

Providence City Council Approves Resolution; Makes Appointments

The Providence City Council met about an hour and 17 minutes Monday night where they heard a number of updates on city projects and passed an emergency management ordinance.

The first item of business to come before the council was the reading of a resolution for the adoption of a statewide emergency management mutual aid and assistance agreement. Attorney Bobby Murray read the resolution which allows the city to provide assistance to other communities should they experience a catastrophic event; it also allows the city to accept assistance from other agencies. The reciprocal contract also helps insure the city's ability to receive FEMA assistance in emergency cases. The council passed the resolution and agreement which will be signed by Mayor Tom Glover and city clerk Tiffany Conrad.

In other business, Glover requested the council appoint Michael Woodring to the city's tourism board. Woodring has been instrumental in renovating the Legion Park area so events can be held there. The council approved Woodring's appointment to a three-year term.

Other appointments included naming three individuals to the airport board. According to the Glover, although the city no longer operates the airport, they

do own the property and a board must be established. He asked the council to approved the appointment of Steve Perdue for a two-year term; Tony Pillow for a three-year term and Kim Hudson to a four-year term. The council approved the recommendation.

The mayor also gave updates on many city projects and issues residents have brought before the council. Following is that report:

*During a recent council meeting it was suggested the city begin closing the cemeteries and park at night. Glover reported that a gate has been ordered for Lakeview Cemetery and will be installed soon. After that gate is installed the city will put a plan in place for the hours the cemeteries—Lakeview and Big Hill--and park will be open.

*The mayor also noted that mowing and weed eating has been done at Lakeview Cemetery, and while it is a great improvement, he added there is still work to be done.

*Nine different spots have been patched in city streets where water leaks were repaired

*There has still be no response from the state regarding the installation of a crosswalk on lower Main Street

*A bridge/culvert on Oakley Street is out and unsafe for through traffic; the city will close that area.

*At a recent dinner in Evansville, the city of Providence was awarded two AED units by Deaconess Heart Foundation. One will be placed at the golf course and one at the city building. The city could receive additional units from the foundation according to Cameron Brown.

*The pool is closed for the season due to work that needs to be done on the starter of the pump. An electrician is needed to resolve the issue.

During his review of projects being taken care of the mayor told the council there are no restrooms at Legion Field and he would like to reactivate that building so that working restrooms and electricity are available for persons using the area for community events, ballgames, etc. Glover added that he is working to secure several corporate sponsors to help renovate the area with bleachers, lights, and fencing. The council agreed to move forward with upgrading the utilities at Legion Field.

The biggest announcement of the night was the Mayor Glover's announcement that he has secured a \$150,000 line of credit for the city through Independence Bank. "This is something we truly need," Glover said. He told the council that in months like August, the city experiences

three pay periods, something that has been difficult at times; he also added that "We (the city) want to keep our local vendors paid and be able to meet payroll. We will pay off the loan as we can." The line of credit will be used on an as needed basis. Councilmember Shannon Layton said "I feel like we've needed this for a while." The council approved Glover's request to move forward with securing the line of credit funds.

The council then discussed securing a new HVAC system for the library. The mayor noted that the library's unit recently went out. Glover has spoken with the library board and they have agreed to pay for half the replacement cost which is expected to be just over \$7000.

Other HVAC issues were reported at the city office, the community center and the emergency center.

Glover told the council that REVEAL, a company that locates water leaks is in town to try to help the city find leaks. On Monday, they found about ten leaks and made repairs to two, including a four-inch line. They repair leaks as they find them Glover said, adding that the company will be in town several more days.

In his report, the

mayor shared an anonymous letter from a resident who reported the tall grass on south Main Street near Maple Street is a hazard and obstructs the view of drivers. The city has worked on the area to make improvements.

In other business, the mayor asked the council to surplus 111 South Broadway, a piece of property that is empty but has enough space for a structure to be built. The council approved the request and also agreed to call for sealed bids for the property. Bid opening is tentatively set for September 2.

Council member Mark Turner made a motion to make the intersection of Coleman Street and Finley Street a four way stop due to the obstructed view for drivers on the cross streets. The council approved the request and stop signs will go in soon, Glover said.

Councilmember Layton said she has received words of appreciation from a number of city residents for the resolution of a monument issue and has also had a number of compliments for the city's work on the cemetery.

Jeff Marshall noted

that the company the city hired to trim limbs off power lines has been working on that issue. He questioned whether the limbs are being cut too short. Glover said he will check with the company that spent five days recently cutting limbs.

Questions also arose about the water/sewer project. The mayor said the project has been held up due to the city's audits not being completed; however, the last audit was completed this week and will be presented at a September council meeting, clearing the way for funding for the project to be released.

