

**Meeting of the Vilonia City Council
January 18, 2024**

Members present: Jim King, Joe Maxwell, Mike Matos, James Firestone, and Steven Craig. (Lacosta Beene absent)

Meeting Prayer: Led by Preston Scroggin

Pledge of Allegiance: By all.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Preston Scroggin.

Established quorum.

Approval December 19, 2023, Minutes: Motion of approval made by Councilman Joe Maxwell, seconded by Jim King, motion passed.

Approval of Financial Statement for December 2023: Motion of approval made by Jim King, seconded by Joe Maxwell, questioned by Mike Matos. Discussion held. Matos opposed. motion passed.

Reports of City Departments:

Fire Department: Keith Hillman stated the fire department had 1192 runs. Hillman reported 9 residential building permits.

Planning Commission: Planning Commission will not meet for January 25, 2024. A special meeting was previously held.

Police Department: Chief Brad McNew stated the new hire is still in training. Previously purchased radios have come in and in the process of being installed.

Sewer Department: Joe Maxwell announced the expansion project is still in progress and the equipment has arrived for the new project. The sewer committee voted to change the sewer committee meeting time to the third Thursday at 5:30 PM starting in February 2024. Mayor Scroggin mentioned the Sewer Department received their new vehicle. Mayor Scroggin also expressed his appreciation for the Sewer Department and Sewer committee.

Street Department: Scroggin stated maintenance will continue whether permissible. The street department received a city aid grant from the highway department grant for 1.2 miles on Naylor Road.

Parks and Recreation: Mayor Scroggin introduced the Parks and Recreation Director, Terry Shannon. Mr. Shannon announced the registration dates for baseball and softball. Information is available on the City of Vilonia website. Mayor Scroggin announced Arkansas Game and Fish dropped off native vegetation and fingerlings for the city pond. Future plans of fishing derby.

Public Comment: No public comment

Announcements:

Chamber of Commerce: President, Tanya Hendrix, gave the Vilonia Chamber monthly report. The Monthly luncheons are open to the public, both members and non-members. This is a great way to network, meet others and enjoy a delicious meal and beverage for a low price of \$8.75., at Simple Simon's, Larry Smith from LRS Trash

System is February guest speaker. If anyone would like to be our guest speaker you may contact the Chamber. We're booked with speakers through June 2024. Our Annual Banquet date is set for March 2nd at the Pentecostal Campus, Renewal Ranch will again cater. VHS Jazz Band will be the entertainment. Candice Lawrence VP of the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce is our guest speaker tickets are available to purchase on our website, Simple process go to our new website click on events order the number of tickets and pay Online. On the Chamber FB page nominations are open for City employee of the year, School employee of the year Youth of the year Family of the year Nonprofit of the year among other categories to vote on.

Mayor Scroggin announced city hall will be closed February 19, 2024, for Presidents Day

Old Business: None

New Business: Mayor Scroggin announced appointments. City attorney- Danny Rasmussen, Vilonia Fire Chief- Keith Hillman, Police Chief-Brad McNew, Sewer Committee-Joe Maxwell, Tony Fowlkes, Hal Sellers, Cindy Sellers and David Pillow.

Planning Commission-Tyler Wofford, Jeanna Branson, Ryan Sims, Charles Coker, Brady Zweifel, Glenn Wilhite.

Approved by all.

2nd reading of Ordinance 2023-8 Establishing a commercial zone and amending the Vilonia Commercial Ordinance Zone 99-6- Read by title only.

Approved by all.

Resolution 2024-1 Federal Aid Funds. Approved by all.

Date: 2/20/2024
Mayor: [Signature]
Recorder: [Signature]