

Special Meeting Joint with County Commissioners
June 21, 2021, 7pm

Mayor Hegwood called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. in the Library Community Room. Present were councilmembers Lance DeLissa, Brian Kroth, Mitch Brenner, George Lucas, and Roberto Holguin. Also, present were City Administrator Dean Cordes, Clerk Janet Gleason, County Commissioners Randy Leis, Claire Bender and Janna Frydendall and Clerk Janet Hale. Visitors were Bobbie Allison, Stacie Cottrell, Beckett Allison, Leon Reimer, Anthony Schmidt, Jeffrey Mather and Randi Vanderpool and Sherriff Ritter.

Cordes opened the meeting. He noted the Police Department is not using dispatch as much and asked the commissioners if they would consider reducing the cost to the city, Leis presented information to the council indicating that an average of just over 30% of dispatch calls are from the city police. The cost to the county is estimated at \$68,572.69. The city has been paying \$30,000.00/year for dispatch. Council noted to the Commissioners that Plains and Fowler do not pay dispatch fees. Commissioner Leis stated that is because they do not have police departments. Council felt it was not fair that Meade residents are paying for City and County officer services. Ritter stated it was the city's choice to have a police department and those services come at a cost.

Council and Commissioners both agreed that the neighborhood revitalization program is valuable to the community but may need some changes before renewing the program in September.

Council and Commissioners discussed delinquent property taxes. Cordes asked if delinquent tax sales could be done on a 3-year basis. Leis will contact Shelly Axtell regarding if there is a way to expediate the title work so that a tax sale can take place.

Hegwood thanked everyone for coming. Leis stated he feels is important to communicate and for cities and the county to work together so our communities can thrive.

Motion by Lucas, second by Brenner to adjourn. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

J.D. Hegwood, Mayor

Janet Gleason, Clerk