CITY OF CLOVERPORT

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

OF THE CLOVERPORT CITY COUNCIL

AUGUST 18TH, 2021 @ 11:00 A.M.

Mayor Candy Weatherholt called to order the special called meeting of the Cloverport City Council at 11:00 a.m. Mayor Weatherholt then welcomed those in attendance and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a prayer from Adam Vergason. Roll call of the Council revealed the following:

Gwan Bickett - Present Jenny Bradley – Present

Melissa Burnett - Present Georgia DaleCannon – Present

Hal Jennings – Present via Zoom Danny Smiley – Present via speaker phone

***Agenda.*** Co. DaleCannon moved to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by Co. Bickett with all ayes being cast.

***Reports.***

F. Parks – Kyle Snyder reported that Parks & Recreation will be having a meeting tonight at 6:00 p.m. and is open to the public. Snyder mentioned several fundraisers that Parks will be hosting such as the car show this month and in September a kick ball and softball tournament. Snyder said Parks would like to do a special event for Halloween on October 23rd. Snyder then said that the Parks board has been looking into the idea of maybe purchasing a dumpster to place at the ball park. He said they will be looking into the cost and Parks will pay for the dumpster as long as the City will dump it.

***Property Tax Rates (1st Reading).*** City Attorney, T. Tommy Littlepage read the 1st reading of two property tax ordinances. The first was the ordinance with the compensating rate and the second was the ordinance taking a 4% increase. After discussion Co. Bickett made a motion to accept the ordinance with the 4% increase, seconded by Co. DaleCannon. Roll call vote revealed the following:

Gwan Bickett – Aye Melissa Burnett – Aye

Georgia DaleCannon – Aye Jenny Bradley – Aye

Hal Jennings – Aye Danny Smiley – Aye

***PayStar***. City Clerk, Marcia Finley informed the Council on a company that is willing to allow the City to offer online utility payments. The company will set everything up on the City’s website and train the employees. All this will be done free of charge. The company will only make money off of the ones that decide to use the online payment option. Co. DaleCannon asked if this could be mentioned on FaceBook. Co. Burnett made a motion to accept the agreement with PayStar, seconded by Co. Bradley with all ayes being cast. Co. Bradley abruptly excused herself from the meeting at this time.

***Code Enforcement.*** Co. Bickett made a motion to accept Beth Weatherholt on the Code Enforcement board, seconded by Co. DaleCannon. Co. Burnett asked if Ms. Weatherholt was related to Mayor Weatherholt. Mayor Weatherholt informed her that she was a different set of Weatherholts. At this time all ayes were cast.

***Budget Amendment.*** At a previous meeting Council voted to purchase a tile for the culvert in front of Lester Fulkerson’s residence. There was discussion made on where the money would come from to pay for the tile that was estimated to cost $1500. Council discussed paying for the tile either out of streets or road fund. Co. Bickett questioned what was the difference between the two. City Clerk, Marcia Finley informed her that the streets department came out of General Fund and Road Fund was a separate account that monies come from the State. Co. Bickett made a motion to pay $750.00 out of the streets department and $750.00 out of the Road Fund, seconded by Co. Burnett with all ayes being cast.

***Citizen Input.***

1. Lester Fulkerson – Not Present
2. Bill Melton – Not Present

***Council Input.*** Co. DaleCannon once again spoke about the previous fire run report from the July 17th meeting stating that she would like in this set of minutes to reflect the inaccuracy of the report. DaleCannon said that Co. Burnett stated that she felt threatened and that that was not good. DaleCannon stated that she was the one that made the call to dispatch to get the run reports and that anyone can call and get that information. Co. DaleCannon stated that she will continue to call dispatch rather than to ask Co. Burnett questions pertaining to the Fire Department because her reactions make it hard. DaleCannon stated that she believes that Co. Burnett purposely and intentionally lied on her report and that she wanted it on record that out of the 14 runs the department responded to 5 of those runs with 2 being alarm calls, 1 was a tree in the road, one a fire run and one was a meeting. Co. Burnett tried to respond several times but was not allowed to speak. Co. Burnett then tried to ask the City Attorney a question. Co. DaleCannon gave her permission to ask her question. Co. Burnett asked the City Attorney if he could see now why she says they are harassing her. The City Attorney said yes he could kinda see what she is talking about. At this time Co. Burnett was sobbing and stated she needed to leave and that she would be calling the City Attorney. Co. Jennings asked if there was any fuel usage reported on this report. Clerk Finley replied that there was not. Co. Jennings said that was all he needed to know. City Attorney Littlepage asked if there was any funding that the City would receive for runs and Clerk Finley informed him that there was no funding. City Attorney Littlepage said running out of the meetings need to stop.

***Adjournment.*** At this time with Co. Bradley and Co. Burnett leaving and the loss of Co. Jennings on Zoom there was a lack of a quorum. Co. DaleCannon made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Co. Bickett with all ayes being cast.

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Candy Weatherholt, Mayor

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Marcia A. Finley, City Clerk