

RESOLUTION No. 1020

were watching its progress. Commissioner Campbell noted that they had been dealing with repairing that bank from erosion damage for at least 35 years. Water & Sewer Superintendent Porrazzo noted that he and the City Engineer had also gone to the site and assessed the situation.

DISPOSAL OF JOINTLY OWNED PROPERTY (UNITED METHODIST CHURCH & CITY):

Robert Byers explained that he had recently taken over as the United Methodist Church finance chair. The Church and the City were interested in divesting the property they co-owned with the City. They had no desire to expand or develop the property. They needed the City's help to move forward. He requested that the Commission pass a motion to empower a City representative to work with the Church to help them divest themselves of the property. City Manager Crossett noted that there was not a lot of opportunity for the City to use the property, and Golf Pro Roger Wallace had advised him that the golf department was in favor of selling the property, as they did not see many uses for it in the future. Commissioner Campbell inquired if the Church was interested in owning the entire piece of property. Robert Byers advised that they were not. City Manager Crossett advised that they had two options. They could jointly sell the property, or the City could buy the property from the Church with the intention to sell the entire piece at a later date. Commissioner Lies felt the City should dispose of the land if they could. **Commissioner Smith moved to authorize the City Manager to work with Robert Byers and the United Methodist Church to dispose of their joint property, seconded by Commissioner Campbell.** The motion carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO COMPLETE PURCHASE OF MERIDIAN BUILDING:

City Manager Crossett advised that Mike Maddy, the primary owner of the building, had approached the City with an offer of \$590,000 for the Meridian building. Previously there had been an offer of \$700,000. The building would stay intact, with all the features remaining, including the HVAC system. The lease term remaining was approximately 43 years. He reviewed the City's current facilities assessment, which currently was working, but they were at their max. Various departments were at capacity, and the police department had been forced to rent out storage units to contain their evidence and property. The current building did not meet legal requirements for storage of police records and evidence. The Meridian building would also allow room for a fabrication shop and storage for water, sewer, parks, and streets. The stormwater system would be ending on the City property in that area, as would be the new wastewater facility. He recommended that if the Commission chose to move forward they take advantage of the low interest rate loans and keep the City's cash on hand. Commissioner Preston inquired if the lease payments were current. City Manager Crossett advised that he was behind, but the payments tended to come in cycles. Commissioner Campbell wondered if the \$18,000/year of sewer revenue that comes from the lease could be used to rent out facilities for space for the City. He thought the City would eventually have that building, but not at the current offered price. Commissioner Lies commented that there plenty of metal buildings that would be nearly 1/6 of the price build than offered price. City Manager Crossett noted that at that location the site prep cost nearly as much as the existing building. Commissioner Duford inquired if there were any back taxes due on the building. City Manager Crossett advised that he did not know, but that would be part of the due diligence if they moved forward. If there were taxes owed there payment would be a condition of the purchase. Commissioner Funke expressed his agreement in regards to putting the lease revenue aside for that purpose, but he was not all interested in the Meridian building. He felt the City should not