

Meeting of the Vilonia City Council

December 15, 2020

Members present: Shawntel Robinson, Skip Cates, Joe Maxwell, Jim King and Steven Craig and Kathy French. 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 November 17, 2020 Minutes: Motion of approval made by Councilman Joe Maxwell, seconded by Jim King, no discussion, motion passed.

Approval of November, 2020 Financial Statements: Motion of approval by Councilman Skip Cates, seconded by Shawntel Robinson, no discussion, motion passed.

Announcements: Cares Act Funding. We have been awarded the Cares Act Funding in the amount of \$150,284.00 this money was used to make up payroll expenses during the shutdown time for the city.

Reports of Boards and Committees:

Emergency Management, planning commission, Fire Department: Mayor Scroggin gave the report. The Fire Department continues to due runs with an increase in COVID 19 cases. The Fire Department is staying safe and taking all precautions on all the runs to protect themselves. The planning commission will meet on the 17th of December to review a small subdivision on Grady Loop. We have had 49 building permits and 4 more came in this week. Building continues in Vilonia.

Code Enforcement: Clean-up is being done and the Fire Department is helping to get this done.

Police Department: Brad McNew reported that there is a need for the department to go wireless on their computers to free up the phones. They were all connected in the past. This will give 5 wireless areas in the building including 1 for guests. The cost is \$2,180.73. A motion was made to make this upgrade by Shawntel Robinson, seconded by Skip Cates. The only discussion was will this be a long term fix or a short term fix. Brad stated this is a long term fix. No further discussion, motion passed.

Parks and Recreation: Logan thanked Coach Wallace and the baseball team from the high school for the camp they put on for the kids at no cost. It was a huge success. The sign-ups will begin early next year for the new season.

Chamber of Commerce: Shawntel Brown reported that the Chamber added new board members. They are Logan Hensley, Stephen Craig, Faith Matos, Alex Davis and Tonya Hendrix. The Veterans museum had 100 kids to see Santa last week. They also raised enough money to finish the walkway to the peace

chapel. This chapel has held 9 memorial services for our veterans this past year and one more is scheduled. Shawntel also thanked Keith's and 1st Assembly for the drive thru Christmas decorations they did for the town. There has been a lot of great feedback on the lights and decorations.

Senior Citizens: The center continues to be closed due to COVID. They are serving meals 3 days a week in a drive thru fashion.

Sewer Department: Brandon reported that the bids will be opened up on January 19, 2021 for the plant expansion. Humbar will begin the line and manhole repairs beginning January with a completion date of March 2021.

Old Business: The Simpson road paving project has been completed and the cities final cost was \$71,385.63. The striping has yet to be done but will be in the near future. The bridges for Church and Marshall have been purchased and delivered. The cost was \$13,583.83 and \$14,793.35. The project on South College is beginning. The utilities have been a night mare. This project will be done in phases.

Resolution 2020-5 Approval of the 2021 Budget was read. Motion to approve was made by Joe Maxwell, seconded by Jim King. The mayor added that this will included the one time wage adjustment approved at the November 17, 2020 meeting and included on the payroll for December 13, 2020. No further discussion, motion passed.

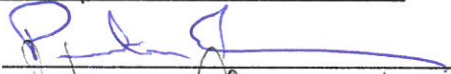
Plaques were presented to Skip Cates and Kathy French for their service to the community. This will be their last meeting.

The motion was made to adjourn by Jim King seconded by Stephen Craig meeting adjourned.

Date:

1/19/2021

Mayor:



Recorder:

