

**CITY OF SEVEN POINTS
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SEVEN POINTS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 12, 2022, AT 7:00 PM
CHAMBER ROOM OF SEVEN POINTS CITY HAL**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm. Mayor Skippy Waters, Mayor Pro Tem Andy Perdue, Council Members Charles Longacre, Michael Lowe and LaJohnna Wells were present to establish a quorum. The invocation and the pledge were given earlier during the Budget Workshop

2. Public Comments.

No one signed up to speak.

3. Consent Items.

A. Approve Minutes from the April 14, 2022 Regular Meeting.

Upon motion by Charles Longacre and a second by Michael Lowe; the vote was four for and none opposed to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried.

B. Approve April financials; Subject to Audit.

Upon motion by Charles Longacre and a second by Andy Perdue; the vote was four for and none opposed to approve April financials; subject to audit. Motion carried.

4. Discuss and vote on having a special meeting to canvass the votes from the May 7, 2022 election.

Upon motion by Andy Perdue and a second by Charles Longacre; the vote was four for and none opposed to hold a canvass meeting at 5:30pm on May 16, 2022. Motion carried.

5. Discuss and vote on the purchase of a patrol vehicle for the Police Department.

Charles Longacre asked if it would be brand new and Skippy stated it was \$16,500. Charles asked what year it was and Chief said it was a 2017. Chief then stated that he talked to the guy this morning and they sold it last night but he said he had more coming in. Chief stated he would send him an email with the specs on three more that he has coming in. They have about the same mileage, if not more, Chief stated he looked to see if he could find something about the same year model with the same attachments, lights and stuff, and he was trying to get approval so that he could go ahead and purchase one if found instead of waiting till June. Mayor Waters asked what kind of money he was talking about and Chief said \$16,500. Charles asked if he could get another one for that same price and Chief said between \$16,500 and \$20,000. If he could get Council to approve for \$20,000 and he could get it for less then he would get it for less. Charles asked if he could get one for 20 grand and Skippy stated they just spent \$30,000 on radios. Chief stated they had a charger that was not on the street. Skippy asked what happened to it and Chief said the carrier bearing went out. He was asked if it was part of the motor and Chief said it was part of the drive shaft and you would have to replace everything. Mayor asked how much to replace it and Chief said from Chrysler, \$1200 for just the part. O'Reilly's quoted \$800 and Auto Zone was \$700. Charles asked how many miles were on the car and Chief said over 100,000 and we just replaced the front end. Charles asked what year model it was and Chief said 18. Charles said, so, we're wanting to buy another one with over 100,000 that's 2 years newer for \$16,500 and Chief said, right. Charles said we could take 8 grand and put into this car that we already have and nearly rebuild this thing, right, and Chief said, for a year and then you're going to rebuild the front end again and then rebuild front end again. Cameron Beckham stated to Charles that the car was a charger and it's not built for the roads that we have here. Any car that's built for the roads here is going to have to be an SUV. Charles asked why we were going after SUV's, if it's the road conditions then why aren't we going after a truck. Chief stated because the SUV's were more practical right now. Charles said, do you realize how expensive the front end is to repair on these explorers, they're extremely expensive. It's going to cost you more than what it would cost you to rebuild this charger out here. Chief stated that he would argue on that because it would actually cost less than the charger because we had to replace the front end of the charger 4 times in one year. Charles asked how much it cost to replace the front end one time. Skippy said Raymond's time... Charles asked 300, 500 bucks and Raymond said he had no idea what the parts would cost. Charles asked how they were supposed to make a decision if they didn't know how much stuff is costing. He then asked Skinner how much a one time rebuild cost would be and Skinner stated to rebuild the whole thing, upper and lower control arms, everything, you're talking about, if Lil Raymond does it, 12 to 1500 dollars. Charles stated he agreed they needed new vehicles, what I'm trying to get at is we have a

