

Meeting of the Vilonia City Council

December 19, 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, Kathy French. A quorum was declared.

Approval of November 2017 minutes – Councilwoman Sherry Clements made motion to approve, Councilman Joe Maxwell seconded, no discussion, motion carried.

Approval of Financial Statement for November 2017 – Councilman Jim King made motion to approve, Councilman Skip Cates seconded, no discussion, motion carried.

Announcements:

Rodney Legit – was introduced by Mayor Firestone. Mr. Legit is running for State Representative for district 67 as a Republican candidate.

Ricky Hill – was introduced by Mayor Firestone. Mr. Hill is running for the Arkansas State Senate seat vacated by Eddie Joe Williams.

Reports of Boards and Committees:

Emergency Management – Keith Hillman presented. Fire Department has had 780 runs year to date. 5 new residential permits, 3 new storage permits, and 2 new house add on permits have been issued this month.

Planning Commission – No agenda.

Police Department – Chief McNew presented. 96 incident reports, 10 accidents, had 6 break-in reports on vehicles today.

Parks and Recreation – Johnny Alexander presented. Almost finished with ball fields makeover. Starting a developmental league for 3-4-year old's in 2018. 2018 registration packets were presented to the Council members in writing.

Chamber of Commerce – Keith Hillman presented. General election is Thursday night at City Hall. February 17 is the Annual Chamber banquet at Friendship Church.

Senior Citizens – Kathy French presented. Clientele is still growing. Senior Citizens center will be having a Christmas lunch on Friday the 22nd.

Sewer Department – No agenda.

Old Business:

Third reading of Ordinance 2017-5 by Treasurer Eric Simmons. Councilman King moved its approval, Councilwoman Clements seconded, no discussion, voice vote called for by Mayor Firestone. All Council members voted "YEA."

New Business:

Approval of Arkansas Municipal League dues for 2018 – Mayor Firestone recommended that the City continue to be a part of the Arkansas Municipal League and renew our dues of \$13,659.55. Councilwoman Clements moved to approve, Councilman Maxwell seconded, no discussion, motion carried.

Resolution 2017-5 adoption of 2018 budget – Resolution read by Treasurer Eric Simmons. Joe Maxwell made motion to approve Resolution 2017-5, Skip Cates seconded, voice vote was called for by Mayor Firestone. All Council members voted “YEA.” Mayor Firestone asked for a motion to approve the wage adjustment effective December 19. Councilman Maxwell made motion to approve, Councilwoman Clements seconded, no discussion, motion carried.

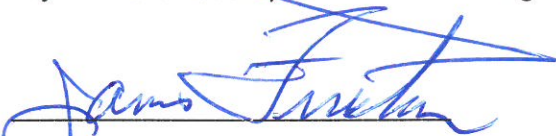
Council Member appointment to replace Clay Heslep – Mayor Firestone made recommendation of Shantel Brown to be voted on for replacing former Council Member Clay Heslep. Councilwoman Clements moved to approve, Councilwoman French seconded, no discussion, motion carried.

Food truck ordinance discussion – Proposal of food truck ordinance was presented to Council Members in writing. Consideration will be held next month.

Mayor Firestone was asked by a citizen if the Council would consider an ordinance for regulating the discharge of firearms in the City limits. Mayor Firestone wants to reach out to surrounding cities and see what kind of ordinances that they have enacted.

Mayor Firestone requested the Council to approve the purchase of a new dump truck for the Street Department for the price of \$55,352, and trading in the current dump truck for \$5,000 trade in value. Motion made by Councilman Maxwell, seconded by Councilwoman French, no discussion, motion carried.

Adjournment made by Councilman Jim King.


Mayor


Recorder/Treasurer

Date: 1-16-18