

AGENDA

**MEETING OF THE MOUNTAIN HOME CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 18, 2021. . . 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Pledge of Allegiance**

Prayer
Roll Call
Announcements
Minutes from the December 17th , 2020 Council Meeting
Minutes from the January 21st , 2021 Council Meeting
Committee Reports

NEW BUSINESS

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 296, AS AMENDED WITH REFERENCE TO ZONING WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN HOME, ARKANSAS, RELATIVE TO CHANGING AREA ZONED AS RESIDENTIAL R-1 TO COMMERCIAL C-2A presented by – Attorney Ted Sanders

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) DODGE TRUCKS presented by – Water & Wastewater Director Alma Clark

MISC. AUCTION ITEMS presented by – Mayor Hillrey Adams

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS presented by – Mayor Hillrey Adams

OLD BUSINESS

COMMENTS

ADJOURN

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian A. Plumlee, City Clerk

City of Mountain Home

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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – DECEMBER 17th, 2020

1. The Mountain Home City Council met in regular session December 17th, 2020 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Mayor Hillrey Adams called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.
2. **ROLL CALL** The following council members were present for the roll call: Wayne Almond, Jim Bodenhamer, Jennifer Baker, Jim Whalen, Bob Van Haaren, Paige Evans, Don Webb and Eva Frame.
3. **OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE** Mayor Hillrey Adams, City Clerk Brian Plumlee, Fire Chief Kris Quick, Parks & Recreation Director Billy D. Austin, Police Chief Carry Manual, and Building Inspector Greg Ifland.
4. **MEDIA** Scott Liles of the Baxter Bulletin
5. **MINUTES** Councilwoman Jennifer Baker made a motion to approve the regular council meeting minutes from December 3rd, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whalen. The City Clerk recorded the following vote: all present – yes.
6. **NEW BUSINESS**

AN ORDINANCE VACATING STREET RIGHT OF WAY IN THE OAKS, LOTS6-27 SUBDIVISION WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN HOME, ARKANSAS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES City Clerk Brian Plumlee put the ordinance on first reading and read it to its entirety.

SECOND READING Councilman Van Haaren made a motion to suspend the rules and put the ordinance on second reading, Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion. The City Clerk recorded the following vote: all present – yes. The motion was declared adopted and the ordinance was read for a second time by title only.

THIRD READING Councilman Van Haaren made a motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance for the third time by title only. Councilman Whalen seconded the motion. The City Clerk recorded the following vote: all present – yes. The motion was declared adopted and the ordinance was read for a third time by title only.

ADOPTION... Councilman Van Haaren made the motion to adopt the ordinance, it was seconded by Councilman Whalen. The City Clerk recorded the following vote: all present – yes. The ordinance was declared adopted.

EMERGENCY CLAUSE Councilman Van Haaren made the motion to adopt the emergency clause, it was seconded by Councilman Almond. The City Clerk recorded the following vote: all present – yes.

METHVIN C.P.I. PRESENTATION Mark Methvin of Methvin Sanitation explained how the C.P.I. is calculated. Mayor Adams noted that there was not an increase in the previous. Mark Methvin informed the council that the increase this year based on C.P.I. is 3.8% which amounts to \$.062 per billing cycle. City Clerk Brian Plumlee noted the language in the contract does not require a vote.

A RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE CITY BUSINESS UNDER THE 2020 OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE BUDGET UNTIL THE 2021 BUDGET IS PASSED Councilwoman Baker made a motion to pass the resolution, it was seconded by Eva Frame. City Clerk Brian Plumlee recorded the following vote: all present – yes.

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN HOME TO PARTNER WITH THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS: HIGHWAY 5 HICKS CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT (MOUNTAIN HOME) Mayor Adams informed the council that a project for 9th Street was submitted to ARDOT. Adams said ARDOT Director Lorie Tudor informed him that the project was approved. Mayor Adams went on to present details saying the project would begin at the Sheriff's Office and end at the bypass. He also said the bridge at Hicks Creek will be widened and the road will be expanded to three lanes. The street will be dedicated to the city upon completion of the project. Councilwoman Baker made a motion to pass the resolution, the motion was seconded by Councilman Whalen. City Clerk Brian Plumlee recorded the following vote: all present – yes.

REQUEST TO ADD A REVENUE ACCOUNT NUMBER 850-4000-79006 FEDERAL AID CRF GRANT REVENUE AND AN EXPENSE ACCOUNT NUMBER 850-5850-99011 FEDERAL AID CRF GRANT EXP & TO MOVE \$57,000 (THE EXTRA IS TO COVER THE TOTAL AMOUNT) FROM LINE ITEM 101-5101-79000 PROJECTED CARRYOVER TO LINE ITEM 101-5107-28820 PARK DEVELOPMENT. Councilman Almond made a motion to approve the request, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans. City Clerk Brian Plumlee recorded the following vote: all present yes.

