

**Meeting of the Vilonia City Council
November 21, 2023**

Members present: Jim King, Joe Maxwell, Mike Matos, James Firestone, LaCosta Beene, and Stephen Craig.

Meeting Prayer: Led by Jim King

Pledge of Allegiance: By all.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Preston Scroggin.

Established quorum.

Approval October 17, 2023, Minutes: Motion of approval made by Councilman Joe Maxwell, seconded by LaCosta Beene, motion passed.

Approval of Financial Statement for October 2023: Mike Matos questioned the financial statements for a purchase of parks vehicle and why the council does not need to approve. Jim King motioned for approval of financial statements. Seconded by James Firestone. Approved by all.

Reports of City Departments:

Fire Department: Keith Hillman stated the fire department had 1075 runs. Training coming up the next two weekends. Planning commission meeting at 7:00 PM Thursday November 30, 2023. Two residential building permits were issued.

Police Department: Chief McNew was not present. Mayor Scroggin stated he spoke with Chief McNew, and the new truck has arrived.

Sewer Department: Joe Maxwell stated that two pumping stations were online and new customers will be connected.

Public Comment: Mayor Scroggin stated that the VDRA building has a roof leak and will receive a rubber coating. City Offices will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holidays November 23 & 24, 2023. Issues with the Parkwood Meadows playground. James Firestone stated that it was used equipment. Mayor Scroggin stated the playground equipment was going to be replaced with new. The road work continues on Church Street.

Announcements: Lacosta Beene wants to recognize and give a special thank you to the City Clerk for Vilonia, Mrs. Kelly Lawrence, for all of her hard work for the city.

Chamber of Commerce: The Chamber of Commerce, President Tanya Hendrix offers a thank you to Keith Hillman, the Vilonia Fire Dept and the City of Vilonia for their help with the Veteran's Day flags on Hwy 64. December monthly luncheon has moved to Dec 14. Shop Small Shop Local is Saturday November 25th. \$1550 in gift items has been collected for baskets from local businesses. Drawing will be November 28th. The Chamber is seeking new board members; please contact a board member for more information. Community meeting is December 5, 2023, at 6:30 at City Hall. The annual banquet will be at the Pentecostal Campus on March 2, 2024, and will be catered by Renewal Ranch. The 13th annual Christmas Parade is December 2nd.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Resolution 2023-5 State Aid City Street Program up to \$300,000.00 in road surfacing. Mayor Scroggin read the resolution. Approved by all.

A motion was made by Jim King, seconded by Joe Maxwell. The motion passed by all. No further discussion.

A Proclamation for Native American Heritage Month read by City Recorder/Treasurer. November will be observed as National Native American Heritage Month in Vilonia, AR.

Resolution 2023-6 Amendment to Resolution 2023-3. Mike Matos expressed his concerns that by making an individual's address was a public safety issue and infringed upon their rights. This was discussed at length by Mike Matos. Motion to approve made by Mike Matos, seconded by James Firestone. Much discussion was held between board members. Stephan Craig voted to amend Resolution 2023-6. Approved by all.

One time wage adjustment for Christmas \$250 for part time and \$500 for full time employees. Approved by all.

Appointment to the Vilonia Water Works Board Mr. Cody McEntire to complete Steve Simon's term. Approved by all.

Date: 12/19/2023
Mayor: [Signature]
Recorder: [Signature]

