

**Meeting of the Vilonia City Council
February 20, 2024**

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 January 2024, Minutes: Motion of approval made by Councilman Joe Maxwell, seconded by Jim King, motion passed.

Approval of Financial Statement for January 2024: Motion of approval made by Jim King, seconded by James Firestone, Nay by Mike Matos, motion passed.

Reports of City Departments:

Fire Department: Keith Hillman stated the fire department had 180 runs. ISO which is a grade for insurance ratings, will be here for testing next week February 28, 2024. The current rating is a 3, hoping to go down to a 2. Hillman reported 10 residential building permits, year to date.

Planning Commission: Planning Commission will meet for February 29, 2024, at 7:00 PM. Introduction of new members.

Police Department: Chief Brad McNew stated the department has two open positions to fill.

Sewer Department: Joe Maxwell stated the sewer committee has not met for the month of February and the sewer committee meeting will be the third Thursday at 5:30 PM starting in February 2024. New services for the sewer expansions are coming live.

Street Department: Scroggin stated there has been some road damage due to the previous storms. "No through" truck signs have been posted on Mount Olive and South Church streets. A letter was sent to ARDOT to request a study on the traffic light by the school and have requested a comprehensive study on highway 64 B to the bypass on 107 to possibly have a four-lane highway.

Parks and Recreation: Mayor Scroggin announced the registration dates for baseball and softball. Information is available on the City of Vilonia website. A new heating unit installed in Softball concession stands. Improvements are moving along.

Public Comment: No public comment

Announcements:

Department recognition by Council person Beene: Parks and Recreation is being recognized for finalizing registration with over 100 sign-ups. Terry, Trisha, Vanessa, and Corey have formed a really good team and are thankful for all of the improvements.

Chamber of Commerce:

On behalf of the Vilonia Chamber of Commerce, Greig Caswell, announced the monthly luncheons are open to the public. Linda Hicks from the Veteran's Museum will be guest speaker for February. The March guest speaker will be the Harbor Home. They are held the third Thursday of each month (March 21, 2024) at Simple Simon's at 11:30 AM. \$8.75 for lunch, including drink and tax.

The annual banquet will be March 2nd at the Pentecostal Campus. Details of the banquet are available on The Chamber of Commerce Facebook page. Renewal Ranch will cater. Vilonia High School Jazz Band will play. Speaker is Candace Lawrence. Tickets are available online.

Record number of nominations this year for various categories. This year's winners are:

- Non-profit of the year-Renewal Ranch
- Business of the year-Vilonia Realty
- City employee of the year-Jaye Cox
- School employee of the year-Destiny Bray
- Youth of the year-Kohen Sprague
- Family of the year-Johnny and Jackie Fowlkes
- Citizen of the year-Phyllis Burnham

The City of Vilonia now has an app with GOGOV called "Connect Vilonia" and is on the Apple and Google app stores.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Mayor Scroggin announced Chief McNew's parents' home burned.
- Joe Maxwell motioned to approve amended December Financial Statements, approved by all.

(A) 3rd reading of Ordinance 2023-8 Establishing a Commercial Zone and amending the Vilonia Zoning Ordinance 99-6, motion made to read by title only by Mike Matos, seconded by Joe Maxwell, approved to read by title only by all. Craig motioned to discuss, specifically Planning Commission's notes. Matos seconded, all approved to discuss. Discussion held and council felt further discussion was necessary. Motion to table Ordinance 2023-8 pending a work session to discuss, was made by King, seconded by Matos. Work session set for Tuesday, March 5th at 6:00 PM. Motion amended to table Ordinance 2023-8 to the March 19th meeting by King, seconded by Matos, motion passed, all in favor.

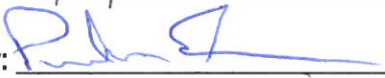
(B) Resolution 2024-2 Establishing time and rules for Council meetings- motion to read by title only by Craig, second by Beene, approved to read by title only by all. Maxwell pointed out two typos in section 6. Motion to read by title only passed by all. Motion to approve resolution with corrected typos made by Maxwell, second by King. Motion passed, all in favor.

(C) Resolution 2024-3 Requiring monthly financial statements to be placed on the city website-Motion to read by title only by King, second by Craig, approved to read by title only by all. Motion to approve by Matos, second by Maxwell. Two for, motion fails.

(D) Resolution 2024-4 Amendment of the 2023 budget- motion to read by title only by Maxwell, second by Firestone, approved to read by title only by all. Motion to approve by King, second by Firestone. One against, motion passes 5-1.

Motion to adjourn by King. Meeting adjourned.

Date: 3/19/24

Mayor: 

Recorder: Cynthia M. McLean