

City Council Meeting Minutes February 3, 2025

Sammy Hartwick, Mayor	Present		
Kelly Knowland	Present		
Mark Hardin	Present		
Ty Kelso	Present		
Larry Johnson	Present		
Richard Weaver	Present		
Jason Bollinger	Present		

Roll call indicated a quorum was present.

A motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting was made by Ty Kelso, seconded by Jason Bollinger, and passed unanimously.

Chamber of Commerce Report

The Chamber announced their Business of the Award Winners and their Community Awards in January. The Citizen of the Year (Dr. Kelli Martin) and Volunteer of the Year (Lynita Ware) will be celebrated at the Chamber Banquet on March 13th. The theme for the banquet is "There's No Place Like Home!" They are currently working on the annual directory, selling adds and compiling information for those who may be interested in the community. They are also advertising a matching grant for small businesses to help spruce up store fronts with a face lift. The application deadline for the grant is the end of February.

Garver Reports

Daniel Hollinger from Garver Engineering gave a report on the water and sewer projects through the City. The 24 inch line is over 80% complete and should be competed in the upcoming months. Half or more of the project is already in service.

He then presented the proposal for the East Side Lift Station, which was presented to the Council in the fall. The new lift station will service 350 gallons per minute (GPM) and could expand capacity in the future to 700 GPM. A 10 inch force main

will go from the lift station to the roundabout at Tyler Street, and connect to a 15 inch gravity main going towards Highway 65.

The sewer plant renovation is also underway. Construction has been slowed by the weather, but not by anything unexpected.

Approval to move ahead with annexation of 41.82 acres north of the City
Mayor Hartwick has received a request to annex 41.82 acres on the north side of the
City. This is a private owner requesting the annexation. Private individuals or
corporations who own land connecting to the City Limits may request annexation. A
formal ordinance accepting the annexation will come later, but it must go through
the County Quorum Court first. A motion to support the annexation was made by
Jason Bollinger and seconded by Mark Hardin. All councilmen voted in favor.

Ordinance #2025-01 – Changes to Notification Requirements

City Attorney Dustin Chapman introduced an ordinance from the Planning Commission to amend the notification requirements for the City. The ordinance clarifies and reinforces notice requirements for items requiring public hearings; specifically applications for rezoning, variances, and special use permits. The ordinance removes the requirement of a public hearing for all lot-split applications, but requires mail and sign notices to be provided to surrounding property owners for applications for lot splits, minor subdivisions, and subdivisions. Hunter Thrasher, Chairman of the Planning Commission, was on hand to answer specific questions.

A motion to suspend the rules was made by Larry Johnson, was seconded by Mark Hardin, and passed unanimously. After the ordinance was read by the heading only, a motion to adopt Ordinance #2025-01 was made by Mark Hardin, seconded by Larry Johnson, and passed unanimously. A motion to approve the emergency clause was made by Mark Hardin, seconded by Richard Weaver, and passed unanimously.

Tickets for Chamber of Commerce Banquet

Mayor Hartwick again mentioned the Chamber of Commerce Banquet, and offered tickets for elected officials who were interested.

Mayor Hartwick then stated that the City had requested the purchase of three new police vehicles, and they are now ready to be purchased. The City is requesting a lease purchase through Arvest Bank. A motion to approve using Arvest Bank as the financer for three new police vehicles was made by Kelly Knowland, seconded by Mark Hardin, and all voted in favor.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kelly Knowland, seconded by Richard Weaver
and passed unanimously.

Sammy Hartwick, Mayor	Hunter	Thrasher, City	Clerk/Treasurer