OLD BUSINESS

7. **COMMENTS**
8. **ADJOURN...6:21 P.M.** with no further business to come before the council. Mayor Adams declared the meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

HILLREY ADAMS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BRIAN A. PLUMLEE, CITY CLERK

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 21st , 2021

9. The Mountain Home City Council met in regular session January 21st , 2021 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Mayor Hillrey Adams called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.
10. **PRESENTATION** Mayor Adams presented former council members Eva Frame, Don Webb, and James Whalen with plaques for their years of service on city council.
11. **ROLL CALL** The following council members were present for the roll call: Jim Bodenhamer, Jennifer Baker, Susan Stockton, Bob Van Haaren, Paige Evans, Nick Reed, and Carry Manual. Wayne Almond was absent from the meeting.
12. **OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE** Mayor Hillrey Adams, City Attorney Roger Morgan, City Clerk Brian Plumlee, Fire Chief Kris Quick, Parks & Recreation Director Billy D. Austin, Assistant Police Chief Eddie Griffin, and Treasurer Marshella Norell.
13. **MEDIA** Scott Liles of the Baxter Bulletin
14. **MINUTES** Councilwoman Jennifer Baker made a motion to approve the regular council meeting minutes from January 7th, 2021, as amended . The motion was seconded by Councilman Van Haaren. The City Clerk recorded the following vote: all present – yes.
15. **NEW BUSINESS**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-2 PROVIDING FOR AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN HOME, ARKANSAS FOR THE TWELVE (12) MONTHS BEGINNING January 2, 2021 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021 APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR EACH AND EVERY ITEM OF EXPENDITURE. Councilwoman Baker made a motion to pass the resolution, it was seconded by Councilman Van Haaren. City Clerk Brian Plumlee recorded the following vote: all present – yes.

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A TR-60 70HP AIRE-O2 TRITO AERATOR/MIXER, City Attorney Roger Morgan put the ordinance on first reading and read it to its entirety.

SECOND READING Councilwoman Baker made a motion to suspend the rules and put the ordinance on second reading, Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion. The City Clerk recorded the following vote: all present – yes. The motion was declared adopted and the ordinance was read for a second time by title only.

THIRD READING Councilwoman Baker made a motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance for the third time by title only. Councilman Manual seconded the motion. The City Clerk recorded the following vote: all present – yes. The motion was declared adopted and the ordinance was read for a third time by title only.

ADOPTION... Councilwoman Baker made the motion to adopt the ordinance, it was seconded by Councilman Nick Reed. The City Clerk recorded the following vote: all present – yes. The ordinance was declared adopted.

EMERGENCY CLAUSE Councilwoman Baker made the motion to adopt the emergency clause, it was seconded by Councilman Manual. The City Clerk recorded the following vote: all present – yes.

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CONTRACTOR SERVICES FOR THE PLACEMENT OF DISCONNECT SWITCH AND MANUAL TRANSFER SWITCH ON THE WATER PLAN INTAKE GENERATOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEM AT WATER TREATMENT PLANT. Attorney Roger Morgan put the ordinance on first reading and read it to its entirety.

SECOND READING Councilwoman Baker made a motion to suspend the rules and put the ordinance on second reading, Councilman Nick Reed seconded the motion. The City Clerk recorded the following vote: all present – yes. The motion was declared adopted and the ordinance was read for a second time by title only.

THIRD READING Councilwoman Baker made a motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance for the third time by title only. Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion. The City Clerk recorded the following vote: all present – yes. The motion was declared adopted and the ordinance was read for a third time by title only.

ADOPTION... Councilwoman Baker made the motion to adopt the ordinance, it was seconded by Councilman Van Haaren. The City Clerk recorded the following vote: all present – yes. The ordinance was declared adopted.

EMERGENCY CLAUSE Councilwoman Baker made the motion to adopt the emergency clause, it was seconded by Councilman Reed. The City Clerk recorded the following vote: all present – yes.

DEPRECIATION AND CAPITAL MONEY REQUEST The following requests were presented to the council: Crystal Mountain PS Gen/Electric to purchased from the depreciation fund at in estimated cost of \$97,000.00, Sewer Camera Truck to be purchased from Capital R/R at an estimated amount of \$285,000.00,

scada equipment for lift stations to be purchased from capital R/R at an estimated cost of \$55,000.00, aerator WWTP to be purchased from the depreciation fund at an estimated cost of \$73,000.00, and Indian Creek lift station rehab to be purchased from the depreciation fund at an estimated cost of \$225,000.00. Councilwoman Baker made a motion to approve the request, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Stockton. City Clerk Brian Plumlee recorded the following vote: all present – yes.

AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN HOME, ARKANSAS, FOR RISK & RESILIENCE ASSESSMENT, PROJECT NO. 20W01381. Councilwoman Baker made a motion to approve the request, the motion was seconded by Councilman Manual. City Clerk Brian Plumlee recorded the following vote: all present – yes.

AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR LAKE NORFORK WATER ALLOCATION REQUEST CITY OF MOUNTAIN HOME, ARKANSAS, PROJECT NO 20W0138., Councilwoman Baker made a motion to approve the request, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans. City Clerk Brian Plumlee recorded the following vote: all present – yes.

OLD BUSINESS

16. COMMENTS

17. ADJOURN...6:33 P.M. with no further business to come before the council. Mayor Adams declared the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

HILLREY ADAMS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BRIAN A. PLUMLEE, CITY CLERK

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 296, AS AMENDED,
WITH REFERENCE TO ZONING WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE
CITY OF MOUNTAIN HOME, ARKANSAS, RELATIVE TO CHANGING
AREA ZONED AS RESIDENTIAL R-1 TO COMMERCIAL C-2A.**

WHEREAS, a proper petition was filed by property owners requesting a map change in zoning; said petition was submitted to the Planning Commission of the City of Mountain Home, Arkansas; notice of said petition and public hearing thereon was published in a newspaper having local circulation as required by Ordinance; a public hearing was held, and all remonstrances were heard, after which the Planning Commission recommended the property described herein be rezoned.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNTAIN HOME, ARKANSAS:

The following real estate in Baxter County, Arkansas be, and it hereby is changed in zoning from Residential R-1 to Commercial C-2A.