In other water project related news, the Glover was expected to sign the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority paper work Tuesday so the city's \$880,000 grant funds will be released and work can begin on the interconnect project with Webster County Water District, something the mayor said "is going to help us a whole lot."

Due to the next council meeting date falling on Monday, September 1, Labor Day, the first council meeting in September will be held on Tuesday, September 2, at 6:00 p.m.

Clay City Council Meets In Regular Session

The Clay City Council met in regular session August 12, with all council members present for the reading of a resolution related to emergency management.

After approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, the clerk's report and accounts payable, the council heard the reading of a resolution for statewide emergency management mutual aid and assistance agreement. That agreement allows city first responders to provide assistance to other communities and other communities to do the same. It also helps insure the city will be eligible for disaster relief through FEMA. Mayor Jack Edens is the city's primary representative on the document with Jeremy Moore listed as the alternate. The council approved the resolution.

The mayor announced that city employee Tristan Peercy has resigned to accept another job, but he has been replaced by Blain Owen who has several years' experience working in city services and completed gas training last week.

The mayor also announced that the city has purchased a mower that will allow them to mow some ditch areas.

The only other business to come before the council was the fire department report which reflects the department made eight rescue runs, two fire runs, stood by during the fireworks show, and assisted in a grain bin rescue in Union County.

The next Clay Council meeting is September 9, at 6:00 p.m.

Slaughters Commission To Meet

The City of Slaughters Commission will hold a special called meeting on Tuesday, August 25th at 6 p.m. to vote on the proposed tax rate.

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assessment. No further business came before the council; however, Williams noted that a street sign is down at the intersection of Jefferson Street and Hill Street and needs to be replaced or re-erected.

Council member Pam Eastwood asked if side by sides are going to be allowed on city streets. She also expressed concern about the use of motorized scooters on sidewalks throughout the city. The city attorney noted the side by sides will be banned until the council takes an action to allow their use.

Council member Kathy Davis noted the problem with passing an ordinance to allow use of the utility vehicles is enforcement. To that, Ms. Eastwood responded, "Enforcement is something we don't have in Sebree."

The council took no action on the items discussed, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 P.M. after a 10 minute session.

The next regular meeting of Sebree City Council will be Monday, September 15, 5:30 P.M.

Webster County Water District Board Members Hear Updates

The Webster County Water District Board met August 14 at the county water plant near Onton in a session that included updates on several projects. All members of the board were present.

Water superintendent Trevor Baldwin provided the July water production report. That report reflects 34,103,000 gallons of water were produced in July with 32,483,860 gallons of water sold for the month. Sales are up by about 6.9 million gallons over this time last year.

In his comments Baldwin noted "the plant has been running great with increased sales." Employee Chris Goad added that work hours are up slightly due to the extreme heat the county has experienced since mid-July.

After hearing the July water report, the board then heard an update on several projects. Baldwin told the group that the city of Providence has secured the funding for the interconnect they have requested with the county, but the city is still waiting to receive the funds.

The water superintendent also the Harrin Tank has been cleaned and the district is waiting for quotes for work on the pump station on KY 270.

A third project underway is 2000 feet of line replacement in the Mt. Pleasant area. That line installation is underway and if the weather hold work

should be completed over the next two weeks, Baldwin said.

Baldwin also announced that he has signed-off on the rate increase recommendations from the Public Service Commission and sent that document back to the agency. "Now," Baldwin said, "we are waiting for the commission's approval." That will come in the next 60 to 90 days, and if the increase is approved, water customers will see that increase reflected in late December 2025 or early January 2026. Webster County Water District customers have not seen a rate increase since the late 1990's; the district applied for the increase with PSC 28 months ago.

Voting credentials at the Kentucky Rural Water Conference were approved for Baldwin with Beverly Martin listed as the county's alternate.

The only other business to come before the board was a discussion related to the district's deceased customer policy. Tammy Harkins told the board that the district needs to obtain more information from families when a loved one dies and someone else becomes responsible for the bill. That information will clarify whether a new deposit for service is necessary, who the responsible person for payment is and whether service is being transferred to the spouse or someone else. The clarifications will prevent the water dis-

trict from having unpaid bills and help with record keeping. The board adopted the policy.

Before the meeting adjourned, Tammy Harkins, who has worked for the water district for 30 years, announced that she will retire effective October 1. The board expressed their appreciation to Harkins for her service and noted they will celebrate her retirement with her at an upcoming meeting.

The board's next meeting is scheduled for September 11, at 10:00 a.m. at the water district office in Dixon.



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