

Meeting of the Vilonia City Council

June 20, 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, Clay Heslep and Kathy French. A quorum was declared.

Approval of June 2017 minutes- Councilman Maxwell made a motion to approve, Councilman King 2nd, there being no discussion the motion carried.

Approval of financial statement for May 2017- Councilman Cates made a motion to approve, Councilman Maxwell 2nd, there being no discussion the motion carried.

Announcements – Vilonia High school baseball team had a celebration last week.

Emergency Management- 346 to date, Fire Department has just finished placing “gps” on all fire hydrants, a requirement for ISO, Keith stated that the Vilonia Fire Departments has a possibility to get a 2 on fire ratings.

Code Enforcement- We have issued a total of 29 code violations, 27 being grass related, 2 being inoperative vehicles. Hillman stated that with the ground finally drying up citizens can now start mowing.

Building Permits- 1 residential building permit issued for the month of May, 7 footing inspections, 2 final and 3 framing inspections. Keith will be attending a plumbing inspector class this August.

Chamber of Commerce- held their first annual Chamber Luncheon at Big Ben’s about 45 total attendance, we will start hosting a quarterly luncheon with guest speakers from around town. 6 new members have joined the Chamber.

Planning Commission- no report, will have a training session Thursday night.

Police Department- 248 calls, some being reports other being just calls, officers are still training. Officer Jensen should be able to be on his own in about 4 weeks. Councilwoman French asked Chief about timepays and if the city ever see's any of that money returned. Chief McNew explained the process and that the police department will go all over the state to serve a warrant.

Parks & Recreation- Spring baseball/softball has finished up with it being a good year. District tournament for softball was held this past week and all stars will be playing this coming week in Conway. Co-Ed adult softball is starting this coming Tuesday will 12 teams entered. Work is continuing at the baseball fields to get them prepared for 2018 spring season. We will be having fall baseball/softball starting in first week in August. Councilwoman French thanked Johnny and Clint for saving the season.

Senior Citizens- Councilwoman French stated that the center is in a summer dull with everyone attending to gardens/lawns. Councilwoman French encouraged everyone to tell neighbors about the center & the programs that they offer, meals, and friendship.

needs amending
Josh Gusewelle
Sewer Department- in writing, there being no discussion Mayor Firestone shared that Josh Gusewelle has reached out to him about be appointed to the sewer committee Mayor Firestone feels that Josh will be a great fit with having a background in plumbing. Mayor Firestone asked for councils' approval Councilwoman Clements made a motion to approve, Councilwoman French 2nd, there being no discussion the motion carried.

Old Business- Bridge on North College is complete Mayor Firestone commended contractor, engineer, street department on a great job, only hold back is the Vilonia Water Department to repair and move waterlines in that area, once that is finished they will start with widening the street.

New Business- Speed limit signs on North Mt Olive, city has seen an increase of traffic along that street with request for additional speed limit signs. Mayor read the recommendations from the Uniform Manual for Traffic Control Devices, on the amount and placement of speed limit signs. Mayor Firestone told the council he felt like we had the right number of signs. Clint Tucker asked to address the council Mayor Firestone asked Tucker what his

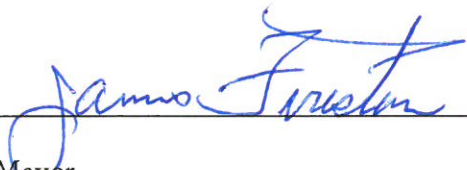
background was in traffic control, Tucker stated he had no background in traffic control and has never received a speeding ticket. Clint made the recommendation to the council to place additional speed limit signs on North Mt. Olive for the safety of kids. No action was taken by council.

Field Rental Contract for Baseball/Softball after a very lengthy discussion between Mayor Firestone, Council, Clint Tucker, Trish Cartwright the council took no action on the contract. Council will have a contract drawn up for the rental of the facilities.

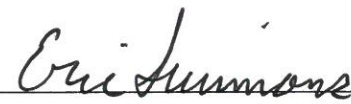
Ordinance 2017-4 amending ordinance 2001-3, Section 2: adding H and amending Section 4. After discussion Councilman Heslep made motion to wave 2nd and 3rd reading, Councilman Maxwell 2nd with a voice vote Heslep-yea, Cates-yea, Clements-yea, Maxwell-yea, King-yea, and French-yea no opposed. Councilman Heslep made motion to accept Ordinance 2017-4 as read Councilman Maxwell 2nd, with a voice vote Heslep-yea, Cates-yea, Clements-yea, Maxwell-yea, King-yea, and French-yea no opposed. Ordinance 2017-4 approved.

Steven Grimes letter to council, asking for approval from the council to tie onto the Vilonia Sewer System. After discussion between council and Mr. & Mrs. Grimes, the council denied Grimes request to hook up to Vilonia sewer unless they annexed into the city limits.

Adjournment- made by Councilman King



Mayor



Recorder/Treasurer

Date 8-15-17

