The August 10, 2015 regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Dennis Bronson.

Council members Cherl Blanton, Ryan Clark, Patrick Dick, Dennis Dye, and Andy Holmes were present for roll call. City Staff present was City Superintendent Shawn Burgey, Police Chief Doug Brown and City Clerk Jami Downing. There were 9 guests present.

Mayor Bronson led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA AND MINUTES**

Council member Dye made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the July 27, 2015 regular council meeting; and Appropriation Order 14-15; Council Member Blanton seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.

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| W&L Utility | $96,619.82 |
| General | $31,902.55 |
| Ritz Theatre | $2,654.87 |
| Sewage Disposal | $0.00 |
| Airport | $46.22 |
| Solid Waste Refuse |  $9,901.75 |
| Community Education | $0.00 |
| Library | $5,462.82 |
| Capital Fund | $118,204.44 |
| Capital Improvement | $513.99 |
| **TOTAL AMOUNT PAID** | **$265,306.46** |

**COMMUNICATIONS**

There was no communications.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jack Cooper was present to ask about the recycling program and inquired on how many people use it. Terry Welch from Stafford County Trash was present and answered that about one-third of the town currently uses the pick-up service. He did state that the recycling dumpsters he placed around town are being heavily used, which may be why there are fewer on the route. Mr. Cooper also inquired about why the City is purchasing property like at the recent tax sale. His concern is that when the City purchases a property it is removed from the tax role. He also believes that it if it is paid for by the City, it is using tax money from citizens. He did not see any reason to buy the properties beforehand and not allow citizens the opportunity to purchase. Council member Holmes answered that the main goal was to assure the properties get cleared off and all debris and trash removed. The City will then post these houses for sealed bids.

 **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Terry Welch was present for Stafford County Trash. Mayor Bronson informed Mr. Welch that there have been complaints about trash not being picked up in town. Council member Clark stated that the complaints he has and has been informed about are loose trash being left in the bottom of trash cans, poly carts not having their lids placed back on and leaking equipment. Mr. Welch stated that there is some transmission fluid leaking. Council member Clark asked if his equipment would pass a DOT inspection, Mr. Welch informed him that he does know there are mechanical issues and he is doing what he can. It was the consensus of the Council to re-visit these issues in 60 days to see if there is improvement.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Police Chief Brown approached the Council and requested making a change to Article 6 (14-602) regarding golf cart use. He would like to remove the portion that requires a driver’s license and change it to a minimum age of 16. After some discussion with City Attorney Knappenberger and the Council, it was the consensus of the Council to move forward with these changes. City Attorney Knappenberger will prepare the appropriate documents and bring them back for a vote at a future Council meeting.
2. The property up for discussion on Seminary Street was tabled.
3. Police Chief Brown informed the Council that the front door is not properly aligned. He believes this is causing the issue with the lock and that once that is fixed the door lock may not be much of an issue. It was the consensus of the Council to get two estimates on fixing the door and let City Superintendent Burgey decide which to use.
4. The Council was presented with two invoices from Utility HelpNet for work on Phase 2 of the Utility Bond and invoices from Great Plains Development for Phase 2. Council member Blanton made the motion to approve payment to Utility HelpNet in the amount of $41,503.21; Council member Holmes seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0. Council member Blanton made the motion to approve payment to Great Plains Development in the amount of $9,018.64; Council member Dick seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.

**City Superintendent Shawn Burgey**

Shawn mentioned the swimming pool and that they have been closed recently. Jami informed the Council that there had been several days it was closed for weather or scheduling conflicts with management. It was the Consensus of the Council to just close the pool early to save on the chemicals and maintenance.

**Chief of Police Doug Brown**

Doug informed the Council that the free swim was a big success.

**City Attorney Don Knappenberger**

City Attorney Knappenberger had nothing else to discuss.

**City Clerk Jami Downing**

Jami informed the Council of two requests she had for them. She received a request for the Council to donate to a Fensky baseball tournament. Office Clerk Eisenhour would also like for the City Office to host another picture contest for Oktoberfest. The prizes suggested to the winners would be in Ritz Gift Certificates if approved. It was the consensus of the Council to not donate to the Fensky tournament. We will visit the Oktoberfest photo contest amounts at the next meeting.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council member Dick discussed the Ritz Theatre and stated that he will have a committee meeting soon to discuss the weekly showings. There were no other Council comments.

**ADJOURN**

With no further business before the Council - Council Member Dick made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 P.M.; Council Member Dye seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 - 0.

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 Dennis Bronson, Mayor

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Jami Downing, City Clerk