

Meeting of the Vilonia City Council

August 18, 2020

Members present: Shawntel Brown, Skip Cates, Joe Maxwell, Jim King, Kathy French, and Steven Craig.

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 21, 2020 Minutes: Motion of approval made by Councilman Jim King, seconded by Shawntel Brown, no discussion, motion passed.

Approval of June and July, 2020 Financial Statements: Motion of approval by Councilman Jim King, seconded by Skip Cates, no discussion, motion passed.

Announcements: Mayor Scroggin spoke of the importance of everyone participating in the Census for our community. Mayor Scroggin said that there will be people going around to homes that have not completed their census starting very soon.

Reports of Boards and Committees:

Emergency Management, planning commission, Fire Department: 625 run so far this year for the fire department.

Building Inspections: There were 5 new building permits this month so far. The Mayor reported that Keith continues to work on mowing complaints and cleaning up the town.

Planning Commission: The planning commission will meet to discuss a new sub-division on Grady Loop.

Police Department: Brad McNew reported that they are continuing to look for a new officer. The new car is still getting fitted with equipment.

Parks and Recreation: Logan reported that the co-ed softball season ended and went very well. They are beginning sign-ups for 8 and under fall ball. This will run the month of September. The plan for playing this fall season was approved by the Health Department. A copy of the plan was handed to all council members.

Chamber of Commerce: Shawntel Brown reported that the Pizza Pro of Vilonia was the Chamber's business of the month. She stated how much Matt Bradford did for the community. The Chamber will begin visiting with all businesses in the coming weeks. This was done prior to COVID-19. The Chamber is planning a community event in October; the plans are still in the works. The Chamber is asking everyone in town to shop local and support all local businesses.

Senior Citizens: Kathy French reported that all senior citizens centers are closed indefinitely due to COVID-19. The 3 workers continue to work and provide the meals on wheels. The Senior Center continues to do curbside meals on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for anyone that wants to pay a small donation. They are selling about 35 meals a day by doing this.

Sewer Department: Brandon reported that he had to get a machine to do some clean out in areas that the cameras showed blockage. The equipment rental for a day was \$800.00. The company that is doing the camera work loaned the city the equipment which saved us money. He was approved tonight by the sewer committee to purchase this equipment and it will take about 150 days to build it. The second phase of the sewer expansion project will start in October. The addition of the lift station will begin next year.

Old Business: No old business.

A proclamation for Constitution week running from September 17-23 was read and adopted by the mayor.

Resolution 2020-2: A resolution opposing dissolution of road tax revenue was read. The mayor discussed this resolution and that most all other cities in the county are passing or have passed this same resolution. The Mayor stated that he will work hard on getting this defeated if it goes on the ballot this November. A brief discussion was had by the council. A motion was made to approval by Joe Maxwell and seconded by Jim King, no other discussion, motion passed.

Ordinance 2020-4: An Ordinance amending ordinance #2007-8 establishing a fee schedule for services to be furnished by the Vilonia Sewer Department of the city of Vilonia, Arkansas, and for other purposes. The motion had its first reading. It will be read again next month. The mayor re-iterated that there will be no increase in people's sewer rates.

The mayor reported that Matt had been working on Simpson Street and that this street will be the next street paved. The cost will be \$88,000.00. He also stated that the county has plans to connect at the top of the four-way on Simpson with paving they will do on Simpson Street that is in the county.

The mayor also reported that we applied for grants to replace the last 2 bridges in Vilonia. He hopes to hear something on these grants in October. We have also applied for a grant to extend Lloyd Drive to Church Street. We are working with Metro plan on this project.

Steve Goode addressed the council regarding the issue that was passed by the Quorum Court tonight and will be on the November ballot. The issue will spread the tax turn back out in the county departments giving the Sheriff's Department more money, allocating money to the animal shelter and the 911 department and some still going to the road department. He stated he knows that other cities are against this. He was the one that sponsored the initiative to go on the ballot. There was no discussion or questions asked. He thanked the council for their time.

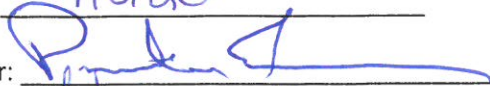
The motion was made to adjourn by Jim King seconded by Skip Cates meeting adjourned.

Adjournment: Motion made by Councilman Jim King and seconded by Shawntel Brown, no discussion motion passed.

Date:

9/15/20

Mayor:



Recorder:

Henry Clements