

**Meeting of the Vilonia City Council
December 19, 2023**

Members present: Jim King, Joe Maxwell, Mike Matos, James Firestone, LaCosta Beene, and Steven Craig.

Meeting Prayer: Led by Preston Scroggin

Pledge of Allegiance: By all.
Meeting called to order by Mayor Preston Scroggin.
Established quorum.

Approval November 21, 2023, Minutes: Motion of approval made by Councilman Mike Matos, seconded by Jim King, motion passed.

Approval of Financial Statement for November 2023: Motion of approval made by Joe Maxwell, seconded by Jim King, motion passed.

Reports of City Departments:

Fire Department: Keith Hillman stated the fire department had 1162 runs. Reminder with the weather colder and heating safety precautions. Steven Craig introduced Shawn Mahaney with Pafford who presented AED to the city. Hillman reported that one storage building permit was issued, and two residential building permits were issued. The Planning Commission will not meet for December. A later date will be announced.

Police Department: Chief Brad McNew introduced a new hire, Baylee Barden, for police dept. Approved by all.

Sewer Department: Joe Maxwell announced Thursday's meeting. Pumping stations are working with few issues. Maxwell announced BJ Herndon's resignation and asked for a volunteer for the position. Also, a position will be open on the planning commission in January. Mayor Scroggin announced the Church Street project is still in progress.

Public Comment: No public comment

Announcements: Mayor Scroggin announced department recognition for all city employees doing an excellent job.

Chamber of Commerce: President, Tanya Hendrix, gave the Vilonia Chamber monthly report. 6 ribbon cuttings were held. Speakers for the monthly Chamber Luncheons have been booked through May 2024. Several grants were announced and have been awarded to the chamber and other organizations because of the monthly luncheons. Shop Small Shop local in collaboration with the local businesses in Vilonia, resulted in several winners.

Recognition: Mayor Scroggin recognized Sherry Clements for more than 30 years of service with the city of Vilonia. A plaque was presented, and a group photo was taken.
City Hall will be closed for the holidays.
Steven Craig recognized Sleep in Heavenly Peace.
Mayor Scroggin announced Mr. Don Snow's passing and remembrance for all his accomplishments as public servant. Mayor Scroggin presented a Proclamation in his honor.

Old Business: None

New Business: Conditional use approval for RV Park from Vilonia Planning Commission – motion approved by all.

Steven Craig recommended a Conditional use with a zoning variance. - approved by all.

Discussion was held. Michelle White (public comment) asked questions.

Ordinance 2023-8 Establishing a commercial zone and amending the Vilonia zoning ordinance 99-6-

Read by title only. Approved by all.

Resolution 2023-7 Budget 2024 with pay rates to begin December 24, 2023. Approved by James Firestone, seconded by Jim King. Approved by all.

Date: 01/18/2024

Mayor: 

Recorder: 