

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF PORTER HELD
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sharon Payne at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll call, declaration of a quorum being present.

Members present were: Tonya Springsted, Jim Bias, Sam Hendrix, Wayne Collins, and Sharon Payne. A quorum was present.

Other present were: Kendra Moore, Graham Moore, Jackie Todd, Joey Hatfield, and Shirley Herring.

3. Prayer.

Jim Bias said a prayer.

4. Pledge of Allegiance.

Wayne Collins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Discussion and possible action concerning:

(a) Approval of Resolution #2020-5, authorizing application for Rural Economic Action Plan (REAP) Grant from Indians Nations Council of Governments (INCOG).

The Board members looked over the resolution. This resolution states that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the Town of Porter to expedite the preparation and submission of an application for financial assistance from the Rural Economic Action Plan Fund in the form of a grant. Motion was made by Sharon Payne to approve Resolution #2020-5, authorizing application for a REAP grant from INCOG. The motion was seconded by Jim Bias. Voted yes: Tonya Springsted, Jim Bias, Sam Hendrix, Wayne Collins, and Sharon Payne. Voted no: None. Motion carried.

(b) Approval of Resolution #2020-6, authorizing application for financial assistance from the Rural Economic Action Plan (REAP) from Eastern Oklahoma Development District (EODD).

The Board members looked over the resolution. This resolution states that the Town of Porters desires to seek funding from the Rural Economic Action Plan Fund. Motion was made by Sharon Payne to approve Resolution #2020-6, authorizing application for financial assistance from the REAP fund from EODD. The motion was seconded by Jim Bias. Voted yes: Tonya Springsted, Jim Bias, Sam Hendrix, Wayne Collins, and Sharon Payne. Voted no: None. Motion carried.

(c) Project for REAP grant from EODD.

The Board members discussed what project to apply for through the EODD REAP grant. Town Clerk Shirley Herring said she spoke with Ernie Moore, Executive Director of EODD, and Mr. Moore said the Town could apply for up to \$40,000.00. Jackie Todd said at the regular meeting, the Board members voted to apply for a \$40,000.00 grant through INCOG to renovate the red barn and make it into a community center. He said \$40,000.00 will not cover all the costs of renovating the building. He said the Board could add this grant to the grant from INCOG. Jackie said these two grants may be enough for the renovations to be completed. Motion was made by Sharon Payne to apply for up to \$40,000.00 for renovating the red barn and making it into a community center. The motion was seconded by Jim Bias. Voted yes: Jim Bias, Sam Hendrix, Wayne Collins, and Sharon Payne. Voted no: Tonya Springsted. Motion carried.


(d) Economic Development Plan.

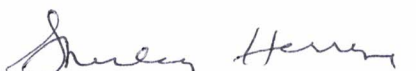
Joey Hatfield appeared before the Board. Joey said he and the engineer have been going over what needs to be done in the Town and Porter Public Works Authority for updating the sewer plant and infrastructure and for making improvements on the buildings, streets, water storage tank, water towers, cemetery, and park. He gave the Board members a list of these items and what need to be done for each item. Joey said the Board might consider getting a loan or bond to pay for the cost of these updates and improvements. He said the Board could do two loans, one for sewer and water and one for community improvements. He suggested for the Board to have a meeting with a financial advisor and engineer to come up with a plan for the financing, and to work out the details on what types of updating and improvements the Board members want to make. Mayor Payne said she would also like for the Town Attorney to attend this meeting. She said she would contact these individuals and schedule a meeting. No action was taken on this item.

6. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Sharon Payne to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Wayne Collins. Voted yes: Tonya Springsted, Jim Bias, Sam Hendrix, Wayne Collins, and Sharon Payne. Voted no: None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.


SHARON PAYNE, MAYOR


SHIRLEY HERRING, TOWN CLERK