

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF PORTER HELD
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2020

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sharon Payne at 6:00 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.

Others present were: Andrew Theodore, Erik Von Holt, Bob Pennington, Jody Pennington, Kendra Moore, Peggy Sprinkles, Samantha Sprinkles, Frances Neufeld, Whitney Littlefield, Matt Coe, Allan Brooks, Nathan Ellis, Jackie Todd, and Shirley Herring

3. Prayer

Jim Bias said a prayer.

4. Pledge of Allegiance.

Tonya Springsted led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Payne recessed the Town meeting at 6:03 p.m. to reconvene after the completion of the Porter Public Works Authority meeting.

Mayor Payne called the meeting back to order at 6:54 p.m. All Board members were still present.

5. Discussion and possible action concerning:

- a. Adoption of Ordinance 2020-3 amending Ordinance 2020-2, by approving Porter Public Works Authority Resolution # 2020-6 changing the effective date of revised water and sewer rates and declaring an emergency.

Mayor Payne said this ordinance changes the effective date of the revised water and sewer rates from the billing cycle beginning on or about November 15, 2020, to the billing cycle beginning on or about February 15, 2021. Motion was made by Sharon Payne to adopt Ordinance 2020-3, amending Ordinance 2020-2 by approving Porter Public Works Authority Resolution #2020-6, changing the effective date of the revised water and sewer rates. 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.

Motion was made by Sharon Payne that an emergency be declared and that this Ordinance becomes effective immediately. 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 for a marijuana grower and dispensary license for Erik Von Holt and Andrew Theodore for property located at 739 South 4th Street, Porter, Oklahoma.

Eric Von Holt and Andrew Theodore appeared before the Board. Mr. Theodore said they are going to renovate the old lumber yard building and clean up the property. He said they are going to make it into nice professional commercial property, where they will grow, process, and dispense high quality medical grade marijuana. Mr. Theodore said this will benefit the Town through tax revenue and employment. He said they expect to eventually employ 15 to 25 people. Motion was made by Sharon Payne to approve a marijuana grower and dispensary license for Erik Von Holt and Andrew Theodore for property located at 739 South 4th Street, Porter, Oklahoma. 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. Repealing Ordinance 91-1, establishing compensation for the Board of Trustees in the form of allowing up to \$50.00 off the Trustees residential water bill and considering alternative compensation for the Board members.

Motion was made by Sharon Payne to repeal Ordinance 91-1, establishing compensation for the Board of Trustees in the form of allowing up to \$50.00 off the Trustees residential water bill, with the repeal to be effective immediately. 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.

- d. Termination of the current policy pertaining to employees' water benefit and adoption of alternative benefit or compensation.

Motion was made by Sharon Payne to terminate the current policy allowing the employees to not pay a water bill and to give the current and future full and part time employees a \$50.00 cash benefit one time a month with the first paycheck of the month. 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.

6. Consider and take action with respect to a resolution of the Town of Porter, Oklahoma (the "Town") approving action to be taken by the Porter Public Works Authority (the "Authority authorizing issuance, sale and delivery of its clear water SRF promissory note to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board; and containing other provisions related thereto.

Motion was made by Sharon Payne to approve item #6. 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. This will be Resolution #2020-9.

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7. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Sharon Payne to adjourn. 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.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.


SHARON PAYNE, MAYOR


SHIRLEY HERRING, TOWN CLERK