Lots 48 through 52 of East Side Few Acres, Bean Addition to the Town of Mountain Home, Arkansas, as shown by the recorded plat thereof.

The above described property is located on Indian Mound Drive, South of Impact Church in Mountain Home, Arkansas.

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is necessary to permit the best use of the property and to permit the immediate commencement of construction on the property, an emergency is hereby declared to exist pertaining to the rezoning of the property, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication.

PASSED this 18th day of February, 2021.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that a petition has been filed with the Planning Commission and City Council of Mountain Home, Arkansas, by the owner of the following described property situated in Baxter County, Arkansas, to-wit:

Lots 48 through 52 of East Side Few Acres, Bean Addition to the Town of Mountain Home, Arkansas, as shown by the recorded plat thereof.

The above described property is located on Indian Mound Drive, South of Impact Church in Mountain Home, Arkansas.

Said petition seeks the rezoning of the property from Residential R-1 to Commercial C-2A.

The hearings related to said petition will be held as follows:

1. The Planning Commission will hear objections and make its determination on said petition at the City Hall on February 8, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.
2. The City Council will make its determination on said petition at the City Hall on February 18, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

The petitioner is Scott A. Lumbert, Trustee of the Lumbert Family Trust, the record owner of the property, and he has named Ted H. Sanders to act for him in this proceeding.

Brian Plumlee, City Clerk

ONE PUBLICATION:

January 22, 2021

PETITION

TO: PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF MOUNTAIN HOME
MOUNTAIN HOME, ARKANSAS

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF MOUNTAIN HOME
MOUNTAIN HOME, ARKANSAS

The petitioner, Scott A. Lumbert, Trustee of the Lumbert Family Trust, by and through his counsel, Ted H. Sanders, hereby petitions you to rezone certain residential property described below. The petitioner requests that the property be rezoned from Residential R-1 to Commercial C-2A. The property to be rezoned is described below, to-wit:

Lots 48 through 52 of East Side Few Acres, Bean Addition to the Town of Mountain Home, Arkansas, as shown by the recorded plat thereof.

The property is located on Indian Mound Drive, South of Impact Church in Mountain Home, Arkansas. The rezoning of this property will not conflict with the surrounding land uses because of multiple zoning classifications that exist in the vicinity. A diagram of the property and vicinity is attached hereto and marked Exhibit "A". It is the opinion of the petitioner that this property is no longer practical or desirable for Residential R-1 use.

The petitioner herein is Scott A. Lumbert, Trustee of the Lumbert Family Trust, and he has authorized Ted H. Sanders to act on his behalf in the prosecution of this petition.

SCOTT A. LUMBERT, TRUSTEE, PETITIONER

BY: 

