

Meeting of the Vilonia City Council

April 21, 2020

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

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

Approval of March 2020 Financial Statements: Motion of approval made by Councilman Skip Castes, seconded by Joe Maxwell, no discussion, motion passed.

Announcements: Mayor Scroggin spoke of the importance of everyone participating in the Census for our community. The city was at about 52% for census being completed.

Reports of Boards and Committees:

Emergency Management, planning commission: There has been a lot of work being done on the storm sirens throughout town, not a lot going on but catching up on things.

Police Department: The Mayor reported that the new car was in still not here. There is a delay due to the COVID-19.

Parks and Recreation: Mayor Scroggin reported that as of now league play is suspended due to the COVID-19. They hope to get to play the season later this year but if not people requesting refunds will get them and those that don't a credit will be applied for next season.

Chamber of Commerce: Shawntel Brown reported that the Chamber Banquet had been postponed for now. The Chamber also reached out to all of the small businesses about the Government loans for small businesses.

Senior Citizens: Kathy French reported that all senior citizens centers are closed indefinitely due to COVID-19. They will continue meals on wheels. They had served over 800 meals on wheels last month.

Sewer Department: Written Form from January meeting. No meeting this month. Joe Maxwell commented on the hours that the guys are working and ask the Mayor to keep a close eye on the hours they are working. The work that has recently been done helped a great deal with the last few big rains we had with the pumping station and water flow. Work continues to be done on the sewer daily with improvements being made daily. Brandon is going to be sending out a report to all council members this week with detailed information on the sewer. The Mayor reported that all the bonds for the sewer expansion sold. Trey continues to work on sewer plans for the new expansion.

Old Business: The Mayor reported on the bridge work on Simpson and Bernard. The work continues and Simpson should be completed in about 15 days. Bernard bridge has had some issues with large rocks

and this has caused a slow down on this bridge completion. The projects should be done by May 30, 2020.

New Business: A new water board appointment was requested for the District 2 naming Ronnie Joe Fowlkes to the position. Councilman Joe Maxwell made the motion for approval and Jim King seconded. The motion was passed.

The Church street project is still being worked on. Trey sent in plans to the Highway Department for approval. It is a waiting game now before we can move to the next phase.

The bids were opened for the expansion of Bise/Eagle Street. The new street name will be Ramsey/Lloyd. The winning bid was Weaver-Bailey Construction at \$159,000.00. The motion to accept the bid was made by Councilman Skip Cates and seconded by Councilwoman Sherry Clements. There was not discussion. The motion passed by all council members.

Adjournment: Motion made by Councilman Skip Cates and seconded by Joe Maxwell, no discussion motion passed.

Date: 5/19/2020

Mayor: 

Recorder/Treasurer: 