August 20, 2020

The Fountain Green City Council scheduled a special meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fountain Green City Hall, 260 W. 100 N.

Attendance: Julio Tapia, Shelith Jacobson, Rod Hansen, Stuart Smith, Larry Woodcox.

Presiding: Mayor Willard Wood

Agenda: Discussion on the by-laws, rules and regulations for the Lamb Day, Lamb Day Softball, Miss Lamb Day Pageant and Fountain Green Sheep Show.

Mayor Wood explains there is a lot of confusion as to what committees the City oversees and what subcommittees that Lamb Day is over. He and the Council would like the Chairs of the committees:

Lamb Day - Eddie Hanson

Miss Lamb Day Pageant - Amanda Tapia

Lamb Day Softball - Kathy Taylor

Sheep Show – Tina Eliason (Mayor understands that they are their own with their own rules and will not be included in the conversation.)

draft their bylaws, rules, regulations and/or standard operating procedures (if they do not already have them in writing) then meet with the Council for review and then work together to finalize.

Mayor Wood asked Stuart Smith to explain a rule on participation that the Council would like to have included in their bylaws/rules.

Stuart explains that the Council has discovered that within some of the Lamb Day activities there were some exclusions in the rules about participation. The City Council recommended that the following be included in their rules: Anyone who lives, works, worships or volunteers in an official capacity can participate in all of lamb Day associated activities.

Mayor Wood explained that he and the entire City Council would like everyone to feel they belong to this community, even though they might not live within the city limits. The Mayor and Council would be willing to listen to any alternate proposal from the committees that will include the entire community.

Drafting the by-laws and standard operating procedures will relieve some of the confusion that is associated with Lamb Day and how it functions.

Discussion from audience:

- 1. Why now?
- City shouldn't regulate Committee's bylaws and rules.
- 3. Participation rules were already made by the previous Council.

Discussion from Mayor and City Council:

1. New Mayor and Council wants to allow all individuals who are involved in the community to be able to participate. Lamb Day/Associated activities are all part of the community celebration.

- 2. The City is ultimately in charge. Lamb Day/Associated Committees use the City's property, City's Insurance, and Tax EIN number.
- 3. Written down bylaws and standard operating procedures gives newly elected officials, new committee chairs etc. a clear vision of how Lamb Day/Associated activities are ran and who oversees them.
- 4. Council Member Julio Tapia explains that he, being a different color and a different religion, has experienced exclusion living in Fountain Green. He ran for City Council so that he can help bring about inclusion for everyone. A community should be a place that supports and is welcoming to all. When things get bad, it's your community that can give you a helping hand.

Mayor Wood would like to set a date that committee chairs can meet with the Council for a draft review. November 19th was scheduled.

Council to split up and meet with the different groups? Rod volunteers to help Eddie.

Rod Hansen made the motion to move into an Executive Session to speak with Fire Chief Matt Hansen and then the entire Fire Department. Seconded by Shelith Jacobson, all in favor.

Mayor Wood excuses the public, asks the fire department to wait in the gym and asks Fire Chief Matt Hansen to stay.

Larry Woodcox made the motion to return the regular scheduled meeting and adjourn. Seconded by Stuart Smith, all in favor.

Meeting adjourns at 9:20 p.m.

Michelle Walker, City Recorder