

Meeting of the August 16, 2022

Members present: Jim King, Chris French, Steven Craig, Joe Maxwell and Kira Livingston 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 July 19, 2022 Minutes: Motion of approval made by Councilman Joe Maxwell, seconded by Kira Livingston, no discussion, motion passed

Approval of July 2022 Financial Statements: Motion of approval by Councilman Jim King, seconded by Joe Maxwell, no discussion, motion passed.

Announcements: Faulkner County wide clean-up is scheduled for October 7 and 8th, 2022. Dumpsters will be provided. Items can be taken to the city road shop. The mayor reported that Vilonia was the 2nd fastest growing city in Faulkner county, Conway only beat us out by a small margin.

Reports of Boards and Committees:

Emergency Management, planning commission, Fire Department: Code Enforcement: The Fire Department has had 828 runs year to date. Keith reported a lot of grass calls that he is addressing with individuals. No planning commission meeting this month.

Police Department: The new truck came in for the department and is being used. Chief McNew reported 825 incident reports and 44 accident reports this is on track from this time last year. The chief reminded everyone to lock your doors because of break-ins occurring again in neighborhoods. The department had active attacker training at school with the school staff and it went very well.

Parks and Recreation: new playground equipment was installed at the ball fields by the city staff.

Chamber of Commerce: The chamber has the 1st annual fall festival happening in front of the senior citizen's building on October 15, 2022. They have booth space for rent and ask all booths have games for kids. They chamber is having the coloring contest again for Constitution week. There will be a political forum at the senior citizen center on October 25, 2022 for all those running this year. There were 3 interim board members added to fill the vacancies; they are Amelia Prater, Chad Hearn and Greg Caswell.

Sewer Department: The expansion continuing the boring under the bypass is complete. The mayor spoke about the proposed consent administrative order amendment. There was minimal discussion and the mayor will sign the agreement. This is for the upgrades at the plant. Joe Maxwell wanted to

recognize Darlene Conner and her outstanding achievement of a perfect audit for the last 22 years in the sewer department. The audit is done by an outside agency and she has never had any findings.

Senior Citizens: The center is still looking to hire a part-time worker. The attendance has increased at lunch time.

Veterans Museum: There will be a ride for the punishers group honoring Mr. Page at the Veterans Museum, they are expecting about 50 bikers, and this will be held on August 20, 2022. There will be a biker ride on the 27 of August to honor the 13 fallen and the pull of veterans trap shot on this day as well. The Never Forget Run/Walk will be held on 9/10/2022 at the museum. On October 8, 2022 there will be a fallen biker ride at the museum. There are other events listed on the website for the months of November and December.

Old Business: The lighting project on Hwy 64 was awarded to Evatt Electric a local company to complete this project. The mayor reported about state aid project on the streets is still being worked on.

The mayor informed the council work had begun on the park expansion even though we did not get the grant we applied for. The work is being done by the Weaver family and Weaver Baily Contractors. The city will be out funds for the construction of a boat ramp and fishing pier. A rough estimate is about \$10,000.00. The originally plan that was submitted to the state and approved by the council is being used for this project.

ARP funds in the amount of \$478,895.72 were received on July 28, 2022. We will not receive anything further.

New Business:

Proclamation for constitution week was read and signed by the mayor. Constitution week is September 17-23, 2022.

The reading of Ordinance 2022-3 was read for the first time. The ordinance is for land purchase on North Mt. Olive road.

The mayor presented in the packets the memorandum of understanding for the school resource officer.

The city received another grant for bridges on Duncan lane.

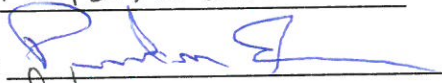
Tammy Wright spoke to the council regarding the Sleep in heavenly peace project. This group is a 5013c group who build beds for children in need. They are currently building beds for the 72173 zip code. The children will get a bed, sheets, pillows and blanket and the bed will be delivered to the child's home. They are have the new build on September 10, 2022 at the Harp's parking lot and asked for volunteers to help. Ms. Wright also asked for monetary donations and if anyone knew where they could store their lumber and finished beds. The mayor will look into a storage place and let her know.

The mayor called the council into executive session. There was a personnel issue discussed he mayor asked for all issues to be brought to him as a whole instead of one council member and a consensus was

agreed upon. There was no vote held in executive session. Two members, Shawntel Brown and Kira Livingston said they abstained from the vote, when there was no vote in executive session.

The meeting to adjourn was made by Joe Maxwell and seconded by Jim King. The meeting was adjourned.

Date: 11/15/2022

Mayor: 

Recorder: Sherry Clements