



**Meeting Minutes
Vilonia City Council
May 19, 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, Sherry Clements, Joe Maxwell, Jim King & Kathy French. Councilman Skip Cates was absent. A quorum was established with 5 members present.

Councilwoman Clements moved to approve the 04-21-15 & 04-27-15 minutes with corrections on 04-27-15 minutes, Councilman Maxwell 2nd and the motion carried.

Councilman Maxwell moved to approve the 04-20-15 financial statement, as written, Councilman King 2nd and the motion carried.

Announcements: Mayor gave update on the art display held on 05-02-15 at city hall. The paintings are on display at city hall and are available for viewing. He thanked everyone who worked on the project.

On May 08, 2015 via center for Economic Development at UCA there was an Economic Boot Camp held.

There were several people from the city, elected and non-elected, attended. It was a full day event and a lot of valuable information obtained that will help with the rebuilding of Vilonia.

Mayor attended a FEMA emergency training course at a center in Maryland. He spent 5 days in an integrated emergency management course. He gave information on the classes he attended.

VFD – Councilman Heslep gave update and reported that new rescue truck is up and in service at this time. They are in the process of doing a lot of training and have future classes scheduled.

Planning Commission – No report was given.

VPD – Chief Brad McNew introduced Steve Austin, who spoke regarding the new reserve officers. The new reserve officers are Bryan Moody, Daniel Drollinger, Larry Gilbertson and Barrett Smith. They have been in training and are now ready for duty. They will be an asset to the VPD. Chief reported that last month 3-4 policemen went to class in Jacksonville that dealt with active shooters on 05-27-15 there will be a training event held at city hall at 2:00 p.m. They will have training for city employee's and present further information in regard to an active shooting event. The day at the shooting range was held about 20 people were present for the event. There are 2 on going processes with getting a car equipped. There will be training in June, which consists of ½ day. The training will be sponsored by Ark. Municipal League.

Parks & Rec./VSA – No report was given.

Chamber of Commerce – No report was given.

Code Enforcement – No report was given.

Sr. Citizens – Councilwoman French reported that Nell at the center will be off work about 4-6 weeks due to having knee surgery. They have her area covered at this time. They had health checks and immunizations performed at the center for the Sr. Citizens.

Sewer Dept. – Presented in written form, dated 03-17-15 and 04-21-15 and financial statement dated 03-01-15 to 03-31-15 and 04-21-15.

Old Business – Councilman Heslep reported on the new sirens that have been installed. He reported that they are now up & running. Most areas of the city should be able to hear the warnings.

New Business – 2013 Audit – Mayor gave detailed information regarding the audit. The audit started in August of 2014 and finally went before the Joint Legislative Audit Committee on 05-7-15. The audit took about 9 months. The 1st exit interview was in about 01-14 and given a clear audit at that time. At a later date we were told to go through another exit interview they came out with some supplemental findings at that time. Then a 3rd exit interview was summoned and that time findings for the Mayor and Recorder/Treasurer. The findings were: The city paid \$7,804.00 and 8,535.00 for hardware and supplies and engineering services respectfully to two businesses owned by city employees without authorizing ordinances in place. Non compliance with Ar. Code 14-42-107. The city then passed an ordinance authorizing businesses to be done with both businesses. There were copies of the 2 ordinances passed and Mayor had talked with the Supervisor (Jimmy Garrett) and he thought it should be written up as supplemental but according to Mr. Jones the head of the audit dept. He stated “that on the insistence of someone in the dept. it had to be written up as a finding.” In the end, it is a finding and the finding has already been taken off. All deficiencies they noted they have been taken care of at this time. Councilman King moved to approve the 2013 audit, as presented, Councilman Maxwell 2nd and the motion carried.

Ordinance to do business with Heslep Electric ordinance 2015-4 was read as written. Councilwoman Clements moved to suspend 2nd and 3rd readings of ordinance 2015-4, Councilman Maxwell 2nd and a voice vote was taken with Heslep-recused, Clements-yea, Maxwell-yea, King-yea and French-yea. Motion passed with 4 yea & 0 nays. Councilwoman Clements moved to approve ordinance 2015-4 as written, Councilman Maxwell 2nd and a voice vote was taken with Clements-yea, Maxwell-yea, King-yea, and French-yea. Heslep-recused from voting. Ordinance 2015-4 approved with 4 yea and 0 nay votes.

Mayor Firestone read letter of retirement from Doris Scroggin, Recorder/Treasurer. The last day of service to the city from Scroggin will be 05-22-15.

There was no further business.

Councilman King moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Maxwell 2nd and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.