



**Minutes
Vilonia City Council
January 19, 2016 @ 7:00 P.M.**

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

Members present – Clay Heslep, Skip Cates, Sherry Clements, Joe Maxwell, Jim King, and Kathy French. A quorum was declared.

Approval of minutes from meeting in December – Councilman King made a motion to approve regular meeting December 15th and special called meeting December 21st, Councilman Maxwell 2nd and the motion carried.

Approval of financial statement for November – Councilwoman Clements made a motion to approve, Councilman Cates 2nd and the motion carried.

Announcements – None

Fire Department – K.C. Williams reported that we received 700 9-1-1 calls last year which was the highest volume on record for our Fire Department. He announced that the department has an open position that was posted. We received and interviewed 5 applicants and Keith and I recommend Kevin Wooley as a replacement Firefighter for the PT paid position. Kevin has been with the department several years and has won Firefighter of the year. Councilman Maxwell made a motion to approve the PT Fireman, Councilman King 2nd and the motion carried.

Planning Commission – Keith Hillman reported that for the meeting January 28th there is a new communication building to be built off Main Street.

Police Department – Chief McNew reported an active shooter training was held at the Middle School Monday with 30 or 40 teachers attending. We ended up with 1,366 incidents last year with 90 accidents. We averaged about 240 hours of training for each of the officers.

Parks & Rec – VSA – Allin Crawford gave a written agenda. He said our goal was to get registration done by next month. Discussed new logo contest for the Vilonia Parks and Rec. We want to get the schools involved. The winner will be announced at the March Council Meeting. He talked to Mr. Fowlkes and Mr. Carden about the softball complex and they feel like the field work would be done no later than mid-April. The baseball complex is still on schedule for completion in April. The baseball complex is still on schedule for completion in April. He is asking approval for the following:

- A. Contract to lease fields to Vilonia Soccer Club, sample enclosed.
- B. To advertise and hire PT hourly contract workers as needed, with the funding to come out of concession stand profits. We plan to start out with 2 field workers, and 4 concession workers.



- C. To allow Trish to assist me in managing the concession stands and scheduling workers and in return get approval to pay her OT for the time devoted in helping that would exceed her 40 hours per week. The OT would also be paid out of concession profits.
- D. To decide a drink provider. Pepsi has sent a proposal for \$10,000 up front with \$5,000 each year thereafter for a 5 year contract. There would be a \$2.00 rebate on each case sold. Right now Coke is trying to beat that proposal.

This is the initial startup cost. The next is the concession stand costs. Startup costs will come out of the Pepsi or Coke upfront money.

- A. To spend up to \$5,000 per concession stand to cover initial equipment, bathroom supplies, and food.
- B. To sale banners for advertisement space on fencing around the park.
- C. To rent a roller to try and repair soccer fields and seek to get a temporary fence for the safety of the kids.
- D. Working on getting debit/credit card for concession stand. If we get the line run the credit card company stated there would be no cost for us just the cost per transaction around 2%.
- E. Discussion: Councilwoman French asked how long would be needed to rent a roller. Allin said about a week. The cheapest one he found was \$523.00 per week. Councilman Cates said, "Before he rented one let him know as I might be able to get one free". Allin said, "he would get with Councilman Cates on this subject". Councilwoman French asked about the \$5,000 expense. Allin explained that cost was for each concession stand and each line item would be duplicated. This cost also would come from the Pepsi or Coke upfront money. Councilwoman French made a motion to move forward for startup on the ball parks with the list of agenda expenses and agreements presented. Councilman Heslep 2nd and the motion passed.

Chamber of Commerce – Fred Fowlkes stated the Chamber Awards Banquet would be February 20th. The nominations for said awards will be considered this Thursday. The Mayor announced that Fred is the new President of the Chamber of Commerce. Tickets are \$25.00 each for the banquet.

Code Enforcement – Keith Hillman said he has sent some letters to some business's and property owners for violations and hope to hear from them soon. We closed out the year with 8 storage building, 6 business applications, 3 additions and 17 houses. He stated that in February and May he will be going to inspection schools. There was also a CPR class today at City Hall with about 8 attending. Councilman Heslep asked if the new logo on Keith's truck could be put on other trucks like maintenance, department trucks, etc., as it is good advertising for our city. The Mayor said that he would work to make this happen. Police care would be excluded.

Senior Citizens – Councilwoman French said things are running smoothly. All the workers are back. They still serve about 50 to 75 people a day for recreational activities.



Sewer Department – The report was given in written form dated November 17, 2015 and December 15, 2015. Financial statement 11-1-15 thru 11-30-15 and December 15, 2015

Old Business – None

- A. New Business –
- B. Approval of additions for 2015 to Assets List, Councilman Maxwell mentioned a misspelled word “next” listed for storm siren for \$22,833.00 expense. The Mayor asked the council to correct this on their copy. Councilman Maxwell made a motion then to approve the 2015 asset additions, Councilwoman Clements 2nd and the motion carried.
- C. Appointments by Mayor for 2016 – The Mayor submitted 3 names for appointments. Prosecutor – Marcus Vaden, City Attorney – Danny Rasmussen, and Police Chief – Brad McNew. The Mayor asked if the council agreed to make one motion to approve all three. Councilman Heslep made a motion to approve all three appointments, Councilwoman French 2nd and the motion carried.
- D. Ordinance 2016-1 for designation of Flood Plain Manager – Mayor asked Marshall Smith Rec/Treas to read said Ordinance. Councilwoman French made a motion to suspend 2nd and 3rd reading, Councilman Maxwell 2nd, a voice vote was taken and motion was carried. Councilman Maxwell made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-1, Councilman King 2nd. The Mayor said he wanted to thank Mr. Fowlkes for his years of service as Flood Plain Administrator and he appreciated Mr. Hillman stepping up to take that position. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.
- E. Ordinance 2016-2 fir revisions to zoning ordinance and zoning map – The Mayor asked Marshall Smith Rec/Treas to read said Ordinance. This involves 80 acres re-zoned form Town Center to Village Square. Councilwoman Clements made a motion to suspend 2nd and 3rd reading, Councilman King 2nd a voice vote was then taken and the motion was approved.
- F. Purchase of Bucket Truck – The Mayor stated we have had a bucket truck for several years. It became a money pit, the frame was rusted beyond repair and we had to sell it for scrap. We starting looking and couldn’t find a deal on one. Matt found one belonging to Mr. Rusty Acres. It is a 2006 Ford on a 450 chassis and is diesel. The diesel is being certified. Said truck is in good shape and Matt has assured me the working mechanism on the truck is in excellent shape. With the condition of said truck I feel like it is a good buy and asked the council to purchase this truck for \$15,500.00. Councilman King made a motion to purchase the bucket truck. Councilman Maxwell 2nd and the motion carried.

Before adjourning Councilman King made an announcement that he said should have been brought up under “Announcements” earlier. He stated we are putting together a Job Fair for people that won’t go to college. Good jobs that pay a living wage and the Job Fair are going to be done well. I want to make you aware as it will be coming up soon. We are having informational meeting s with the one putting this on. When the announcement comes the council needs to get people to attend that don’t have good jobs. The Mayor said this is something that needs to be put on our city web site so everyone will know about it and have a good turnout.



Adjournment – There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.