

Meeting of the Vilonia City Council

October 19, 2021

Members present: Joe Maxwell, Jim King, Kira Livingston, Steven Craig and Chris French, Shawntel Robinson. All members present

Meeting Prayer: Lead by Jim King

Pledge of Allegiance by all.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Preston Scroggin.

Established of quorum.

Approval of September 21, 2021 Minutes: Motion of approval made by Councilman Joe Maxwell, seconded by Jim King, no discussion, motion passed.

Approval of September, 2021 Financial Statements: Motion of approval by Councilman Joe Maxwell, seconded by Shawntel Robinson, no discussion, motion passed.

Announcements: Coloring contest for Constitution Week for kids in the 6th grade and under. There were 8 kids who entered. There will be a Trunk or Treat at the Baseball complex on October 30, 2021 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Faulkner County Clean-up day was a success at the Street Department. There is an open position for the parks and rec field maintenance worker.

Reports of Boards and Committees:

Emergency Management, planning commission, Fire Department: Code Enforcement: The Fire Department is going well. There have been 833 runs this is an increase in the last month. They will begin training in the next week for the department. We sold the old rescue truck on the auction site for \$29,600.00. There were two new building permits issue today and one new will be issued tomorrow. The Planning commission will not meet this month.

Police Department: The police department is requesting to dispose of an old car on the auction site. Stephen Craig made the motion to approve this and Joe Maxwell seconded. The motion was approved. The mayor also asked the council permission to go ahead and order two new cars for the Police Department the cost should be about \$35,000.00 each. He is not sure when this will come in but they are doing this to get the cars in by 2022. The motion was made by Jim King to approve this purchase and Joe Maxwell seconded, the motion passed.

Parks and Recreation: The fall ball season is over and we had 6 more teams this year from the previous year. Logan is hoping for an even larger increase next year. The concrete is being poured this week for the batting cages. Logan has already started working on the spring ball season.

Chamber of Commerce: The chamber is looking for new board members. If anyone is interested they can contact LaCosta Beene or Shawntel Robinson. There will be a bike ride for the 13 fallen Marines on October 23 with about 400 bikes. There will be events scheduled on November 6 for Veterans Day.

Senior Citizens: The Senior Citizens is now open. The numbers are beginning to increase at the center.

Sewer Department: The city will be using some of the rescue fund money to refurbish the lift stations at 107, Fox run and Janski Lane. The mayor will be meeting with Brandon and the sewer committee next month to discuss details and costs.

Old Business: The mayor had guard rails placed on all the new bridges around town. The pre-limbs are being worked on by Trey for the South Street. All easements have been gotten for the sidewalk project except one and this is still being worked on. The mayor hopes to be doing some asphalt work in November as long as the weather and the temperatures are good. There is a shortage of asphalt and the price has gone up a great deal.

Ordinance 2021-1 was read for the Third and final time. An Ordinance amending Ordinance 2001-3 Section 3. Some discussion was held on this ordinance. Joe Maxwell made the motion to approve the acceptance of Ordinance 2021-1 as read and Jim King seconded. A voice vote was asked and all yeas, Ordinance 2021-1 passed. A motion was made for the policy that is attached to the Ordinance 2021-1 Joe Maxwell and seconded by Jim King. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

New Business:

The city recognized the maintenance department. Those employees are Trisha Bernard, Vanessa Flores, Keith Hillman and Brandon Betts. The mayor stated how everyone in the city works well together as a team and helps each other in all ways.

The Mills Resolution 2021-7 was read and the motion to approve was made by Joe Maxwell and seconded by Jim King. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

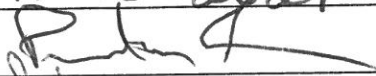
The City also recognized Troop 444 for the help in city clean up and the work they do for the proper destruction of flags and the food drive they do. The members are: James Gibson-Leader, Art Childers-Leader, A.J. Childers, III, Nate Gibson, William Ahnert and David Ferrin. These young men go above and beyond in doing things for the city and helping others.

The mayor discussed at having the bathrooms at both ball fields to be upgraded to automatic shutoff for water and for automatic toilet flushing. The cost is around \$15,000.00. This will help with over flow issues and maintenance.

Ordinance 2021-2 was read to vacate and abandon all portion of the street that is designated on the plat of Pleasant Acres Phase I and Phase II. The motion was made by Jim King to suspend the second and third reading and seconded by Joe Maxwell, the motion passed. The mayor asked for a voice vote on the ordinance and all yeas, the ordinance passed.

The motion was made to adjourn by Jim King seconded by Shawntel Robinson meeting adjourned.

Date: 11-16-2021

Mayor: 

Recorder: Sherry Cements