Meyer commented that he had said that churches were wanting information on this. Mayor Meyer informed the Commissions that he would be attending an Active Shooter Workshop August 28<sup>th</sup> with Chief Humble. Mayor Meyer added that his review would be a huge eye opener to our vulnerability. Mayor Meyer stated that the speaker told them that if you were hacked, and you will be, they would want ransom and bit coins were the only way to pay. Mayor Meyer commented that your system would be down for three days and things happen very quickly. Mayor Meyer asked if the City had cyber insurance. City Clerk Kramer stated that we did.

Commissioner Borho stated that the top three security assessments were churches, hospitals and schools. Commissioner Borho commented that there had been over three hundred school shootings since Sandy Hook. Commissioner Borho informed the Commissioners that personal data was the most hacked. Commissioner Borho stated that Mr. Clanahan felt that all employees should receive active shooter training and commented that ID theft was getting worse all the time. Commissioner Borho commented that Mr. Clanahan highly suggested getting on Experian and freeze accounts, which was free. Commissioner Borho continued stating that lease copiers returned have everything you have copied on its hard drive, so you should rent a higher class copier that does not have a hard drive or destroy the hard drive in the copiers that do. Commissioner Borho explained that Mr. Clanahan said to always cut up credit cards and check your bank accounts daily.

Commissioner Borho stated that he also talked about Run, Hide, Fight which was a stop the bleed campaign. Commissioner Borho explained that every teacher and law enforcement officer should carry tourniquet along with kid pads for any AED's. Commissioner Borho commented that Mr. Clanahan said to always remove the left side handle on exterior doors so that the perpetrator could not come and chain it and lock you in. Commissioner Borho stated that he recommended that interior doors have a switch that locks and unlocks and not a push button lock and you should number the doors in your buildings, which would help emergency personnel to know where to go. Mayor Meyer asked if the City had active shooter training. Finance Director Garten stated that we did not. Mayor Meyer commented that the modules were on the website and were free. Mayor Meyer stated that you have to have some type of certificate stating that you at least offered the training to all employees or you could be vulnerable to a law suit. Mayor Meyer stated that he also said that you should have a tornado kit that includes a flashlight, crowbar or hammer and a five-gallon bucket.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

After checking calendars, the next meeting was set for October 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at City Hall.

**ADJOURN:**

5 – August 19, 2019 (City/County Joint meeting)

Mayor Meyer made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Schmidt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.



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DOUG MEYER, Mayor

ATTEST:

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LUANN KRAMER, City Clerk