

**CITY OF EVART
PRE-COUNCIL MEETING
February 21st, 2023 @ 7:30PM
Community Room at the Depot, 200 S. Main Street**

Mayor Chris Emerick called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Present Council Members: Sean Duffy, Jim Schwab, Mayor Emerick, Matt Hildebrand, Sandy Szeliga

Present Staff: City Manager Pepper Lockhart, Finance Director/Treasurer Jennie Duncan, City Attorney Jim White, Chief of Police John Beam, City Clerk Andrea Grupido

Guests: Travis Douglas, Jesse Hyden, Jim Custer, Kassie Hill, Kelci Elder

New Business:

Request for purchase truck bed toolbox.

D. Duncan has presented council with three options for a truck bed toolbox to be considered for Adam's truck. The first option is a steel box, just like the one purchased for Patrick's truck. It would be the most expensive option, the same color as the truck and the longest lead time of 28-32 weeks. The second option is the same as the first, except from a different company. It is a lower price and shorter lead time. However, this company is in Ohio and the truck would need to go there for installation. The third option is an aluminum box which can be reused in different trucks in the future. It would not be color matched to the truck, it would be white in color. This option is the least expensive and has the shortest lead time. Both Duffy and Hildebrand agree that it would be more effective to approve up to a certain dollar amount that can be spent and let D. Duncan make the final decision. Hildebrand suggests contacting a few more companies for quotes, but ultimately trust D. Duncan's judgement.

Backyard animals.

Lockhart was approached by a resident asking if council would consider repealing the city ordinance against chickens. The resident was not able to be at the meeting because of their work schedule and asked Lockhart to bring it up for discussion. Mayor, Hildebrand, and Duffy agree that there need to be structured rules outlined in the proposed changed ordinance.



Andrea Grupido, City Clerk