vehicle out there, I know it's a charger, it's got 100,000 miles on it and we're trying to buy another one that still has 100,000 miles on it. LaJohnna said why don't we fix it and sell it and use the profit towards another one. Skippy stated that was a good idea. Charles asked how much they thought they could get for it and Skinner stated 4500 to 5000 if you fixed it. Raymond said if you fix the carrier bearing and a whole new drive shaft he could get about 5000. LaJohnna said you could put that towards the 16 and you would only have to come up with 11, correct. Chief said we have 2 other crown vics we could sell in auction. Charles asked how much he thought we could get out of those and Skippy asked why we weren't using them, we were just rotating crap for better, it sounds logical and Skinner stated we could get 800 to 2500 at auction. Mary Wennerstrom stated you could probably bank on the 800 because that's what they are selling them for in Kaufman. Charles said you have 2 of them so there's another 1600 bucks that we don't have to come up with. Chief stated we couldn't get rid of the charger until we have something to replace it with. Charles stated what he was saying was that we could initially spend the 16,500 then we have to start getting our money back. So, initially, if we vote to spend the 16,500, I'm trying to figure out what we're going to get back to see what it's really going to cost. Skinner stated, 6000 – 6500. Charles asked what other vehicles Chief had back there. Skippy stated the new SUV, the Tahoe, which Chief stated right now he was driving it back and forth because the white charger was on days and the new SUV was on nights so both the vehicles he has are being ran 24/7. Charles stated that was not good. LaJohnna stated the last time we were debating over the money they were told we had the money and she was kind of confused as to how we had it and Skippy said it was due to the fact that the money came from the insurance after the one vehicle got wrecked and we got 16,000 from the insurance company so that was just a wash, we took the money from the insurance and paid for the new one. Charles stated that going off of what we just discussed and with what you have back there, how much did you say it was going to cost to fix the charger and Skinner stated you're looking at 1200 for the driveshaft plus labor and Skippy stated that labor was something Raymond does. Charles asked if that was something Raymond could do or do we have to take it to a body shop and Chief stated we would take it to Caleb because he has a lift. Charles stated that Caleb wasn't cheap either and his hourly rate is what and Skinner stated it would be about \$400 in labor. Someone asked if they could just lease a car and Skippy stated that that was what we already got stuck in with the chargers in the first place. Charles said we have to do something about vehicles and he would be ok with \$17,000 if we have the funds but I'm not good with \$20,000. Chief stated he was good with 17 but if he had 20 he was not going to tell them he had 20 he would tell them he had 16,500. He stated he was looking at the ones already equipped so basically all they had to do was put in their radio, radar and camera. Chief stated he had pictures to show at this meeting on the one he was asking for, it had all working lights, plastic seats with the quick disconnect seat belts, lock box in the back, it was ready to roll. We could have gone down to Porky's for the decals for it, which he doesn't charge us for and basically the best deal that he found but that's not to say he can't find a deal maybe even better. Charles asked about the lights and stuff on the charger now and Chief stated they would pull them off and save them for backup. He stated he has a light bar in the attic right now from when they stripped the black charger because the SUV they bought already had one. Upon motion by LaJohnna Wells and a second by Charles Longacre; the vote was four for and none opposed to approve \$17,000 and sell the other vehicles to re-coop some of the cost. Motion carried.

6. Discuss and take any necessary action on the request of Judge Mathis to move the Courts bank account from Simmons Bank to either 1st National or Prosperity.

Mayor Waters stated that this bank has changed names 3 times. Judge Mathis stated she would like to move to Prosperity, everything else is at Prosperity and every time this bank changes names they want her to buy new stamps, new deposit slips....Charles stated he banks there and he didn't have to buy new deposit slips. LaJohnna stated she had one question, she doesn't know if it's all cities or just some but she knows it's best practices that after so many years you have to change banks. Do we do that here, do we not do that here. Shirley stated that the accounts were in different banks but we have never changed banks just because. Michael Lowe said, so they want you to replace everything and Judge Mathis said the last time they wanted the stamp for the checks to be changed because the account number changed and the routing number changed and before they were able to order the double deposit slips and this bank won't do that and she doesn't mind hand writing them but before they were able to tear out the copy to keep, the yellow copy, and now they come and change everything again and she just thought if we could go to somebody who's a little more stable. Michael asked what it would cost to get us set up with Prosperity. Chief said when they changed the Police Departments Seizure Account it was because they started charging them a service fee every month regardless of how much money was in the account it was \$5.00 every month. When asked if Prosperity did that Chief stated, no, that's why he changed. Charles stated that that was funny because he has a business account at Simmons and they don't charge him a service fee and his wife, in the audience, said that they do too. Upon motion by Andy Perdue and a second by LaJohnna Wells; the vote was four for and none opposed to change the Court account from Simmons Bank to Prosperity Bank. Motion carried.

7. Discuss and take any necessary action on the quotes for an annual audit.

Shirley stated that out of the four requests for quotes she received only two back. Charles asked who has been doing the audit and Shirley stated it was P2P, they did the last two. LaJohnna stated that you need to get away from audits using the same people because that's what will get you in trouble. Charles asked who was it we got the quote from for round about 10,000 and Shirley stated, Misty Culpepper. Charles asked who she was and Shirley stated she was a CPA in Ennis. Upon motion by Charles Longacre and a second by LaJohnna Wells; the vote was four for and none opposed to approve Misty Culpepper for the audit. Motion carried.

8. Adjourn.

Wanda Nichols asked if any of the citizens were going to be able to speak and Skippy stated that no one signed up to speak. She then asked if there was going to be any pay raises for the Police Department or the Judge. Skippy stated that we were working on the budget so we would work on it. Upon motion by Charles Longacre and a second by LaJohnna Wells; the vote was four for and none opposed to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:27pm. Motion carried.

These minutes passed and approved this 9th day of June 2022.

APPROVED

ATTEST:

Skippy Waters, Mayor

Shirley Kirksey, City Secretary