



**Meeting Minutes
Vilonia City Council
APRIL 21, 2015 @ 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 established with 6 members present.

Councilman Cates moved to approve the 03-17-15 minutes with the corrections read into record, Councilwoman Clements 2nd and the motion carried.

Councilwoman Clements moved to approve the 3/2015 financial statement, as written, Councilman Cates 2nd and the motion carried.

Announcements: Mayor reported on the Kaboom project held on 04-17-15. The project started at 8:45 a.m. and ended later in the day with a lot of work done.

The grand reopening of the Veterans Museum will be held 04-25-15 at 9:00a.m. The dedication will be at 11:45 a.m.

A Walk Down Main Street – Art Reception will be held on 05-03-15 at 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Vilonia City Hall. There will be paintings that have been recreated by Carol Stroud and Janice Crummer of many of Vilonia's buildings. These paintings will be donated to the city and hung at City Hall.

VFD – K.C. Williams gave a report of 23 runs as of this date. There were several of volunteer firemen that volunteered at the Kaboom project. Request was made to use ACT 833 money to purchase 5 new portable XG 100 Harris radio's estimated cost of \$18,270.00 K.C. Williams gave details on why the department needed them and also reported that they had shopped around for them. K.C. Williams also gave report regarding purchase of a new 2013 Ford cut away van commercial. The van is new and under warranty with purchase price of \$33,300.00 it will come out of the VFD budget. There are 3 new tornado sirens that are up but without electricity they are located at Main St. next to Beryl Rd, South Mt. Olive at the bypass and Hwy 107 at the bypass. They should be completed and ready to use before long. K.C. gave a report on how the tornado sirens are activated when Faulkner County is under warning the sirens will be activated to give warning so people will have time to turn on the weather or check their own monitoring system. Councilwoman French moved to allow VFD to purchase 5 new Harris radio's XG 100 AT THE COST OF \$18,370.00 Councilman Heslep 2nd and the motion carried. Councilwoman French moved to allow the VFD to purchase the 2013 Ford cut away van for \$33,300.00 Councilwoman Clements 2nd and the motion carried.

Planning Commission - Fred Fowlkes gave an update. At last meeting the Commission voted to allow Clint Tucker - What's for Dinner an allowance to place a banner for a 60 day period only.

VPD – Chief Brad McNew gave an update. He reported on a grant from last year to purchase vests. There will be 2,250.00 from the Chief's association and they're waiting on a \$3,400.00 check from the federal government. They had some hail damage to 2 of the VPD cars, which has been turned into the insurance company on 05-09-15 there will be a day at the firing range from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., weather permitting. This will be open to the public.

Parks & Rec./VSA – Trey White gave an update on the games being played. The high school coaches are doing a coaching clinic for the coaches. They had 350 sign up for the season. They have 19 baseball teams and 15 softball teams.

Chamber of Commerce – No report was given.

Code Enforcement – Keith Hillman gave a report in written form. Keith and K.C. Williams have been going to classes and have been working on a grant for a tornado shelter for the city hall area.

Senior Citizens – Kathy French gave a report and reported that the Skip Bo tournament went good and they raised about \$8,900.00.

Sewer Dept. – Report was given in written form dated 02-17-2015 and 03-17-2015 and financial statement dated 02-01-2015 and 02-28-2015 and 03-17-2015.

Old Business – VDRA contract. Councilman Maxwell moved to approve the VDRA general lease contract. Councilwoman French 2nd and the motion carried.

Resolution 2015-4 Resolution authorizing the Mayor of Vilonia to lease city property located at 1113 Main St. Vilonia, AR 72173 to Vilonia Disaster Recovery Alliance (VDRA) for the purpose of constructing a building and operating the VDRA as stated through their articles of incorporation and adopted bylaws.

Resolution 2015-4 was read as written. Councilwoman Clements moved to adopt Resolution 2015-4, as written, Councilman Cates 2nd and a voice vote was taken with Heslep-yea, Cates-yea, Clements-yea, Maxwell-yea, King-yea and French-yea. Resolution 2015-4 was adopted, as written, with 6 yea votes and 0 nay votes.

Water Board Appointment – Mayor requested reappointment of Ronnie Fowlkes to the Vilonia Water Board. Councilman King moved to approve the appointment of Ronnie Fowlkes to the Vilonia Water Board, Councilman Maxwell 2nd and the motion carried.

Paving of Energy Way – Industrial Park East – Mayor reported on meeting with Jim Baker the County Judge to discuss the paving. The area is about a mile from the CUDD building to the bypass. The discussion with Judge Baker was to see if assistance could be obtained from the county and a partnership with the county can be done. The city will have to put the class 7 base for it to be paved and Charles Weaver has agreed to do that for us. Councilman King moved to partner with the county and Judge Jim Baker on the paving of Energy Way, Councilwoman Clements 2nd and the motion carried.

Vilonia 2030 Plan – A print out of the plan was presented to the Council tonight. Marty Knight gave an update on the plan. He reported the plan was combined efforts to arrive at the 2030 plan. All information was obtained from all public meetings and committees. Mayor has called a special meeting on 04-27-15 at the VHS during the meeting at the cafeteria. There will be a presentation on the 2030

rebuild plan for Vilonia during the 04-27-15 meeting. This called meeting will be to take action on the 2030 plan for Vilonia.

Construction Contracts for the N. Mt. Olive Project – These will be final contracts for the project. The #2 contract for fencing, backstops, and mow strip from Ark. Fence & Guard Rail of Little Rock, AR in the amount of \$82,207.10 Contract #4 is for dugouts, bleacher covers, benches and bleachers from Dayco Const. Co. from Damascus AR the low bidder in the amount of \$187,410.00. The Concession Stand/Storage Building was felt to be a little high and negotiations with the low bidder AMR Construction of Little Rock, AR. Arrived at the bid of \$210,000.00 (original bid was \$276,000.00) Councilman Maxwell moved to approve the construction contracts for contract #2, contract #4 and concession stand, Councilwoman Clements 2nd and the motion carried.

Vehicle for Emergency Manager/Building Inspector – Keith Hillman spoke to the council regarding a vehicle for Emergency Manager & Building Inspector. He gave detailed information as to why the vehicle is needed. Keith Hillman and K.C. Williams have done quite a bit of traveling and giving seminars on how the situation was handled during the recent tornado. He requested to purchase a 2015 F250 Ford at the cost of \$29,989.00, to come out of the General Fund. Discussion held regarding the purchase. Mayor reported that Keith does a lot of traveling with everything he is involved in. The old white Yukon will be used for local trips. Discussion was held regarding the expense from the budget. The Council was informed by the Rec./Treasurer that we are running on a tight budget at this time. Councilman Heslep made a motion to allow the purchase of the 2015 F250 Ford for the Emergency Manager/Building Inspector at the cost of \$29,989.00, Councilwoman Clements 2nd and the motion carried.

Clint Tucker was not present.

There was no further business.

Councilman King moved to adjourn the meeting, Councilwoman Clements 2nd and the motion carried.

The Meeting was adjourned.