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Special Budget Meeting
August 22, 2023

President Anna Gindlesberger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Said Pledge of Allegiance

Council members present; Bill Vining, Rick Rutledge and Rayce Stiles. Also in attendance was City Clerk, Dusti Dyke, City Treasurer Cindy Stiles, and City Maintenance, Robert Novotny III.

Discussion – Highway Closure

Discussion was had about concerns and ideas involving the close of 169 at the south end of town.

Councilman Bill Vining voiced that we had known about this closure coming up for approximately a year. There has been a constant issue with semitrucks coming into town and causing damages around the city.

Fire Chief Trout also voiced that the volume of issues has gone down significantly since the beginning of this construction, around 20 days ago. Mr. Trout is still concerned about pedestrian safety with the semitrucks not paying attention to what's happening on the city roads.

Neosho County Sheriff, Greg Taylor, was in attendance for questions as well. He did let everyone know the county had passed a resolution to be able to pull these people over on the side gravel roads. Mr. Taylor also made it clear that no one can pull anyone over besides a law enforcement officer. That would be illegal.

Marcus Leck spoke on behalf of KDOT and gave helpful answers. The barricades put up by Watermelon Road do not have to be there, and they will be taken down especially for time for Homecoming.

It was asked if we could put up a few signs along 80th Road with signs such as; THAYER ⇨. Dusti to contact Mike Brown about this possibility.

The highway is very crucial asset for our Thayer businesses. A proposal was given to run a 30 seconds commercial on KOAM 7 and Fox 14 featuring all Thayer businesses from September 1st through 30th. This would cost \$1,450.00. Bill made motion for the city to pay this amount and run a commercial to help our businesses, and annual Homecoming celebration. Rayce 2nd, motion carried.

Bill made and Rayce 2nd the motion to adjourn meeting, Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.