Ted H. Sanders
P. O. Box 2308
Mountain Home, AR 72654
His Attorney

EAST SIDE FEW ACRE

BEAN ADDITION

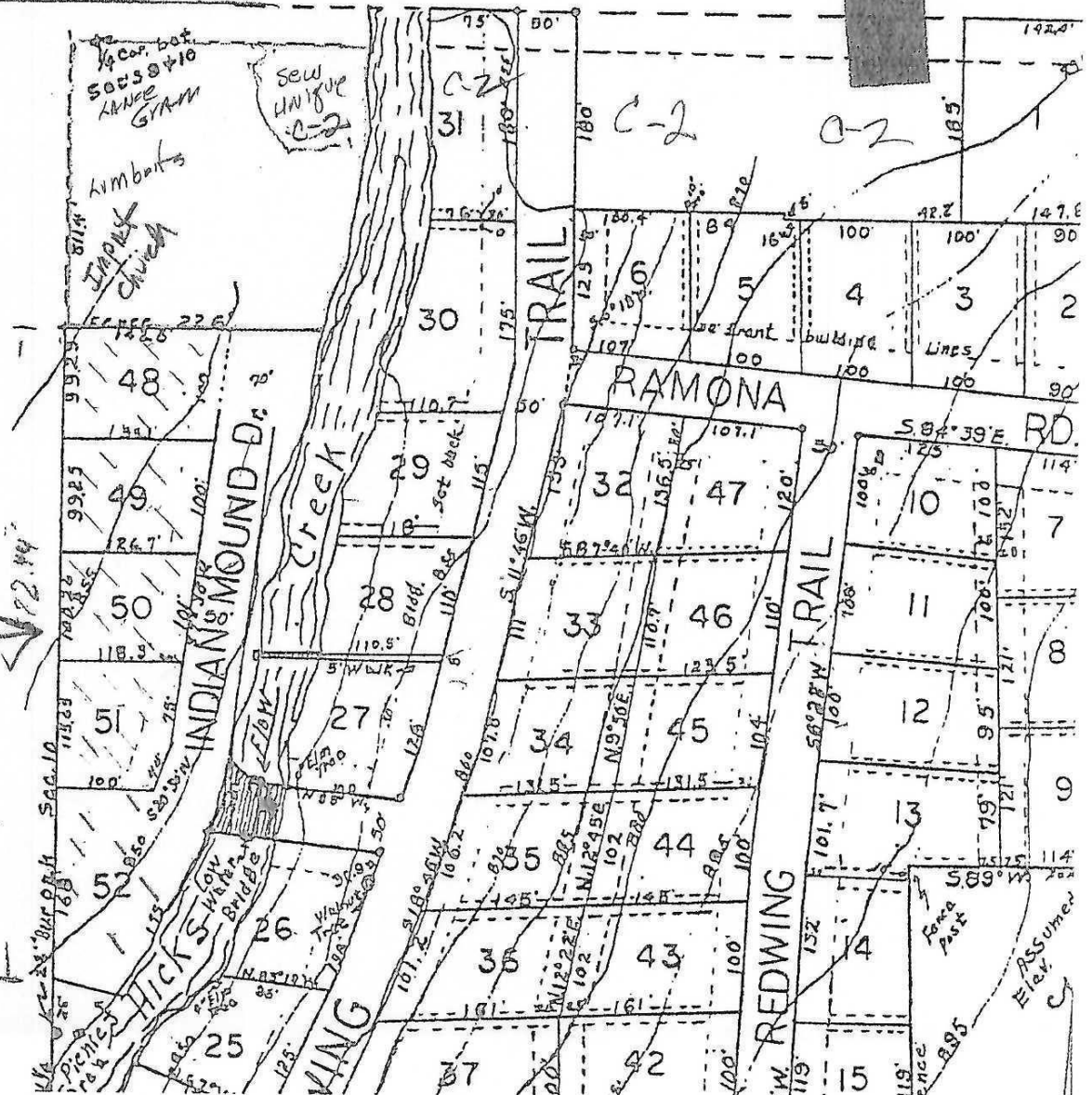
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A PART OF THE S.W. 1/4, N.W. 1/4 AND PART OF N.W. 1/4, S.W. 1/4 SEC. 10 TWP. 19N, R. 13W,
(BAXTER COUNTY ARKANSAS)

STATE HY:

No. 5

East Side
Chad
R-1
Property to be rezoned
R-1
C-2A



CITY REVIEW OF
PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

For Feb 8, 2021

CITY ENGINEER: AMY LANNING

REZONING: R-1 to C-2A

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: LOTS 48 THRU 52 of East Side Few Acres, Bean Addition (Indian Mound DR South of Impact church) to the Town of Mountain Home, Arkansas as shown by the recorded plat.

PETITIONERS: Scott A Lumbert, Trustee of the Lumbert Family Trust

PRESENTED BY: Ted Sanders

COMMENTS:

No Comment on Re-zoning
Just an alert that FEMA maps indicate about half of the property is in the Floodway and the remainder is in the Floodplain

DATE OF REVIEW: 1/27/21

SIGNATURE: 

CITY REVIEW OF
PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

For Feb 8, 2021

BUILDING OFFICIAL: GREG IFLAND

REZONING: R-1 to C-2A

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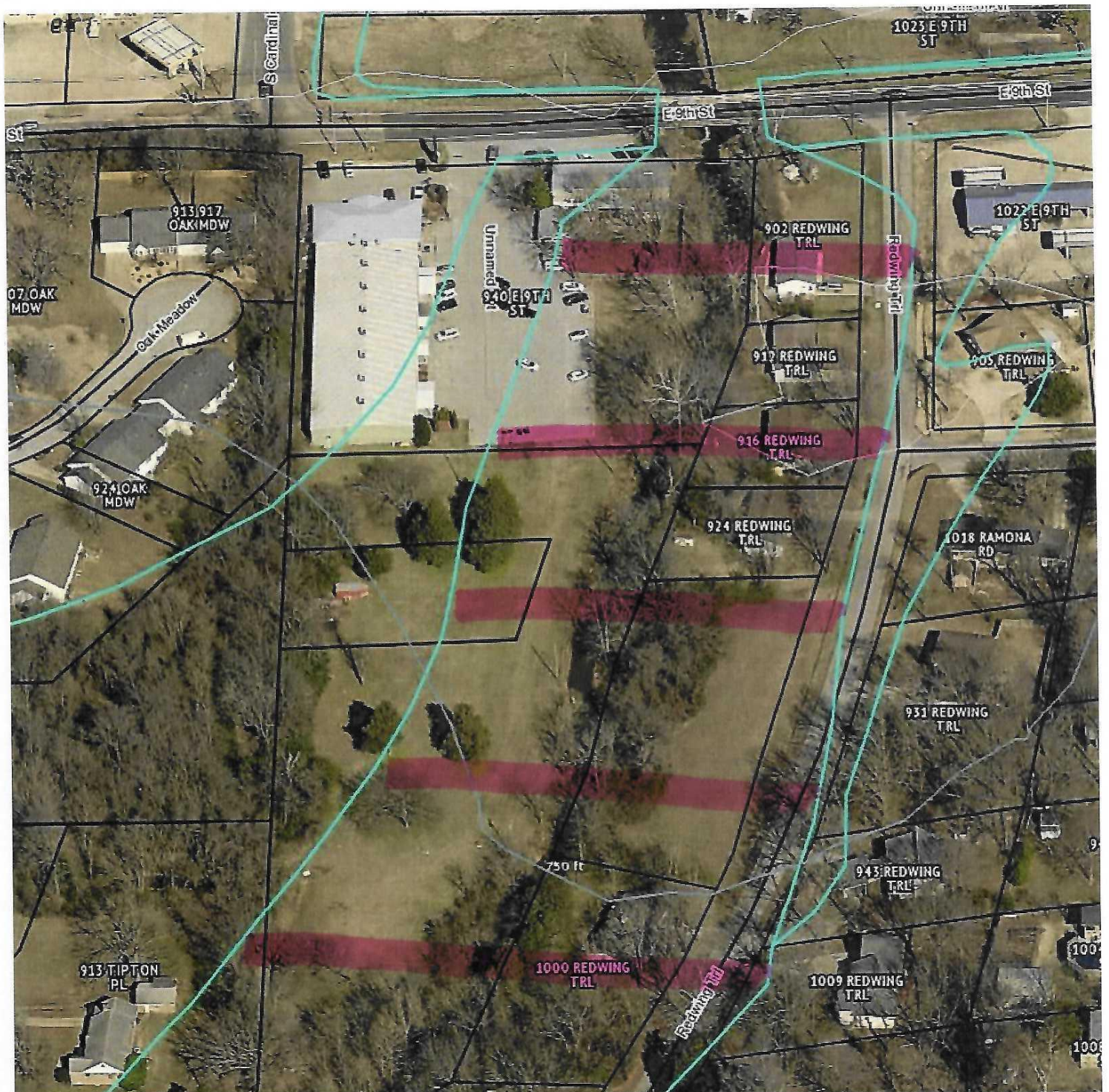
PRESENTED BY: Ted Sanders

