

Rosston City Council Meeting
Monday, April 12, 2021
Rosston City Hall
Rosston, AR

AGENDA

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer-Min. Irene Tidwell

Reading and Approval of Last Minutes

Old Business

1. Grant Awards from 2019-Present
 - A. Water Project-----\$272,826.00
 - B. Fire Truck-----\$68,900.00
 - C. Street Aid-----\$286,288.00

TOTAL AWARDS-----\$628,014.00
2. Water Meter Discussion
3. City Truck
4. Online Bill Pay
5. Adjourn

New Business

1. Lawn Mower
2. Update: Water Project
3. Expansion of City Hall
4. Fire Truck Account
5. City Sales Tax
6. Adjourn

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Meeting was called to Order by Mayor Quarles. The Pledge of Allegiance was done in Unison. Prayer was given by Minister Irene Tidwell. The following people were present: Mayor Quarles and Treasurer/Recorder Emily Evans. Council Members present were: Kathy Dillard, Johnny Kelly, Tia Blakely, Barbara Heard and Irene Tidwell. Guest attending the meeting: Nevada County Reporter, John Miller.

After the minutes from the March meeting were reviewed, Mayor Quarles asked for a Motion to accept minutes and to close old business. Irene Tidwell made a Motion to accept the Minutes and close old business. Tia Blakely seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Old Business

1. **Lawn Mower:** Mayor Quarles informed the Council that he is in the process of purchasing a new lawn mower for the City. He also informed the Council that the City's Attorney currently has the paperwork for the purchase to review and sign. The Mayor then asked for a Motion to give him permission to continue with the purchase. Kathy Dillard made a Motion to continue with the purchase. Barbara Heard seconded the Motion. Motion Carried.
2. **Update: Water Project:** Mayor Quarles informed the Council that the work on the City's water tower has begun. This part of the water project should take about 3 weeks to complete, depending on the weather. This phase will include working inside the tower, sand blasting and relining the tower to meet Arkansas Department of Health requirements. When the interior work is completed, the outside of the tower will be painted. Once this phase is completed, a fence will be put around the tower and will be paid for out of the General Fund account. Mayor Quarles also informed the Council that the installation of the new meters will began in May. The last reading on the current meters will be programmed into the new meters. The Mayor again asked that everyone please be patient during the transition.
3. **Expansion of the City Hall:** Mayor Quarles informed the Council that even though the grant for the City Hall expansion was denied, the project can still be completed. Mayor Quarles has talked with the Bank of Delight about securing a loan to get the expansion done. Mayor Quarles has also consulted with the City's attorney about the process. The Bank of Delight is willing to work with the City to complete the expansion. Mayor Quarles stated, "It's time to get modernized." He informed the Council that the City has two CD's and these can be used to work for the City to get things done. Mayor Quarles

informed the Council that he wants the decision on the expansion to be collectively decided by the Council.

4. **Fire Truck Account:** Mayor Quarles informed the Council that a bank account has been established to purchase for the grant for the new fire truck can be deposited. All documents and paperwork has been completed. The Fire Chief and the Former Fire Chief has narrowed the choices down to two trucks.

5. **City Sales Tax:** Mayor Quarles encouraged the Council to spend some time thinking about the City's sales tax and what it should be used for. Mayor Quarles informed the Council that he would like to see the tax become a permanent tax. He informed the Council. He suggested to the Council to think on the lines of 1% to 1.5%, but no more than 1.5%. The sale's tax will be discussed during the next Council meeting.

6. **Adjourn:** After all business was discussed, Mayor Quarles asked for a Motion to Adjourn. Irene Tidwell made a Motion to Adjourn. Johnny Kelly seconded the Motion. Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned.