

**CITY OF TATUM
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
March 8, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Tatum met in regular session on **March 8, 2021**, at **5:33 p.m.** in the City Hall Meeting Room with the following members present:

Mayor - Clay Lassen

City Secretary – Kay Dyer

City Alderman

Jeff Keller

Kim R. Smith

Tate R. Smith

Jack York

Dana Buddecke – Mayor Pro-Tem - Absent

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

None

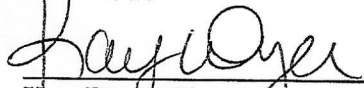
REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Jeff Keller made a motion to approve the last month's minutes and checks written. Mr. Kim Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed with none opposed.
2. Mr. Kim Smith made a motion to approve a rate increase for the Sherman R. Smith Community Center. The rental price will increase to \$500.00 and the deposit will remain \$300.00. The increase in the rate will cover the cost of having the building disinfected due to COVID pandemic. The renter is still required to clean the building after their event. Mr. Tate Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed with none opposed.
3. Mr. Kim Smith made a motion to approve Raymond K. Vann, LLC as the 2021-2022 TxCDBG Community Fund Project Grant Administrator. Mr. Jeff Keller seconded the motion and the motion passed, all in favor.
4. No action was taken on the Centerpoint Energy price increase.
5. Mr. Jeff Keller made a motion on the high water bills due to the freezing weather that our customers experience. The customers would need to bring in receipts showing they had leaks/broken pipes due to the weather condition, at that time we would do a three month average on the customers last three bills and adjust their accounts accordingly. The city has customers that have been stealing water, it was decided that the customers will be billed for the usage, they may be put on a 12 month payment plan. They will be required to pay the payment plan amount in addition to their regular monthly water bill. Mr. Kim Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed with none opposed.
6. Mr. Jack York made a motion to purchase the in car video system for the Dodge Charger. It was agreed that the city will pay for one half of the system and Tatum ISD will pay the remaining half. Mr. Jeff Keller seconded the motion and the motion passed with none opposed.
7. Discussions on the 2014 Patrol Truck, it continues to have problems with the catalytic converter & transmission. The truck has over 160,000 miles on it. It was agreed that the Tatum PD would take the truck to Fairway Ford in Henderson to have them give the city an estimate on the repairs. The item was tabled until the April 12, 2021 council meeting.
8. Mr. Jack York made a motion to add a line item on the budget for police investigation fund. Mr. Tate Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed with none opposed.
9. Brown's Communication was tabled until April 12, 2021 meeting. City attorney, Joe Shumate


said do not pay Brown's communication for the repair invoices until we determine what is actually wrong with them. Chief Rains stated that the radios are being analyzed to find out exactly what the problem is with the radios and why they will not work.

10. Council went into executive session at 6:29 p.m. and returned at 7:16 p.m. no action was taken.
12. Mr. Kim Smith made a motion to adjourn @ 7:18 p.m. Mr. Jeff Keller seconded the motion and the motion passed, all in favor.

ATTEST:


Kay Dyer, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Clay Lassen, Mayor