COMMENTS:

MOST OF THIS PROPERTY IS IN THE FLOODWAY
AND CANNOT BE BUILT ON

DATE OF REVIEW: 1/26/21

SIGNATURE: GREG IFLAND



**AN ORDINANCE WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO
(2) DODGE TRUCKS**

WHEREAS, the City of Mountain Home Water & Wastewater Department is desirous of purchasing two (2) Dodge trucks.

WHEREAS, the two (2) Dodge trucks are necessary to meet the needs of the Water & Wastewater Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNTAIN HOME, ARKANSAS

SECTION 1. The Water & Wastewater Department of the City of Mountain Home, Arkansas desires to purchase of two (2) Dodge Trucks for the purpose of replacing existing older vehicles.

SECTION 2. Due to the nature of the purchase and the amount of the purchase the Water & Wastewater department would like to purchase locally, as the water /Wastewater department usually uses state bid to purchase with. Ultimate Auto Group has offered their pricing at or below the state bid pricing.

Section 3. That the Water & Wastewater Department is hereby authorized to purchase of two Dodge Trucks for a sum not to exceed \$60,000.00 (Sixty thousand dollars) from Ultimate Auto Group, Mountain Home, AR.

WHEREAS, the purchase of the trucks is necessary for Water & Wastewater Department. An emergency is therefore declared to exist; and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 18th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2021.

Hillrey Adams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brian A. Plumlee, City Clerk

2021 – CITY AUCTION MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

February 18, 2021

DEPT.	ITEM	Location
Admin	Wooden shelf/wardrobe	mayor's office
	Table 6 chairs	mayor's office
	3 – file cabinets	mayor's office
	1- HP Printer – Laser Jet Pro 400 (2 - cartridges)	mayor's office
	2 – Printers	upstairs storage
Building Insp Inspection	1-PRO M477 FNW Laser Multi Function Printer	Building

State of the City Address

February 18, 2021

Introduction:

While 2020 proved to be far more challenging than anyone could have ever anticipated, I'm proud of the progress we made and the work of our City employees. Though the City was required to pivot in many ways last year, we had much success. We will not slow down in 2021 and will continue to move forward.

Entertainment District - The Entertainment Committee worked diligently to set out a process of holding events in the District. Many business owners paid the small fee to have their businesses put on the signs located throughout the District.

Due to the pandemic, a few events did have to cancel, but our Entertainment Committee is currently reaching out to those folks and in an effort to see if it would be possible to reschedule within the guidelines of the health department.

We are all looking forward to the opening of the new businesses along the downtown square this year. Since passage, there have been four property transactions around the square alone with two or three more within The District.

Baxter Summer Concert Series - The Baxter Summer Concert Series at Hickory Park was better than I think anyone could have imagined under the circumstances of the pandemic. We cannot thank our generous sponsors enough. The Farmers and Merchants Stage was completed in early summer and compliments to our Street Department and Parks Departments for all of their hard work getting Hickory Park, the stage, sidewalks and grounds ready for the concerts.

We had a great time last year with some outstanding entertainment by Justin Moore, Heath Sanders, Thompson Square, and Blacktop Mojo just to name a few, as well as many of our local bands on Friday nights. The Mountain Home Rotary Club assisted with organization of each event by helping with the food vendors, parking, beer garden and cleanup of the park. Mountain Home Fire Department assisted at the gates by taking temps at entry points. The final event had attendees from eleven states.

Thanks to generous sponsors, the Baxter Summer Concert Series is back for season 2 kicking it off on May 29th.

I would like to remind everyone, due to the pandemic, that the City of Mountain Home obtains permits and follows all guidelines and directives set out by the Governor's Office and the Arkansas Department of Health.

