The May 26, 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 Interim City Clerk Jami Downing. There were 11 guests present.

Roger Volker led the council and audience in the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Jerry Sanders was added to New Business.

**CONSENT AGENDA AND MINUTES**

Council member Clark made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the May 11, 2015 regular council meeting; and Appropriation Order 09-15; Council Member Blanton seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Interim City Clerk Downing stated that she found an error of $122.50 that was not added to appropriation 08-15. Council member Blanton made a motion to amend appropriation 08-15 with the additional amount of $122.50; Council member Dick seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.

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| W&L Utility | $44,800.49 |
| General | $22,327.74 |
| Ritz Theatre | $2,512.82 |
| Sewage Disposal | $2,902.00 |
| Airport | $0.00 |
| Solid Waste Refuse | $0.00 |
| Community Education | $0.00 |
| Library | $0.00 |
| Capital Fund | $3,000.00 |
| **TOTAL AMOUNT PAID** | **$75,543.05** |

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The City received a dividend disbursement from EMC Insurance company group program in the amount of $10,630.38.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Lee Titus addressed the Council with concerns he has about large animals within the City limits. Currently, there doesn’t seem to be anything that can be enforced regarding offensive smell from droppings, flies, etc that come with large animals. He asked that the Council consider an ordinance or any other solution to address this issue. After discussion with the Council, it was decided to add a Large Animal Ordinance to the next agenda for further discussion.

LuAnn Brister was in attendance to represent the Stafford Oktoberfest Committee and the Recreation Commission for the upcoming Pedal the Plains bicycling event. She showed the route in which the event will take place and asked for assistance from the Police Department if needed when they bicycles are in town. Chief Brown stated that the Police Department would be happy to help. Pedal the Plains will take place on July 11th at 8:00 am.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Mayor appointments. Carolyn Williams was added to the library board. Council member Dick made a motion to accept the Mayor appointments with changes; Council member Dye seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.
2. Personal Use of Generators. Discussion for this was moved to be added to Greg Wrights presentation.
3. Executive Session for non-elected personnel was moved to the end of the meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Greg Wright with EMG was present to introduce himself to the new Council and present general information about how he assists the City with the purchasing of power. He also showed various slides with information on pricing, ECA calculation and how it is figured, and options for having a rate study/cost of service completed.

Greg Wright stated that the City should have an interconnect agreement which would cause anyone using a personal generator to apply for use. Greg and City Attorney Knappenberger stated that the City has visited this before and should have an agreement. If there is not one on file, it will be brought to a meeting and discussed for approval.

1. Per the utility bond agreement, the City is to raise both electric and water rates by 3.25%. Council member Clark made a motion to approve Ordinance #1031 raising the electric rates and ECA by 3.25%; Council member Blanton seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0. Council member Dye made a motion to approve Ordinance #1032 raising the water rates by 3.25%; Council member Holmes seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.
2. Stafford County Trash Service informed the Council that they would be changing their recycling pickup to every other Thursday. If a holiday falls on a Thursday, they will pick up on Wednesday. He also stated they were building dumpsters for recycling to be placed around town for use. He informed the City that the trash cans on Main street seem to be filled with personal trash most of the time. City Superintendent Burgey stated there was a complaint at the last meeting about trash blowing out of the truck. Terry Welch stated that sometimes that happens if loose trash is in the back, he will discuss this with his employees. Council member Clark stated that there had also been complaints about oil leaking from the trash trucks. Terry stated that they are working on that.
3. The council decided to add a budget workshop after the June 8th meeting adjourns.
4. Severance pay for former City Clerk Dickson was discussed. Council member Dye made a motion to approve two weeks of severance pay; Council member Blanton seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.
5. Jerry Sanders asked the Council to add Jonathon Daniels to the Fire Department. Council member Dick made the motion to add Jonathon Daniels to the Stafford Fire Department roster; Council member Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.
6. Council member Holmes made a motion to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel for employee re-evaluation, with Council, Mayor, City Attorney, Police Chief Brown and Interim City Clerk Downing until 8:25; Council member Dick seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0. Council returned to regular session at 8:25. Council member Dick made a motion to return into the executive session for an additional 5 minutes until 8:30; council member Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0. Council returned to regular session at 8:30. Council member Dye made a motion to re-instate Officer Toni Elliot to Sargeant and lift the probation period for both Officer Toni Elliott and Officer Bill Elliott; Council member Blanton seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.

**City Superintendent Shawn Burgey**

Shawn stated that Well 2 is back in and they are waiting on a part for the well house. Generators 4 and 5 are getting catalysts worked on. Generator 6 has had its circuit board repaired. The small water tower will be serviced on June 2nd.

**Chief of Police Doug Brown**

Doug had nothing else to discuss.

**City Attorney Don Knappenberger**

City Attorney Knappenberger briefly discussed Greg Wright’s presentation and his value to the City in the services and negations he assists with.

**Interim City Clerk Jami Downing**

Jami had nothing else to discuss

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council member Dennis Dye asked that the City wait a week or two to mail out any mowing letters with all the rain we have had, the Council agreed. Council member Cherl Blanton had no comments. Council member Patrick Dick talked about a session he attended at LKM about land banks and passed out information for the Council to consider. Council member Andy Holmes had no comments.

Mayor Bronson was happy to report that all of the Council members joined him at LKM for the Governing Body and Mayors Conference in Topeka and were presented with a lot of valuable information.

**ADJOURN**

With no further business before the Council - Council Member Dick made a motion to adjourn at 8:39 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, Interim City Clerk