

Meeting of the Vilonia City Council

August 15, 2017

The Vilonia City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor James Firestone.

Members Present: Skip Cates, Sherry Clements, Joe Maxwell, Jim King, Clay Heslep, Kathy French. A quorum was declared.

Approval of June 2017 and July 2017 minutes – An amendment was made to the June minutes to correct the spelling of Josh Guseman to Josh Gusewelle, under the Sewer Department report. Councilman King made a motion to approve, Councilwoman Clements seconded, no discussion, the motion carried.

Approval of the Financial Statement for July 2017 – Councilman Cates made a motion to approve, Councilman Heslep seconded, no discussion, the motion carried.

No announcements were made.

Reports of Boards and Committees:

Emergency Management – Keith Hillman presented. Fire department has had 440 runs to date, fire department has some specialized training coming up for high and low angle water rescue at the end of August. The city has sent out some letters for code enforcement due to grass. Building inspection, this month we have 2 storage permits and 1 remodel.

Planning Commission – No agenda

Police Department – Chief McNew presented. James Gibson (not present at meeting) was chosen by Chief McNew to replace Officer Carpenter who resigned. Councilman Maxwell made a motion to approve hiring, Councilwoman French seconded, no discussion, motion carried. Currently the police department has 4 cars down. From January to July, we have had 2,158 calls and 664 reports. We had 1 accident during the Bargains Galore on 64.

Parks and Recreation – Presented by John Alexander. Co-Ed adult softball went good, had 12 teams. Plan to do a men's league in the future. Mr. Patrick, who runs the soccer program, has asked to get new fences to get put up to stop balls from running in the street. Mr. Alexander is currently getting quotes for new fences for soccer and softball fields.

Chamber of commerce – Presented by Keith Hillman. Annual chamber back to school blast was last Monday. They had 19 booths set up for the teachers to come by.

Senior Citizens – Presented by Councilwoman French. Gave general overview of what the center has to offer for our senior citizens.

Sewer Department – Provided in writing. No discussion was made.

Old Business:

Vilonia Parks and Rec. rental agreement – Councilman Maxwell brought attention to paragraph 4 section b. The last sentence contradicts the first sentence. Mayor Firestone asked If he would like to strike the last sentence from the paragraph. No other comments or concerns were made. Councilman

Maxwell made motion to approve the Vilonia Complex Rental Agreement. Councilman King seconded, no discussion, the motion carried.

Discussion on ordinance 2017-4:

Mayor addressed questions that he received about the ordinance, alternatives, applying for aid money. Mayor Firestone mentioned that he has a form for residents affected by this ordinance to fill out for contact information. Mayor Firestone recommended to leave the ordinance in place and asked to come together to extend the time for the cleanup. Asked for a special meeting in a week or so if that is agreeable.

New Business:

Ed Sellers and Dr. Stephens – School Millage

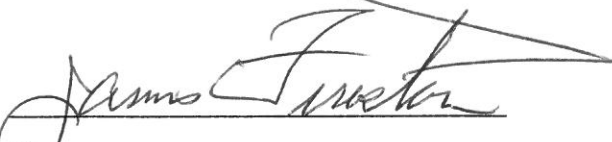
Ed Sellers mentioned that they have put together a committee to help pass the millage. Meetings by the committee are held on Wednesdays at 5:30 at the First Baptist Church. Dr. Stephens came forward and presented information on the millage proposal. A question and answer sheet was handed out to the council and the citizens present about the millage proposal.

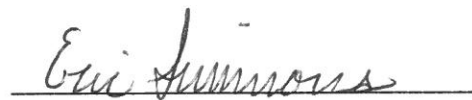
Citizens – Slab Ordinance

The following presented public comments in regards to ordinance 2017-4:

Brittany and Nicholas White
Johnny Fowlkes
George Bishop
Tim Hunter
David and Dustin Harris
Judy Conway
Scott Barrier
Jill Bonema

Adjournment made by Councilman Heslep.



Mayor

Recorder/Treasurer

Date 9-19-17