Cares Act Funds – The City received just over \$493,000.00 in Cares Act Funding. After much consideration and following the advice of the Arkansas Municipal League's staff, the City purchased the necessary equipment to establish remote access and operations for key employees to work at home during events that prohibit them from coming into the office. The cost for the remote work stations and services provided by Brooks Jeffrey Computer Services including labor and tax totaled \$159,504.88.

An additional estimated thirty party costs for a conference phone from Ritter for the Police Department, Incode ICD Software for the Building Inspection Office, and Firehouse and First Arriving Program for the Fire Department was an additional \$32,626.80 plus applicable tax.

The cost for all provided equipment and labor to complete the CARES ACT Remote Access Project was \$192,131.68.

All of these remote workstations were organized and delivered by Brooks Jeffrey Computer Services on January 14th. Our office set up a distribution schedule for each department to receive their workstations and employees signed

off on remote access privacy policies. We are still working on the distribution of ipads for the council and tvs in chambers. We had a meeting on January 28th, and those items should be in place in the next couple of weeks.

This was not only a huge project for the city, but also for Brooks Jeffrey Compute Services. Many hours went in to securing the equipment, organizing each department's remote stations, and scheduling offsite training for employees to set up the remote access.

Special Election – Mountain Home Park Project: Due to the pandemic, the special election was postponed last year, but it is currently underway again.

The proposed 0.75 of a percent sales tax increase, would enable the city to build a new indoor aquatic center and community center, as well as perform upgrades to Keller, Clysta, and Cooper Parks. The Youth Center would receive facility upgrades and a climbing wall. The Dog Park improvements would include a splash pad and a new sidewalk. The Ray Stahl Soccer Complex would receive drainage and facility upgrades. Other additions would include a new outdoor water park and a new gymnasium with basketball courts and a walking/running track.

The bond would be paid off in approximately 17 years with the .50 of a percent tax and the maintenance and ongoing park operations would be funded by the .25 of a percent tax.

The special election will be held on March 9, 2021.

Department Updates:

Street Department – Arnold Knox, Director:

- **Completed Projects** – The Street Department completed several projects last year to include:

Clysta Willett Park Grant – The City of Mountain Home Parks Department was awarded a grant through outdoorgrants.com. Construction began on December 31, 2019, with the Street Department pouring concrete walkways, handicap ramps, concrete floors in the batting cages, and pads for new bleachers. Backstop walls were poured and drainage for the outfield was repaired.

Hickory Park Stage - The Street Department poured the concrete pad for the new Farmers and Merchants stage and dug out the old tennis court replacing it with new asphalt. A new sidewalk was poured from the stage to the parking lot, also making this area ADA compliant. This project was complete on June 13, 2020.

McCabe Park – Work continued at McCabe Park last year with the Street Department installing new fencing, building two entrance roads along with an access road to the three ponds that are on the property and a new parking lot. New culverts, along with curb and guttering and sidewalks were also put in.

In addition, a federal grant was secured by the city for a recreational trail. Construction began on June 24th and a one-half mile asphalt trail was added along with the two parking lots. Also included in this grant is a mountain bike trail that is currently in the design stages.

Burnett Drive – In November of 2019, the Street Department began rebuilding Burnett Drive behind Baxter Regional Medical Center. This street is being rebuilt to three lanes in an effort to assist with the traffic flow around the hospital. New culvert, curb, and guttering along with the sidewalks on both sides. The work is nearing Beard Drive with new curbs going in at this time. Currently, the crew has moved to Medical Plaza Drive to complete a rebuild of that street to accommodate the drainage for the hospital's new outpatient surgery center. When that is completed, they will return to complete Burnett Drive.

Gentry Street – Gentry Street underwent a complete rebuild from Coley Drive to Market Street. This project began in December of 2019 and has been completed.

Market/Thorn Street Rebuilds - Market and Thorn Streets are both undergoing a complete rebuild, which began in September. Both streets beginning at North College Street will be completed to Highway 62. A French drain was placed at Gentry Gardens to alleviate the water issues they were having as well. When the work at Market Street is completed, the crew will begin on Thorn Street.

New Fire Department – The Street Department began working at the new Fire Department location in November clearing trees and brush. A temporary driveway permit has been issued by ARDOT for access in and out of the property.

General Maintenance – Throughout the year, the maintenance crew is patching potholes and crack sealing. The City's 23 traffic lights are regularly maintained including changing out the lights, cleaning the traffic light boxes, trimming trees and bushes from drainage ditches and keeping them clear of trash, sweeping streets and city parking lots, mowing right of ways, and when the winter weather hits, the crews are removing snow and ice from our city streets.

Water Department, Alma Clark, Director:

The Water Treatment Plant has an 8 million gallon per day pumping capacity and provides domestic water and fire service to about 7,500 residential, commercial and industrial customers. The City also supplies water to two public water authorities (Lakeview-Midway & Northeast) on a regular monthly basis. In 2020, the Water Plant pumped a total of 1,157,480,000 gallons of water into the distribution system. The plant operates 24 days a week, 24 hours a day.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant treated approximately 1,081,565,000 gallons of wastewater in 2020. This plant is also open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

The Water and Sewer Department maintains its own in-house water distribution and sewer collection construction crews and preventive maintenance cleaning crews. The crews continue to replace and upgrade the water and sewer lines to fit the needs of the City of Mountain Home. Last year the WATER construction crews upgraded and/or replaced a total of 12,177.58 feet of pipe, and the SEWER construction crews upgraded and/or replaced a total of 5,366.09 feet of pipe.

