



**Meeting Minutes
Vilonia City Council
June 16, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.**

The Vilonia City Council meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor James Firestone.

Members present: Skip Cates, Sherry Clements, Kathy French, Jim King, Clay Heslep. Absent - Joe Maxwell.

Councilman King moved to approve the May minutes, Councilwoman French 2nd and the motion passed.

Councilwoman French moved to approve the May financial statement Councilman King 2nd and the motion passed.

VDRA is still collecting money for the new building.

Fire Dept. – The picture fund raiser has started and everything is running well.

Planning Commission – No report was given.

Police Dept. – New car has ongoing work. Training for officers continues.

Parks & Rec./VSA – No report was given. Mayor reported that bids are going out for the park.

Chamber of Commerce – No report was given.

Code Enforcement – Grass issues are the biggest complaint at this time. Address displays on south side of town are done. Cleanup of town is being done.

Senior Citizens – Water has caused drywall damage and needs to be fixed. Backsplash needs to be taller, needs hot water in dishwashing room that is on a demand hot water heater. A donation was made towards it but the city may have to pay the remainder if needed. Letters on permanent sign are missing, they want them replaced. There is a problem with a lock on door in back. They need a locksmith to check this. Councilwoman French moved to get quotes on drywall repair and hot water heater.

Sewer Dept.- Report was given in written form.

Old Business:
None

New Business:

Damage to City Hall – Estimate from Mallard homes is \$11,615.00. Jim King made a motion to approve, Skip Cates 2nd and the motion passed. All Council members agreed.

Fire Dept. – Asking to dispose of a 1993 truck, Councilman King made a motion to approve of the disposal, Councilwoman French 2nd and the motion passed.

Discussion was held to have an auction, if no auction we will advertise for sealed bids. Council passed to dispose of 1993 truck Ford F-350 with rescue body.

Appointment of new Recorder/Treasurer - Several people submitted letters of interest. Marshall Smith was the recommendation of the Mayor. Councilman King made a motion to approve and Councilwoman French 2nd the motion passed.

Presentation of the Jumpstart Initiative - To start funding, corrective zoning and future infrastructure. This is a long range plan. Resolution 2015-5 was read and motion was made by Councilwoman French to approve, Councilman King 2nd and the motion passed. A verbal vote was taken and passed by all council members.

Discussion was held regarding door to door permits. Talk was held on stopping this permit for the summer due to human trafficking. Discussion was held about what was needed by door to door salesman. Permits are \$50.0 for 1-7 days. Councilman King made a motion to suspend door to door permits, Councilman Cates 2nd and the motion passed. More discussion was held about the ordinance being on record. The ordinance was reviewed by the Mayor. He will talk with Municipal League regarding this. We don't have a lot of door to door. Motion was withdrawn by Councilman King.

Ruth McKennon has issues with dogs and a lot of barking in her neighborhood. Councilman King questioned about our rules and regulations. We have an animal welfare ordinance. Mrs. McKennon voiced concerns about the dogs in her neighborhood, Mayor advised her to continue to call the police about the issue. She also brought up wanting the city to trim trees and bushes and to have the Fire Dept. to burn it for practice. She feels it needs to be done, since we have no one to clean up. She also complained about grass clippings in the street when people mow. She praised the new chairs in the courtroom.

Question was raised about Vilonia getting an animal shelter. Cost is too much. Mayor discussed the ordinance we have on hand about dogs. More discussion was held on dogs. Mayor advised to continue to call police.

Motion was made by Councilman King to adjourn meeting, Councilman/Councilwoman _____ 2nd and the motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned.