

Meeting of the Vilonia City Council

March 16, 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 February 23, 2021 Minutes: Motion of approval made by Councilman Joe Maxwell, seconded by Jim King, no discussion, motion passed.

Approval of February, 2021 Financial Statements: Motion of approval by Councilman Jim King, seconded by Shawntel Robinson, no discussion, motion passed.

Announcements: None.

Reports of Boards and Committees:

Emergency Management, planning commission, Fire Department: There have been 179 fire runs so far this year. Keith stated there have been 8 building permits so far this year but the weather. There have been training classes for the fireman going on.

Code Enforcement: Keith stated mowing season has begun and he is sure there will be complaints about people not mowing and he would report on that at next meeting.

Police Department: Brad McNew reported that we have an officer he would like to hire. Cody Gillioun and he is certified. The motion to hire Cody was made by Joe Maxwell and seconded by Shawntel Robinson, no discussion, motion passed. Brad reported that the officers did training last week.

Parks and Recreation: Spring practice has begun. We had over 400 kids in the program this year. Repairs continue on the Baseball concession stand. The finances in the park were better than they have ever been and the mayor purchased a new Gator and a drag for the fields.

Chamber of Commerce: Shawntel Brown reported that the Chamber is still accepting memberships and the new plaques will go out soon. The business of the month was Lawrence Family Hardware. There will be a lunch and learn for small businesses on April 29 at City Hall. They are encouraging anyone wanting to attend to register. They will be co-hosting an event on May 15th with the car club. She also reported on the Veterans Museum. The museum stated tours have picked up recently. The museum will be bringing back the Junior Brigade. The brigade members get college and military credits for being in this program.

Senior Citizens: The center continues to be closed due to COVID. They are serving meals 3 days a week in a drive thru fashion. The leak in the ceiling is being repaired. The pipes have now been insulated and wrapped. The mayor is having some updates done since the center is closed and repairs are being made.

Sewer Department: The work has continued on the pipe repairs. Paladino got the low bid on the sewer expansion.

Old Business: none

The mayor reported that there was about \$150 thousand dollars' worth of road damage from the snow storm. The bridge work continues and the mayor reported that a lot of the work being doing on Church Street will cause a lot of street closures during this project. The city was awarded \$300 thousand dollar grant for street pavement. This was the largest grant given. The streets that the grant is dedicated for are Janski Lane, North and South Marshall and Wells road. The state will handle all of this grant work.

Resolution 2021-2- Resolution Providing for the Amendment of the budget for the city of Vilonia, Arkansas, for the twelve (12) months beginning January 1 ,2020 and ending December 31, 2020 appropriating money for each and every item of expenditure therein provided for; declaring an emergency to exist; and for other purposes .A motion to approve was made by Joe Maxwell and seconded by Shawntel Robinson. The motion was passed.

The city recognized the city administration department for all of their hard work and dedication.

Kira Livingston is working on a volunteer list of people to help do some clean up on city streets. She will let us know when this is set up.

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

Date: 4-20-21

Mayor: [Signature]

Recorder: Sherry Clements