

**Meeting of the Vilonia City Council
June 18, 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 of May 2024, and Special Meeting April 23, 2024, Minutes: Motion of approval made by Councilman Jim King, seconded by James Firestone, approved by all, motion passed.

Approval of Financial Statement for May 2024: Motion of approval made by Joe Maxwell, seconded by James Firestone, approved by all, motion passed.

Reports of City Departments:

- (A) Fire Department:** Jimmy Hoofman stated there have 552 runs, Explosive awareness training this Friday, building props for the fire department training. Building code 7 permits for June, 50 total for the year.
- (B) Planning Commission:** Preston Scroggin stated the chairman of the planning commission stated they are currently working on changes for the highway mixed use and manufactured housing. There was a work session after the May meeting, still working on that. On Thursday June 27, 2024, at 7 PM there will be a public hearing for Landmark Baptist Church life center. Before the regularly scheduled meeting begins.
- (C) Police Department:** Brad McNew introduced Officer Lamar who began working June 10, 2024. Radios are in and working. Reminder of fireworks ordinance 2010-2.
- (D) Sewer Department:** Joe Maxwell stated Brandon said the new blowers are in and will be calibrated soon.
- (E) Street Department:** Mayor Scroggin stated there are only two men, trying to keep grass off the roadways and ditch work and cleaning drains. Dove Creek Subdivision, around August, intersection work and on trying to get water out. Street light outage in Dove Creek should be reported to City Hall. Saddle Creek, July will receive drain hole work. Church street work will soon be finished. Weather has been a factor in its completion.
- (F) Park & Rec:** Mayor Scroggin stated ball season has finished and tournaments will begin soon. Mulch has been placed in playground. Looking at building a parking lot at baseball (\$70,000 or \$80,000) in the future.

Public Comment:

Will discuss at the end of meeting

Announcements:

Tornado siren on South Church was hit by lightning and is not working. The radio transmitter was hit by lightning and parts will be ordered and will be repaired as soon as possible. Please report to City Hall if anyone notices a siren not working.

- (A) Department recognition by Council person Beene:** Thank you to all city employees for their hard work.
- (B) Chamber of Commerce:** On behalf of the Vilonia Chamber of Commerce, John Keith, owner of Think Coffee.
 - The Monthly luncheons are opened 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
 - guest speakers:
 - June is Kelli with Renewal Ranch
 - July Brooke with Rausch Coleman
 - August Central AR Karting
 - September Jackie Fowlkes with Vilonia Realty
 - October John Keith with THINK Coffee
 - If anyone would like to be our guest speaker you may contact the Chamber.
 - 3 new members this month with Ribbon Cuttings congratulations to them
 - Valley Event Center
 - Carlson Gracie Jiu Jitsu
 - Classic Mike's Barber Shop
 - Chocolate Festival update:
 - we had 23 vendor booths set up at the new Valley Event Center
 - This fundraiser will help the Vilonia Chamber to continue to fund the VHS Scholarships in the future!
 - Fall Fest is set for: Saturday October 12th 10am-4pm at the Veterans Museum. Booth fees are \$25.00 for members and \$35.00 nonmembers, more details will be posted on our website and social media closer to the event.
- (C) Vilonia Community Development:** Meeting June 21, 2024, at 12:00PM
- (D) The Planning Commission** will meet June 27, 2024, at 7 PM.
- (E) City Hall** will be closed on July 4, 2024. City Hall will reopen July 5, 2024
- (F) Shooting fireworks** will be allowed in the city limits of Vilonia July 3rd through July 5th between the hours of 3:00 PM to 10:30 PM- Ordinance 2010-2

Old Business: NONE

Lacosta Beene announced Fourth of July community festival will begin at 7 PM and fireworks at 9:30.

New business:

(A) Permission for The Vilonia Church of Christ fireworks display: July 13, 2024. Matos motioned and Maxwell seconded, approved by all.

(B) Conditional Use recommendation from the Planning Commission on:

- In home daycare: 65 Eagle Street. Motion to approve by Maxwell and seconded by Beene, approved by all.
- Mobile Home Placement: Glen Clements, 968 HWY 64, Main St. Much discussion was held. Motion to reverse the Planning Commission's recommendation to deny the conditional use made by Firestone, seconded by Matos. Voice vote called, 4 Yes, 2 No. Motion to approve with conditions (meet requirements for Medium Density Residential mobile home requirements via 5.1.3.2 section 4 of the Municipal Code, including 5 years or under, underpinning, porches front and back, conditional use is only valid for her, invalid upon her moving or passing away, must use the existing driveway, and mobile home must be tied down per HUD specifications and provide an engineer certificate stating so) made by Firestone, seconded by Craig, Approved by all.

(C) Discussion on Spirit of Vilonia Ministries: Seeking approval to build on City property (Two acres by the Harbor Home) in the future. Much discussion was held. The council requested/approved Mayor Scroggin to explore options.

(D) Discussion on Grass Ordinance 2001-3 & 2017-2 – Much discussion was held to clarify the specifications of the ordinance's rules, intent, and future. No action was taken.

Motion to adjourn made by King; meeting adjourned.

Date: August 20, 2024

Mayor: 

Recorder: 