

Meeting of the Vilonia City Council

June 15, 2021

Members present: Shawntel Robinson, Joe Maxwell, Jim King, Kira Livingston, Steven Craig and Chris 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 May 18, 2021 Minutes: Motion of approval made by Councilman Joe Maxwell, seconded by Jim King, no discussion, motion passed.

Approval of May, 2021 Financial Statements: Motion of approval by Councilman Joe Maxwell, seconded by Jim King, no discussion, motion passed.

Announcements: The Vilonia Revenue Department is opened Tuesday-Thursday. The Senior Citizens is open now.

Reports of Boards and Committees:

Emergency Management, planning commission, Fire Department: Code Enforcement: Fire Department has been having training. As of now there have been 419 fire runs. Grass and trash calls have decreased. There were 4 building permits issued so far this month. A planning commission meeting will be held June 24, 2021. They will review the master road plan, Harbor Home plans and a new shopping center going in between Sonic and Kerr Tax Business. Keith also applied for a grant for new bridges on Church St and South Mount Olive.

Police Department: One new officer is out on his own now and the other new officer is almost ready to be out on his own. This has helped the other officers and the shift coverage.

Parks and Recreation: The season is almost over for baseball they are doing a tournament for end of season at Greenbrier. Softball is over. The season was very successful. There will be a co-ed season and enrollment will be over July 2. The mayor is working on expanding the park at the baseball field and making a new park at the softball field since there is money left over in the account.

Chamber of Commerce: LaCosta Beene gave the report. The chamber will co-sponsor a fireworks show with First Assembly Church on July 4, 2021 for the community. Centennial Bank loaned the grill, Waffle House provided the hot dogs and Harps donated the water.

Senior Citizens: The Senior Citizens is now open. Siding work was completed recently on the building.

Sewer Department: The rain has held up some of the work but Brandon reported that it should be getting restarted this week.

Old Business:

The mayor reported that work will be done on paving Church Street and Bernard. This will be paid half by the city and half by the county. Fifty foot will not be paved until the new bridge is installed on Church Street. Bids will go out in November for the Church Street project and work to be done by next summer. The mayor wanted to thank John Allison, JP for sending him information about road grants. Mr. Allison also asked for the cities help in funding the possible county shelter.

New Business:

Joe Maxwell made a presentation to the sewer department as the recognized department of the month. Darlene Conner has been with the sewer department for 21 years. Joe also stated how great of a job that Brandon has done since he took over.

Resolution 2021-4 Matching Grant Resolution. This resolution was read. No discussion. Joe Maxwell made the motion to approve and Shawntel Robinson seconded. Motion passed.

Resolution 2021-5 A Federal-Aid project resolution expressing the willingness of the city of Vilonia to utilize federal-aid funds for the city project of expanding Loyd drive between highway 107 and Church Street. No discussion. The motion was made by Joe Maxwell to approve and seconded by Jim King. The motion passed.

Wayne Pavatt of Natural State Wireless was on the agenda. Andrew Huett spoke to the council about the company that is a WOB. Their company offers wireless services to underserved areas. The mayor asked the council to keep this in mind to re-examine at a later date.

The motion was made to adjourn by Jim King seconded by Shawntel Robinson meeting adjourned.

Date: 20 July 2021

Mayor: [Signature]

Recorder: Sherry Clements