

MINUTES – March 13, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Big Flat City council was called to order by Glenda Wiseman, Mayor

Council Members Present: Shawn Shelton, Kim Shelton, Lonnie Holt, Sharon White, & Bonnie Sutterfield

Guests & Others: Lee Staten from Core & Main, Randy Sisk, Richard Tibbens, Aaron Byrd, Christina Byrd, Tim Hudspeth visited from Fifty-Six, Lurinda Murphy & Bobby Wallis, Fire Chief

Mike Treat read the February Minutes & Bank Reconciliations for the General Fund, Building Fund, Water Fund, Fire Fund & the ARPA Fund.

Water Dept. Report: Rich Hiter read the Bank Reconciliations for the Water Dept. then reported that Jerrod Ramsey had approached him re the large past due water bill with a plan to pay it. Will try this one last time to help him get it paid with understanding this is his last opportunity to make this debt good. Rich stated well & pump were operating without problems. Lee Staten from Core Main shared his estimate for purchase of new meters & set up for reading from vehicle would be. Answered questions from Council.

As agreed upon with Fifty-Six City Council on February 27, 2025, Big Flat City Council had a short discussion re the motion made & passed at that meeting re a charge of \$5.32/1,000 gals a motion was made by Shawn, 2nd by Lonnie as follows: " In agreement with the motion of the Fifty-Six City Council on February 27, 2025 for wholesale water purchased by the City of Big Flat from Fifty-Six Water System to be \$5.32/1,000 gal (see attached) until such time as the rates are increased for the City of Fifty-Six by Mountain View Water System at which time the rate charged to the City of Big Flat will be increased equal to the increase to the City of Fifty-Six and that negotiations for the operation & maintenance of the Emergency Pump House will continue through the attorneys of both cities, namely Shannon Briese & Tyler Henderson." All Voted – passed.

The City received the certified copy of the tabulation of bids opened on January 29, 2025 with the low bid being L.E. Davis Construction of Harrison, AR. in the amount of \$1,500,900. Engineering Services, Inc. has recommended the City of Big Flat accept the bid. On Wednesday, March 19 will meet with a representative from the Contractor, Jeremy Rawn, Rich, & Glenda before providing written confirmation of formal acceptance the recommendation. The Council will have a Special Meeting at 6:35 pm, Wednesday, March 19 to finalize the acceptance of the recommendation

Fire Dept: Bobby Wallis stated had 1 medical call past month. Big Flat VDF donated 1985 IHC, S1900.5 Ton Tanker VIN#1HTLKTVR9FHA11546 to HAROCO VFD. Current Auto Pulse not working. Tabled until April meeting to make decision on possible replacement.

At this time a motion was made by Sharon, 2nd by Kim to accept minutes & reports as read. All Voted – Passed

Randy Sisk approached the Council with a request regarding a water extension be made from his water meter to the residences for Richard Tibbens & Lurinda Murphy adding a meter to each residence. The three residents stated their willingness to help with the cost of this project. The Council agreed this was a fair request & requested Rich to get the details for such a project.

Charles Hafner has stated that he would like to continue mowing & weed eating for the City. The council being satisfied with his work, a motion was made by Kim, 2nd by Bonnie to contract with Charles Hafner to mow City Park @ \$275.00 ea time & \$375.00/ea time for weed eating of City Property. (see attached for details of contract.

All Voted – passed

Kim stated she had had several vendors from past Homecoming request to set up this year. Vendors would be charged \$25.00 per table with further details to shared at April meeting. Possibly have a Silent Auction to raise funds to improve Homecoming & help w/ Expenses.