- Completed Projects:

Glenstone/Ashington Water Main Upgrade (\$195,984.17)

Sewer Projects:

Hwy 62 E Sewer Line Extension (Phase 1) (\$199,746.89)

Hwy 62 E Sewer Line Extension (Phase 2) (\$204,015.31)

Village Green Sewer Line Replacements (\$161,169.35)

Cooper Street SL Upgrade (\$20,084.89)

12th Street/South SL Upgrade (\$119,086.79)

Alice Street SL Upgrade (\$10,328.15)

Carlisle Highland Lift Station Upgrade (\$129,804.91)

Total: \$1,040,110.46

- Ongoing Projects –

Tipton Loop WL Upgrade (\$29,116.01)

Fire Department – Kris Quick, Fire Chief:

This was a busy year in the Fire Department with Fire Chief Ken Williams retiring in June of 2020 after 17 years as chief. Chief Williams gave a total of 35 years between volunteer/full time fire fighter, fire marshall and chief.

Assistant Fire Chief, Kris Quick, was promoted to Fire Chief in September of 2020. Kris began his career as a volunteer in 1989. He was promoted to fulltime fire fighter/EMT in 1994. He went on to become engineer, lieutenant, and captain on his journey to becoming Fire Chief.

Mr. Sonny Sharp donated 3 acres on Hwy 62 East for the future Sharp Family Fire Substation. Work has already began on clearing the property and preparing site for future construction. It is our hope to begin construction of the new substation in 2023 with this being paid for by the Public Safety Tax.

The Mountain Home Fire Department has 24 full time firefighters, 9 volunteer firefighters, and three full time administrative staff. It has two manned fire stations and one unmanned station. The City of Mountain Home has an ISO rating of 3 inside the city limits and a 4/10 rating in the Rural District.

The Mountain Home Fire Department responded to a total of 2890 incidents runs in 2020.

84 - Fire runs
2,342 - Rescue & Emergency Medical runs
38 - Hazardous Condition Runs with no fire
194 – Service Calls
62 - Good Intent Calls
168 – False Alarm Calls
5 – 911 Citizen Complaint Calls

Achievements: David Green was promoted to Captain/EMT on 5/12/2020. Stuart Swearingen was promoted to Lieutenant on 5/12/20. The Department has two three full time firefighters, Kevin Ryndak, JJ Miller, and Anthony Gatewood, currently attending EMT school at ASUMH.

Firefighter/EMT Tommy Feliccia graduated the Arkansas Fire Academy in 2020.

Fire Marshal – Captain Gary Pyszka – In 2020, Captain Pyszka obtained Specialized Police officer credentials and was certified as Fire Marshal for the Mountain Home Fire Department.

Marshal Pyszka reports that 2020 was a unique year due to Covid 19. The fire service was no exception. He continued to conduct annual fire inspections during a time of temporary business closures and had to restructure his inspection schedule accordingly.

The Fire Marshal's office handed out over 100 smoke detectors and installed over 40 more and replaced batteries in 35 residences. The Walmart Community Service Grant and the Free Smoke Detector Program had zero impact on the budget since 2018. This grant is renewable on an as needed basis.

Fire Prevention Activities – Due to Covid 19, the department was not able to attend activities at local schools as in paste years. Some local daycare still asked that we visit and speak to the kids. We accommodated them and practiced social distancing.

The annual Fire Prevention Poster contest was still held with 900 posters to judge this year. The poster judging was held at the Salvation Army fellowship hall with employees and volunteers judging.

Fire Hydrants – The firefighters inspected and tested a total of 1035 hydrants which took a total of 255 hours to complete.

Sales Tax (Public Safety) - The public safety tax was put in place beginning on January 1, 2018. After two years of having the tax in place and collecting, the city is seeing the positive impact that it is having on those departments which in turn make it better serve the citizens of this community. Total .375% Public Safety Sales Tax Collected for 2020 is \$2,044,467.71, which is \$169,467.71 more than we had budgeted. Total increase over 2019 is \$173,939.69, which is a 9.3% increase for the year.

City Sales Tax – Total 1% City Sales Tax Collected for 2020 is \$5,451,913.87. That is \$576,913.87 more than we had budgeted. The total increase over 2019 is \$463,839.09, which is 9.3% increase. This amount is divided between General: \$2,375,956.97; Water and Sewer: \$350,000.00; and Streets: \$2,725,956.91

Police Department –

First, I want to say congratulations to Police Chief Carry Manuel on his retirement this year after serving the City of Mountain Home for over 35 years.

Eddie Griffin was promoted to Assistant Police Chief in 2020 and is currently maintaining the operations of the department, and the vacancy of Police Chief is expected to be filled in the oncoming weeks.

On June 25, 2020, the Mountain Home Police Department became the fifteenth agency in the state to receive the Arkansas Law Enforcement Accreditation through the Arkansas Association of Chiefs of Police. That is a major accomplishment for the department and something I know Chief Manuel and the other officers worked hard to achieve. We are very proud of that department for its accomplishment.

