

Meeting of the Vilonia City Council

February 20, 2018

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

Members present: Shawntel Brown, Skip Cates, Sherry Clements, Joe Maxwell, Jim King, Kathy French. A quorum was declared.

Approval of January 2017 minutes – Motion for approval made by Councilman Jim King, seconded by Councilwoman Sherry Clements, no discussion, motion carried.

Approval of Financial Statement for January 2017 – Motion for approval made by Councilwoman Clements, seconded by Councilman Cates, no discussion, motion carried.

Announcements –

- Mayor Firestone introduced Zach Thornberry who is running for Prosecuting attorney.
- Mayor Firestone also introduced Stephen McNally who is running for the Arkansas Senate on the Democrat ticket.
- Chamber of Commerce Banquet at Friendship Baptist Church on February 24th, at 6:30 p.m.
- Faulkner County wide cleanup will be on April 20th and 21st. Dumpster will be placed at the City Maintenance building on North Mount Olive.
- Mayor Firestone and Keith Hillman presented several awards to employees of the Vilonia Fire Department.

Reports of Boards and Committees:

Emergency Management – Keith Hillman presented. No update on Fire Department.

Planning Commission – Keith Hillman presented. New shopping center will be discussed in the next Planning Commission meeting on February 22nd.

Police Department – Chief McNew presented. Marshal Kenny was introduced to the Councilmembers for a new hire to the police department. Councilman Maxwell moved to approve the hire, seconded by Councilman King, no discussion, motion carried.

Parks and Recreation – Johnny Alexander Presented. Gave update on registration of sports teams.

Chamber of Commerce – Keith Hillman presented. Just a reminder of the Chamber Banquet on the 24th.

Senior Citizens – Attendance is still growing. The Senior Centers rook, skip-bo, and domino tournament and fundraiser is coming up on March 26th – 30th. Cost to play is \$25 per person.

Sewer Department – Did not have a meeting in January, no agenda.

Old Business:

Mayor Firestone gave an update on the plans for new paving. New paving will be done on Whispering Wind, South Church, and Industrial Drive. The estimate for the project is \$165,000. Plans are

also being considered for the roads in Simmons Place and for South Cooker from city limits to Highway 64.

Second Reading of Ordinance 2018-1– Ordinance 2018-1 was read by Recorder/Treasurer Eric Simmons. Much discussion was held by the Council. Mayor Firestone discussed that the Council has agreed not to pass an Ordinance with ~~an~~ emergency clause unless a true emergency exists.

New Business:

Resolution 2018-2 Amending 2017 Budget – Resolution 2018-2 was read by Recorder/Treasurer Eric Simmons. Councilman Maxwell made motion to approve, seconded by Councilman King, no discussion, voice vote was called by Mayor Firestone, all voted "YEA", motion carried.

Resolution 2018-3 Opioid Epidemic – Resolution 2018-3 was read by Recorder/Treasurer Eric Simmons. Motion of approval made by Councilman Cates, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, no discussion, voice vote was called by Mayor Firestone, all voted "YEA", motion carried.

Ordinance 2018-2 Annexation Preston Scroggin – Councilman Cates made motion to table Ordinance 2018-2 until March meeting to remove the emergency clause, seconded by Councilwoman Clements, no discussion, motion carried.

Executive Session – Council recessed to an Executive Session.

Adjournment made by Councilman Jim King


Mayor


Recorder/Treasurer

3-20-18

Date