

Meeting of the Vilonia City Council

May 18, 2021

Members present: Shawntel Robinson, Joe Maxwell, Jim King, Kira Livingston, Steven Craig and Chris French. All members present

Meeting Prayer: Lead by Jim King

Pledge of Allegiance by all.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Preston Scroggin.

Established of quorum.

Approval of April 20, 2021 Minutes: Motion of approval made by Councilman Joe Maxwell, seconded by Jim King, no discussion, motion passed.

Approval of April, 2021 Financial Statements: Motion of approval by Councilman Joe Maxwell, seconded by Shawntel Robinson, no discussion, motion passed.

Announcements: The Vilonia Revenue Department is opened Tuesday-Thursday. The Senior Citizens is open now for games. The meals continue to be served curbside. They will officially open back up on June 1, 2021.

Reports of Boards and Committees:

Emergency Management, planning commission, Fire Department: Code Enforcement: Fire Department has been having training. As of now there have been 350 fire runs, which is considerably less than this time last year. Keith wants to buy a new rescue truck to replace the 2011 and 2013 box truck (which will be sold). The cost of the truck is \$75,000. A motion to approve the purchase was made by Joe Maxwell and seconded by Jim King. Motion passed.

Police Department: Training for shifts continues with the new officers. Chief McNew reminded everyone to lock their doors. We have had another round of break ins. The wireless internet for the city was installed and now everyone can use it if they visit city hall.

Parks and Recreation: The season is in full swing. They have had some rain delays due to all the rain. Mayor Scroggin said there are funds available to expand the playgrounds at both parks. The mayor will also look at making the parks ADA accessible.

Chamber of Commerce: LaCosta Beene gave the report. The meeting held with CAPDD had over 30 businesses in person and online attend the meeting. They had a one year anniversary for Good Nutrition and a ribbon cutting for a playground renovation. The car show had over 130 cars the largest turn out yet. The best of show went to Kenny Horn, voted on by the Chamber. There will be a 4th of July fireworks show with one of the churches, more to be announced about that in the coming weeks. There will be a fall chamber banquet. The June Business of the month is Vilonia Funeral Home.

Veterans Museum: The Museum is open to the public. There will be a women's situational training on June 12 from 9-12.

Senior Citizens: The Senior Citizens is open now for games. The meals continue to be served curbside. They will officially open back up on June 1, 2021.

Sewer Department: The force mains making good progress. They are about $\frac{3}{4}$ finished. .

Old Business:

The mayor reported that work continues on the bridges. The bridge on South Church Street is done. He wanted to remind everyone that bridge installation is a process. The bridge on South Marshall is being worked on and the back fills for the head walls maybe able to be done when this rain stops. He also wanted to remind everyone that South Church Street will be closed on and off for several months due to the construction being done. He hopes this project will be done by 2022. There has been increased traffic on South Mt. Olive, North Naylor and South Church Street. Matt is working on making shoulders on all 3 of these streets. This will take some time. The mayor hopes that when the new census comes out we will have an increase of state turn back for the street department. The city is having some drainage ditch issues in some of the sub-divisions. They are looking into vegetation control to help the problem.

A proclamation recognizing the Vilonia Girls Track and Field team for winning the state championship was declared and presented to a representative of the High School.

The motion was made to adjourn by Jim King seconded by Shawntel Robinson meeting adjourned.

Date: 6/15/2021
Mayor: [Signature]
Recorder: Sherry Clements