

Meeting of the Vilonia City Council

September 18, 2017

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

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

Approval of August 2017 minutes – Councilman King moved to approve, Councilman Maxwell seconded, no discussion, the motion carried.

Approval of the Financial Statement for August 2017 – Councilwoman Clements made a motion to approve the August Financial Statement, Councilman King seconded, no discussion, the motion carried.

Announcements:

Senator Eddie Joe Williams – Spoke in remembrance of Marshal Smith presenting the Smith family with a senate memorial citation.

Audit 2016 – Councilman King moved to accept the findings of the audit, Councilman Maxwell seconded, no discussion, motion carried.

Reports of Boards and Committees:

Emergency Management – Keith Hillman presented. Fire department received word that they have been approved for a grant from the Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$271,468.47 for the purchase of a new fire truck. Building inspections, two permits for houses and three permits for storage buildings were approved last month.

Planning Commission – Keith Hillman presented. On the agenda for the September meeting, discussion on a used car lot to be built near Mount Olive Road.

Police Department – Chief McKnew Presented. Reported continued officer training. Police department still has one vehicle out of commission.

Parks and Recreation – John Alexander presented. Reworking grass and sand on baseball fields. Still waiting on quotes from Lowes for chain link fencing to go around the soccer field on the sides of the roads. Flag football is also going to be coming back for fall of 2018. John Alexander requested the City Council to give a notice to terminate the renting out of the concession stand to the current operators and give the concession stands back to the City of Vilonia's control. Councilman King moved to give a 30 day notice to terminate the contract of TC Concessionaires, Councilwoman French seconded, no discussion, the motion carried.

Chamber of Commerce – Linda Hicks/Keith Hillman presented. The Museum of Veterans and Military History's WWII History Weekend will begin at 7:00 p.m. on October 13-14. Councilwoman French made mention that the Baptist ARcare is partnering with the School to send the 2nd grade class to the Museum of Discovery at no cost to the students.

Senior Citizens – Councilwoman Kathy French presented. The senior center is holding a breakfast and flea market on October 7 and are accepting items for the flea market.

Sewer Department – No report.

Old Business:

Mayor Firestone read a letter explaining a request made by the Vilonia Fire Department to donate a 1981 Ford tanker truck to the Twin Groves Fire Department. Councilman Maxwell made motion to approve, Councilwoman French seconded, no discussion, motion carried.

New Business:

Proclamation for Constitution Week – Mayor Firestone issued a proclamation declaring the week of September 17-23 as Constitution Week.

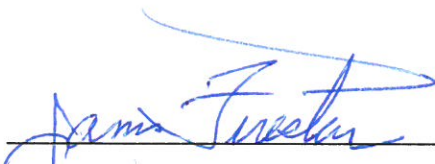
Resolution 2017-3 – Mayor Firestone made mention that this resolution is to ensure the proper assessment and collection of sales tax from all internet/online sales from business. Treasurer/Recorder Eric Simmons read Resolution 2017-3 aloud. Councilman Maxwell made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-3, seconded by Councilman King. Voice vote as follows: Councilwoman Clements-yea, Councilman Maxwell-yea, Councilman King-yea, Councilwoman French-yea. Resolution 2017-3 is passed.

Ordinance 2017-5 Discussion – Mayor Firestone has reached out to the Arkansas Municipality League for aid in wording of the original Ordinance 2017-4. Mayor Firestone made mention that there have been numerous changes to Ordinance 2017-4 and further discussion will be held at workshop prior to next month's meeting.

Appointment to the Planning Commission – Mayor Firestone asked the council to approve Trey White (not present at meeting) to the City Planning Commission. Councilman Maxwell moved to approve, Councilwoman Clements seconded, no discussion, motion carried.

Vilonia Soccer Club – Barbara and Patrick McCrory and Frank Cleberg discussed issues with dates that the park is unavailable for 3 of the 9 weekends during soccer season causing the young teams that do not travel to cancel their games those weekends.

Adjournment made by Councilman King.



Mayor



Recorder/Treasurer

Date 10-17-17

