

Meeting of the September 20, 2022

Members present: Jim King, Chris French, Steven Craig, Joe Maxwell and Kira Livingston Shawntel Robinson. 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 August 16, 2022 Minutes: Motion of approval made by Councilman Joe Maxwell, seconded by Jim King, Shawntel Brown wanted to amend the minutes about the executive session. The mayor and recorder will listen to the tape to clarify if changes are to be made.

Approval of August 2022 Financial Statements: Motion of approval by Councilman Jim King, seconded by Joe Maxwell, no discussion, motion passed.

Announcements: Faulkner County wide clean-up is scheduled for October 7 and 8th, 2022. Dumpsters will be provided. Items can be taken to the city road shop.

Reports of Boards and Committees:

Emergency Management, planning commission, Fire Department: Code Enforcement: The Fire Department has had 960 runs year to date. Keith asked everyone to be mindful of the dry weather and to watch burning anything. There will be an open house on October 8, 2022 from 10:30-2:00 at the fire department. Keith reported 5 new residential permits and 1 business permit. The Planning commission will meet on September 29, 2022 regarding the Baker Storage facility on Main Street.

Police Department: Chief McNew reported 907 incident reports and 56 accident reports this is on track from this time last year. The chief reported receiving the block grant for \$3,000.00 and radios were purchased and he is waiting on the equipment. Chief McNew reported that 2 old vehicles were sold for a total amount of 10,960.00.

Parks and Recreation: Program still in process for fall ball. The mayor reported that the fishing pond is finished. Arkansas Game and Fish approved. It will take about a year to completely fill the pond up. The mayor discussed a new road going to the Veterans Museum and parking in the area.

Chamber of Commerce: The chamber has the 1st annual fall festival happening in front of the senior citizen's building on October 15, 2022 from 10:00-2:00. To date they had 18 booths sign up. They have booth space for rent and ask all booths have games for kids. There will be a political forum at the senior citizen center on October 25, 2022 for all those running this year.

Sewer Department: The mayor discussed the UV system at the sewer plant and the problem with the chlorine for the last 8-9 years by putting in this system it will help elevate this problem. The cost will be

\$214,331. This was the low bid of the two the city received. It was awarded to Environmental Process Systems, Inc. This was presented in the packets to all council members. The motion to move forward with this purchase was made by Joe Maxwell and seconded by Jim King, no discussion, motion passed.

Senior Citizens: The center hired Joline Cox as their part time worker.

Veterans Museum: The museum wanted to acknowledge the Vilonia Police Department and their quick work on the recent vandalism. The museum had about 200 people for the run/walk. There will be a work day on September 24, 2022. There are other events listed on the website for the months of November and December.

Old Business: The mayor reported that the Sleep in Heavenly peace built 15 beds on September 11, 2022 and that he and former mayor James Firestone was able to rent a storage unit for the group to store supplies in. The mayor also applied for grant money for sidewalks from the High school to 1st Baptist Church, we should know something by November about this grant. South Church Street was paved this past week along with the help of the county to complete the entire street inside and outside of the city limits. The sidewalk project is scheduled to start tomorrow morning. There will be a bid opening on October 11, 2022 for work on Bernard to Highway 64B.

Old Business:

The second reading of Ordinance 2022-3 was read. The ordinance is for land purchase on North Mt. Olive road. The mayor had a handout of the ARP funds in the council packet this covers accounting from 7/1/2021-8/1/2022.

The mayor presented in the packets a memo regarding some general information about the current audit, the senior citizens new employee and the recent police stipend given out.

New Business:

The resolution 2022-3 for the yearly mills to be filed at the county clerk's office was read. The motion to adopt was made by Joe Maxwell and Jim King, no discussion motion passed.

The mayor waved all of the fees for the upcoming fall festival siting Ordinance 2018-1.

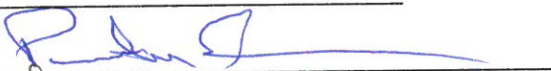
The proclamation for the Breast Cancer awareness and go pink was read and signed by the mayor for the month of October.

The meeting to adjourn was made by Joe Maxwell and seconded by Jim King. The meeting was adjourned.

Date:

10/18/2022

Mayor:



Recorder:

