

He also said that local citizens could enter their personal items such as jewelry or guns, into the system, and if they had been stolen, all they had to do would be to come to the Police Dept. and pull up their account to show the items.

Mayor Smith said that while he felt this was a great idea, he did not want it to have a negative impact on these types of businesses. Following discussion, on a motion by Gene Holt, seconded by Charles Cooper, the Board voted to invite the affected businesses to a public hearing to be held at 5:30 PM on Monday, January 14, to gather input before taking further action.

On a motion by Gene Holt, seconded by Charles Cooper, the Financial Statement was approved showing \$221,019.17 in the General Fund, \$637,500.71 in the Water Fund, and \$2,436,008.77 in the Gas Fund.

On a motion by Gene Holt, seconded by Charles Cooper, the Board voted to pay monthly bills in the amount of \$367,566.09.

Gas Supt. Roger Stephens related there was a gasline company interested in acquiring natural gas from the City for three parcels of property in the Allardt area. The City's main line would have to be extended, and the company requesting the service would be responsible for having the line installed, per the City's Gas Dept. specifications, and bearing the costs. The line would then be turned over to the Jamestown Gas Department.

On a motion by Gene Holt, seconded by Ed Brady, the Board approved the request.

Sharon Cravens, President of Best Friends Sanctuary, then read a letter informing the Board "that the group has recently reorganized and elected new officers and board members."

"This is to also advise any involved parties that the organization's intentions for the building that is under construction has not changed, as it is to be run as an animal shelter/rescue/holding facilities for the stray and abandoned dogs and puppies and there will be no other business and/or functions operated out of this facility."

She further added, "We want to continue a good working relationship with everyone we have been involved with in the past and do appreciate your support and understanding as we go through this reorganization. There have been some issues in the past few months, and we're trying to get back on our feet and ask that the community continues to support us as we work to complete the building."

Mayor Smith said he felt there should be clarity in the contract between Best Friends and the City as to the intended use of the facility since the City had agreed to provide utilities for the building. Recorder Dishmon said in Section 9 of the Contract it stipulated that the facility would be used as a shelter for dogs and cats.

Tom Bennett of Bennett & Associates gave an update on the work being done at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

With no further business, on a motion by Charles Cooper, seconded by Gene Holt, the meeting was adjourned.

Phil Dishmon
Recorder

Ryan S. Smith
Mayor

Ed Brady
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Charles Cooper
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Danny Hayes
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Gene Holt
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