The Mountain Home Police Department provides our community with patrol, criminal investigations, and security details for events, parades, etc. It also provides our schools with resource officers. The Police Department responded to 12,244 dispatch/communications and made 2,066 arrests.

Again, the public safety tax, has provided much for this department, making it possible for the addition of two new full time patrol officers as well as the purchase of five new Ford Explorers. Also purchased with the tax funds was a new records management system, which enables the officers working in the field to utilize in car computer systems; a GPS tracking system was installed on patrol vehicles and criminal investigation vehicles; two new speed alert signs were put in place; and .223 caliber rifles were purchased and provided to each full-time officer.

The public safety tax also made it possible to purchase two new drones which were assigned to officers. While dealing with a barricaded suspect, one of the drones was shot down. The significance of this is that a drone was shot instead of an officer. That drone has since been replaced.

Security Details, Events, Parades, Contract Labor, Other Special Activities – The department logged 619 hours of special detail from providing security at District Court and City Council Meetings to attending activities such as the Drug Take Back, Career Day, Coffee with a Cop, just to name a few.

K9 – The K-9 that was handled by Sgt Helmert was retired due to his age. A new K-9 was purchased with funds provided by the 14th Judicial District Prosecutor's Office. The new K-9 is assigned to SRO Danielle Campfield.

Drug Take Back Program – Mountain Home Police Department conducted two drug take back events, one in the spring and one in the fall. The purpose is to remove unwanted and unused drugs from the community, keeping them from potentially being abused.

Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program -

A grant was applied for in which the \$7,357.50 was awarded to the City of Mountain Home. Atomizing disinfecting equipment was purchased along with the disinfecting chemicals for \$5,405.55. The remainder of the funds were used for additional coronavirus supplies and equipment.

Tenth Judicial District Court – Judge Jason Duffy/Chief Clerk Debra Jeffrey:

District Court handled 2,327 city cases, 3,818 county cases, and 1,201 cases for other cities last year. There were 369 civil and small claim cases filed in 2020 as well. There was \$864,056.44 distributed to various agencies in fines, costs, and restitution fees.

Mountain Home Parks and Recreation Dept/L.C. Sammons Youth Center – Billy D. Austin, Director/Kelly Lewis, Manager:

Clysta Willett Park - In November of 2019, the Parks Department received a grant from the Parks, Heritage and Tourism Outdoor Recreation Grant Advisory Committee in the amount of \$96,500.00. The construction upgrades at the park included new bleachers and sun shades for the bleachers, a new backstop and net, and a new playground structure with a sun shade. The improvements provided for by the grant were completed in December.

Mountain Home Parks and Recreational Youth Baseball continued with a huge thanks to the Fire Department, Lifeguards, and youth center employees for doing temperature checks of people entering the fields each day and for the sanitizing equipment. We were not sure out the baseball season would play out due to the pandemic, but we had 131 boys and girls that signed up to play without incident.

Keller Park – One new sponsor sign for Spartan Mowers was added as well as beautification of trees and shrubbery.

Hickory Park – The new Farmers and Merchants Stage was constructed with the help of the Street Department. The playground equipment was repaired and powder coated, and charcoal grills were added. Along with beautification of trees and shrubs, dirt work was performed to prevent erosion. New sidewalks were put in by the street department. The restrooms were updated with new lighting and hand dryers. The Street Department also dug out the tennis courts and replaced with new asphalt.

Cooper Park - The dead trees were removed from Cooper and the landscaping refreshed. The fence between Cooper Park and Cooper Estates was repaired and painted. All of the benches and picnic tables were stained, and a new duck house was installed at the pond.

The pool opened on May 25th following the directive of the Governor and guidelines of the Arkansas Department of Health. It stayed open until September 7th without incidents pertaining to Covid 19. New vents were installed in the restrooms at the pool and a new roof was put on the chemical shed.

McCabe Park-

New park benches were added and a new fishing regulations sign was installed. The Parks Department held the 5th Annual Fishing Derby which was a huge success. A one-half mile asphalt trail was added by the Street Department through a grant received. Two parking lots were also put in. Also included in this grant is a mountain bike trail that is

currently in the design stages. The fishing ponds continue to be a great asset to the public. On any given day, you will see folks fishing or enjoying lunch under the pavilion.

Ray Stahl Soccer Complex –

The fields were overseeded at the soccer complex.

Building Inspection – Greg Ifland, Building Inspector:

The Building Inspection Department handled 501 inspections during 2020 and sold 429 permits for a total of \$60,485.57 in permits for the year. There were 126 building permits issued in 2020.

There were 3 structures demolished in 2020 to include:

2471 Hwy 62 W
502 W Wade
1207 Rossi Road

There were 130 new business licenses issued and 1,049 existing business license renewals, for a total business license revenue of \$132,980.80.

Mountain Home Cemetery: Improvements continue to be made to the cemetery and our engineer and cemetery caretaker are currently working on renumbering some plots for easier reference. The grounds are continuing to be maintained regularly. There are plots for sell for \$600 each. Those plots can be purchased at our office here in City Hall. If you have not taken the time to drive over to the cemetery, we encourage you to do so. We would like to thank the Cemetery Board (Marshella Norell, Chair) and the Cemetery Caretaker, Paul Norell, for their outstanding work in maintaining all aspects of the cemetery.

If anyone would like to learn more about any of these things, you can always give the mayor's office a call at 425-5116 or visit our new website cityofmountainhome.com.