

Meeting of the Vilonia City Council

October 20, 2020

Members present: Shawntel Robinson, Skip Cates, Joe Maxwell, Jim King and Steven Craig and Kathy French. All members present

Meeting Prayer: Lead by Jim King

Pledge of Allegiance by all.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Preston Scroggin.

Established of quorum.

Approval of September 15, 2020 Minutes: Motion of approval made by Councilman Joe Maxwell, seconded by Jim King, no discussion, motion passed. Approval of September 28, 2020 special meeting minutes. Motion of approval made by Jim King seconded by Kathy French, no discussion, motion passed.

Approval of September 2020 Financial Statements: Motion of approval by Councilman Skip Cates, seconded by Kathy French, no discussion, motion passed.

Announcements: Cares Act Funding. We have applied for the Cares Act Funding; Kelly has been working on this for about 2 months. The funding is for approximately 150,000.00. We are in the waiting stage at this time.

The Budgets for 2021 are being worked on and will be presented at the November Council meeting.

Reports of Boards and Committees:

Emergency Management, planning commission, Fire Department: Keith is still recovering. The tornado sirens are still being worked on and the mayor hopes all the repairs will be completed soon.

Planning Commission: The planning commission will not have a meeting this month as nothing is on the agenda.

Police Department: Brad McNew reported that the new car is still in the shop being outfitted and there is one part they are waiting on. He introduced the new police officer Danny Moody. Brad thanked the First Assembly of God for the gifts they received. The Police Department was presented with gifts from the church and the officers really appreciated the gesture.

Parks and Recreation: Fall ball has completed. The season went very well. Logan said there will be work done on the field during the down time. He is also working on trying to get the spring season registration on line for the 2021 season.

Chamber of Commerce: Shawntel Brown reported that the Chamber will have an event on November 10 at 6:00 p.m. this event is being done on Facebook live a chat with the Mayor. The chamber

encourages citizens to ask questions ahead of the live event. They can contact the chamber with their questions. The Chamber is also looking for new members and new board members. If anyone is interested please contact the chamber. The tentative Chamber Banquet is planned for March 20, 2021. This is all tentative depending on COVID-19. She also reported that the Veterans Museum hosted a prayer meeting. They had about 65 people to attend the event. The Veterans Museum will also host an event honoring our Veterans on Saturday, November 7. There will be a motor cycle group riding in from Conway to the museum. Flags will be placed in honor of veterans and they will also be selling sack lunches for 5.00 dollars to help fund the museum. The guest speaker this year will be James Gibson.

Senior Citizens: The mayor reported that all senior citizens centers are closed indefinitely due to COVID-19. The 3 workers continue to work and provide the meals on wheels. The Senior Center continues to do curbside meals on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday for anyone that wants to pay a small donation. He also reported that the air conditioning unit in the senior citizens was replaced.

Sewer Department: Brandon reported that the camera guys are finishing their in the sewer lines. They have found several problem areas recently and repairs are being made. The 2nd phase of the sewer expansion bids will go out in November.

Old Business: The third and final reading of Ordinance 2020-4 was read. The motion was made to adopt Ordinance 2020-4 as read by Joe Maxwell and seconded by Kathy French. A voice vote was done all yeas and no nays, Ordinance passed.

Resolution 2020-4 was read. The motion was made to adopt Resolution 2020-4 as read by Kathy French and seconded by Joe Maxwell. A voice vote was done all yeas, no nays, Resolution 2020-4 passed.

Simpson Street work is to begin the coming weeks. They are waiting on the Rogers Group to start the work on Simpson.

The Church St sidewalk project and the lighting projects are still a go with COVID-19 everything has slowed down.

The mayor reported that we should be getting about 300,000 of state aid for streets.

The 2019 audit report for the city had no findings. The mayor reported that Kelly Lawrence does an excellent job and the auditors also commented on her meticulous record keeping.

The Mayor reported that October 29, 2020 he will be going to a meeting to present our case for funding of a grant for the streets in Vilonia.

The question was asked about a Christmas parade this year. Brad McNew stated that as of right now there will not be one due to COVID-19.

The motion was made to adjourn by Jim King seconded by Stephen Craig meeting adjourned.

Date: 11/17/2020

Mayor: [Signature]

Recorder: Cheryl Clements