

Meeting of the Vilonia City Council

July 17th, 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 June 2018 minutes – Motion for approval made by Councilman Cates, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, no discussion, motion carried.

Approval of Financial Statement for June 2018 – Motion for approval made by Councilwoman Clements, seconded by Councilman Cates, no discussion, motion carried.

Announcements:

Mayor Firestone announced filing dates for City Council and Mayor offices.

Reports of Boards and Committees:

Emergency Management – Keith Hillman presented. Year to date 500 run for Fire Department, Code Enforcement 33 inspections. Building inspections: 2 residential, 2 storages, and 1 additions.

Planning Commission – Keith Hillman presented. Meeting planned for July 26th for gentleman wanting to bring forward a plan for development.

Police Department – Chief McNew presented. Year to date: 1323 service calls, 670 reports, 44 accidents, 12 use of force reports. Update on computers for cars-they are not in yet, there was a mix up on the docking stations that they are working with Dell to correct.

Parks and Recreation – Johnny Alexander presented. Co-ed season is going good right now.

Chamber of Commerce – Keith Hillman presented. General meeting Thursday July 19th at Linda Marie's shoe store. This meeting will also be a meet and great from 6:00pm to 7 pm.

Senior Citizens – Kathy French presented. Planning an extra fund raiser for the Center.

Sewer Department – No agenda.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

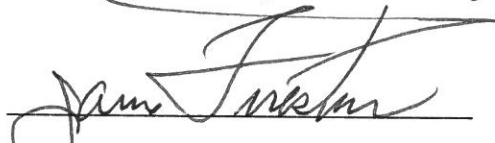
Fences for Park – Johnny Alexander presented a quote to put fences up at the baseball park, softball park, and soccer fields. Total cost is quoted for \$27,000.

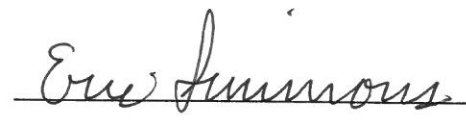
Executive Session – Mayor Firestone called for executive session regarding personnel matters. Mayor Firestone then read a letter from a citizen of ^{Faulkner County} Vilonia. The letter questioned the validity of Keith Hillman as Chief of the Fire Department due to his disability retirement from Pulaski County Fire Department. Mayor Firestone asked Jared Fowlkes if he had approached City Council members ~~if he had~~

~~approached Council members~~ and told them that if they did not vote a certain way on an ordinance then they would have an opponent during the next Council election.

Ordinance 2018-3 Repealing Ordinance 2014-5 – Recorder/Treasurer Eric Simmons read Ordinance 2018-3. Councilwoman Clements made motion to suspend the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance 2018-3, seconded by Councilman King, no discussion, motion passed. Councilman Clements made motion to approve Ordinance 2018-3 as read, Councilman Kind seconded, no discussion, voice vote held, all Council Members voted “Yea”, motion passed. Mayor Firestone then recommend Kenneth Williams be appointed interim Fire Chief of the Vilonia Fire Department pending approval of the City Council. No Council member disapproved, Kenneth Williams was approved as interim Fire Chief.

Adjournment made by Councilman King.


Mayor


Recorder/Treasurer

8-21-18

Date