

August 1, 2023 Minutes

Pre-council meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Mayor W. Keith Varner at Mulga Town Hall.

Members present: Lelan Taylor, Chandra Gage and Ruth Hamm.

Members Late: Jeremy Davis

Members absent: Lisa Armstrong

Visitors Present: Mildred Posey and Brenda Jordan

District 1: Absent

District 2: There is a lot of dirt and cut down trees on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. between the first two houses.

Mayor: Thinking someone will come clean it up.

District 3: Absent

District 4: Saturday is the Back to School Bash at the Park.

Every Saturday in October they will have a haunted hay ride.

Oct. 14: Fall Festival and Car Show at the park.

August 30<sup>th</sup> will be the 2-year anniversary of the building of the storm shelter.

Mayor: It's looking good up there. Inspections are being done and we hope to have a walk through soon.

The new windows have been installed at the town hall and they look really good.

Rosia Underwood came into the office this week and made a \$500.00 donation to our new town hall.

District 5: Nothing

Council meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Mayor Varner.

Invocation by Lelan Taylor, followed by The Pledge of Allegiance.

Chandra Gage makes a motion to approve the minutes from the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting as written. Second by Lelan Taylor. Roll call vote:

District 1: Absent

District 2: Yes  
District 3: Absent  
District 4: Yes  
District 5: Yes  
Mayor: Yes

District 1: Absent  
District 2: Nothing  
District 3: Absent  
District 4: Nothing  
District 5: Nothing

Mayor: Cade Crenshaw, the accounting firm that we have been using for our yearly audits will no longer be doing municipal audits. That means we will need to hire a different accounting firm.

We have been talking to Dent Moses, LLP. They will require a two-year contract and the cost will be anywhere between 35,000 to 40,000 per year.

The flag pole at the park is damaged and needs replacing. The cost for a 30 ft. 10-gauge aluminum pole will be \$389.00.

Lelan Taylor makes a motion approve \$389.00 to purchase a new flag pole for the park. Second by Chandra Gage. Roll call

vote:

District 1: Absent  
District 2: Yes  
District 3: Absent  
District 4: Yes  
District 5: Yes  
Mayor: Yes

Jeremy Davis has joined the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Mayor: Water Operator classes will start on August 29<sup>th</sup>. Rod Hawkins and his staff will be teaching the class. It will be held at Town Hall. There are other people from other municipalities coming to the class. Since the classes will be held here our people will get to attend free. The other people will have to pay. Any of the employees that are not certified will be able to attend. The classes will be held on Tuesday's during the day. It will run for 5 or 6 weeks. At the end of the class, you will get a certificate and be eligible to take the water operator's test.

Lelan Taylor makes a motion to authorize an agreement with Rod Hawkins to teach classes on town property in exchange for the Town's employees to attend for free. The council finds that this serves an important public service in providing educational opportunities related to the work of the Town's employees. Second by Chandra Gage. Roll call vote:

District 1: Yes

District 2: Yes

District 3: Absent

District 4: Yes

District 5: Yes

Chandra Gage make a motion that the town will pay for any employee that completes the Water Operator Classes to take the test afterwards. Second by Lelan Taylor. Roll call vote:

District 1: Yes

District 2: Yes

District 3: Absent

District 4: Yes

District 5: Yes

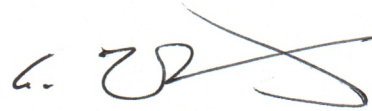
Mayor: We need to start looking at purchasing a digital sign and where to put it. It would benefit the entire community because we can advertise events and important information for the community.

District 1: We need to be thinking about fixing up the old pizza building next to town hall. Once it's fixed up we might could rent it out and that would be income for the town.

Mayor: We need to be thinking about a budget for repairs.

Lelan Taylor makes a motion to adjourn. Second by Ruth Hamm. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Keith Varner', with a stylized flourish at the end.

W. Keith Varner,

Mayor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melissa Freeman', written in a cursive style.

Melissa Freeman,

Town Clerk