

Meeting of the Vilonia City Council

February 23, 2021

Members present: Shawntel Robinson, Joe Maxwell, Jim King, Kira Livingston, Steven Craig and Chris 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 January 19, 2020 Minutes: Motion of approval made by Councilman Joe Maxwell, seconded by Jim King, no discussion, motion passed.

Approval of January, 2020 Financial Statements: Motion of approval by Councilman Jim King, seconded by Shawntel Robinson, no discussion, motion passed.

Announcements: None.

Reports of Boards and Committees:

Emergency Management, planning commission, Fire Department: There have been 130 fire runs so far this year. Keith stated there have been 5 building permits so far this year but the weather. Keith has issued tickets for trash and given several other warnings for different items for code enforcement.

Police Department: Brad McNew reported that we have another position open in the city for an officer. He also asked to be able to order another car now the total cost for the car and to be outfitted will be \$56,400.00 Joe Maxwell made the motion to approve and Jim King seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Parks and Recreation: Spring sign-ups had 300 plus kids to register for this season. Logan is working on a plan to submit to the health department for the upcoming season for COVID regulations. Practice will begin in March and the games will begin in April. There was a leak in the concession stand from the previous week's winter weather that is being repaired.

Chamber of Commerce: Shawntel Brown reported that the Chamber will meet on March 11. They currently have 40 new members. She also reported on the Veterans Museum. The museum hopes to begin the tours in September depending on the COVID restrictions. They are also getting weekly donations from all across the United States. The boy scouts have been using some the facilities at the museum for social distancing purposes. They want to expand the museum in the future.

Senior Citizens: The center continues to be closed due to COVID. They are serving meals 3 days a week in a drive thru fashion. There was a leak in the ceiling during this past week's winter storm and it is being repaired.

Sewer Department: The work has continued on the pipe repairs. Paladino got the low bid on the sewer expansion.

Old Business: none

The bids for Bridge Replacements were awarded to Hardrock Construction, Inc. of Russellville in the amount of \$197,752.00. The bridges are supposed to be delivered next week. There may be a delay due to the last weeks past weather. Church Street will be done first.

Resolution 2021-1- Resolution for Solid Waste Bids was read. There was much discussion. A decision was made to have a committee of the entire council and have a public forum for input. A motion to approve was made by Joe Maxwell and seconded by Jim King. The motion was passed.

The city recognized the street department for all of their hard work and dedication.

The mayor discussed having a private CPA do an audit for the city. This would cost \$5,500-\$6,000.00 the mayor stated that this would be more advantageous to the city. Other cities around us have private firms conduct their audits. He will pursue this.

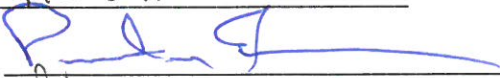
Kira Livingston wanted to recognize the volunteers for the last week's snow storm from the Vilonia Dispatch and Volunteer Group. Please see attached list of those mentioned. Stephen Craig wanted to also recognize the Police Department and Fire Department for all of their public assistance given during that week.

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

Date:

3/16/21

Mayor:



Recorder:

Sherry Clements