

Meeting of the Vilonia City Council

August 21st, 2018

The Vilonia City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor James Firestone.

Members present: Skip Cates, Sherry Clements, Joe Maxwell, Jim King, Kathy French. A quorum was declared.

Approval of July 2018 minutes – Councilman Maxwell made correction to error in minutes. Motion for approval of corrected July minutes made by Councilwoman Clements, seconded by Councilwoman French, no other discussion, motion carried.

Approval of Financial Statement for July 2018 – Motion for approval made by Councilman King, seconded by Councilman Maxwell, no discussion, motion carried.

Announcements:

Special event is planned at the Veterans Center on September 1st.

Reports of Boards and Committees:

Emergency Management – KC Williams presented for Fire Department. Awarded AFG grant for \$285,000. The grant expired on August 10th but they have filed an extension and was approved until December the 30th. Fire Department has had 565 runs year to date. Keith Hillman gave the Council a written report, blood drive went well and got 27 units of blood. Code enforcement – have received some complaints of grass overgrown over the last few days. So far in August 23 violation warnings have been dropped off. Building inspection – Keith has completed his yearly plumbing recertification. 4 final inspections were done, 5 framing inspections and 6 footing inspections so far this month. Also have 3 residential housing permits and 1 storage permit. Also, a builder is about to start another 5 houses next month.

Planning Commission – No meeting this month

Police Department – Chief McNew presented. Computers are still not in the cars yet. Still working with Dell to get things corrected. The Police Department will pay the bill and will then send the bill in to be reimbursed.

Parks and Recreation – Johnny Alexander presented. Starting fall baseball and softball. On September 8th we are doing an instructional league for 4 and 5-year olds at the small field at baseball complex. Also planning on having clinics for youth in October or November.

Chamber of Commerce – In writing from Keith Hillman. Sudden-Link will be bringing their services to Vilonia. Also, this Thursday the 23rd at the Vilonia High School football will be Meet the Eagles night from 6:00 – 7:30 sponsored by the Vilonia Chamber of Commerce and Vilonia School District. Also hoping to start Coffee and Conversation every week at Daylight Donuts on Church Street. Times will be 6am -8am.

Senior Citizens – Kathy French presented. Center is still planning on 2 Fall fundraisers this year to help raise money for a lift for the Fire Department.

Sewer Department – No agenda.

Old Business:

Fences – Still working on getting fences for the ball fields.

New Business:

Code Enforcement – 27 Whispering Wind – Second lien to be placed on 27 Whispering Wind for cleanup of property. Motion for approval made by Councilwoman Clements, seconded by Councilman Maxwell, Mayor Firestone clarified that this is the second lien on the property, no other discussion, motion passed.

Proclamation – Mayor Firestone read a proclamation declaring the week of September the 17th – September 23rd as Constitution Week.

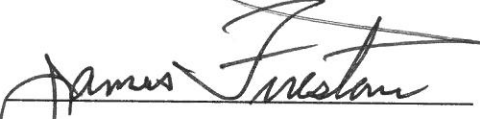
Sudden-Link – Sudden-Link will be providing cable, internet, and phone services to Vilonia. Mayor Firestone read a letter from Altice thanking Vilonia for the opportunity to serve our community.

Fire Department – KC Williams made a few changes in titles and grammar to the Fire Department By Laws. Councilman Maxwell made motion to approve with corrected spelling, seconded by Councilwoman Clements, no discussion, motion passed.

Executive Session – Mayor Firestone called for executive session for personnel matters. No action was taken at this time.

High School Fire Works for Football Games – Councilwoman Clements made motion to allow the Vilonia High School to discharge fireworks during high school football games, seconded by Councilman Maxwell, no discussion, motion passed.

Adjournment made by Councilman King.


Mayor


Recorder/Treasurer

9-18-18

Date