

Meeting of the Vilonia City Council

May 19, 2020

Members present: Shawntel Brown, Skip Cates, Sherry Clements, Joe Maxwell, Jim King and Kathy French.

Approval of April 2020 Minutes: Motion of approval made by Councilman Joe Maxwell, seconded by Skip Cates, no discussion, motion passed.

Approval of April 2020 Financial Statements: Motion of approval made by Councilman Jim King, seconded by Skip Cates, no discussion, motion passed.

Announcements: Mayor Scroggin spoke of the importance of everyone participating in the Census for our community. There will be more information presented by Kira Livingston later.

Reports of Boards and Committees:

Emergency Management, planning commission: 380 runs so far and no COVID-19 patients to date. There is a new food truck on the agenda for this month's meeting.

Building Inspections: There were 5 new building permits in the month of April. There has been increased number of complaints of trash and grass issues.

Police Department: Brad McNew reported that firearm training was recently completed by the officers and the yearly PT testing was done and improvements were made by everyone compared to last year. He also discussed the number of increased break-ins by a group. He advised everyone to remove all valuables from your vehicles and lock all of your doors.

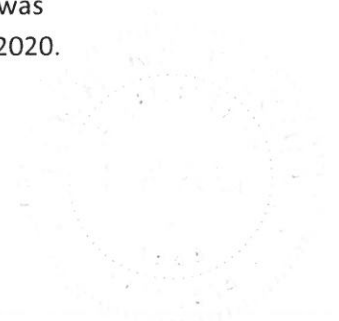
Parks and Recreation: Logan reported that they had worked on all of the refunds/credits for the spring season. They are waiting on a few return calls to finish up this project. He is working with other towns to possibly have a fall ball season. This is dependent on what Governor Asa Hutchins says in the upcoming days about reopening sporting activities.

Chamber of Commerce: Shawntel Brown reported that the Chamber had given 4 scholarships to Vilonia High School Seniors. They were Regan Bates, Alana Michaels, Jayden Wimberley and Lacy McKay.

Senior Citizens: Kathy French reported that all senior citizens centers are closed indefinitely due to COVID-19. The 3 workers continue to work and provide the meals on wheels.

Sewer Department: No meeting. Brandon is sending out monthly updates to the council members of the updates.

Old Business: The Mayor reported on the bridge work on Simpson and Bernard. The work was completed on May 19, 2020. The Bridge on Bernard will have a side rail added on May 20, 2020.



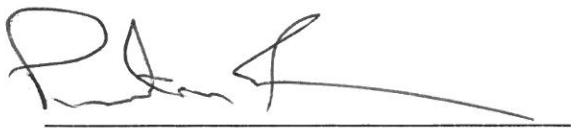
The LED lighting project has cut the cities electric bill in half. City Hall had a savings of 321.45, the Fire Department had a savings of 149.00 and the Senior Citizens had a savings of 347.00 a month. Work continues and is moving quickly on the new Ramsey / Lloyd Street. The Senior Citizens parking lot was repaved this week and the stripping will be done in the near future. Matt McNew will also be working on fixing the curbs at the Senior Citizens. The Mayor also reminded everyone that Grant money has paid for all of these projects. Councilman Jim King also brought up areas of Dove Creek that were having issues and needing to be repaired. The Mayor acknowledged this and is in agreement but the project would cost around half a million dollars to correct. The Mayor said the city will continue to apply for all grants to assist in road repair and street paving. The Mayor also stated that the city operates on about \$100,000.00 a year for street paving. The grants help do the rest. The Mayor also stated that Bernard is on the list this year for street paving.

New Business: Kira Livingston presented to the council that city of Vilonia is #3 in the state for percentages of completed 2020 Census. 68% of the Census has been done on-line. She made a video to help promote the 2020 Census for Vilonia, which has been asked to be used on a federal level. Vilonia has spent no money on promoting the 2020 Census. Social Media has been the only promotion for the Census. Everyone counts! She was personally thanked by Mayor Scroggins and Shawntel Brown for her outstanding job and help with this matter.

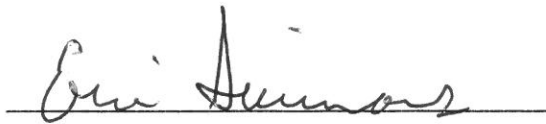
Executive Session: The council went into executive session and no action was taken. The Mayor did announce that we had furloughed several employees for 8 weeks.

Adjournment: Motion made by Councilman Jim King and seconded by Shawntel Brown, no discussion motion passed.

Date: 6-16-2020



Mayor



Recorder/Treasurer