

Meeting of the Vilonia City Council

November 21, 2017

The Vilonia City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor James Firestone.

Members present: Skip Cates, Sherry Clements, Joe Maxwell, Jim King, Kathy French. A quorum was declared.

Approval of September 2017 minutes – Councilman King made motion to approve, Councilman Cates seconded, no discussion, motion carried.

Approval of the Financial Statement for September 2017 – Councilman Cates made motion to approve, Councilman Maxwell seconded, no discussion, motion carried.

Announcements:

Resignation of Council Member – Mayor Firestone announced that Clay Heslep has resigned from the City Council.

Andrea Woods – Mayor Firestone introduced Mrs. Woods who is a candidate for First Division Circuit Judge.

Jim Coy – Mayor Firestone introduced Mr. Coy who is running for the vacated Senate Seat by Eddie Jo Williams.

Erin Rappold – Gave a brief update on the bats for backpacks event that was held at the City baseball fields. The event collected enough food to make 12 boxes and provided food for 49 people for Thanksgiving.

Reports of Boards and Committees:

Emergency Management – Keith Hillman presented. 68 runs for fire department. Received a \$10,000 grant for purchase of new radios. 7 residential housing permits and 4 storage building permits.

Planning Commission – No agenda.

Police Department – Chief McKnew presented. Has been doing more training and PT testing.

Parks and Recreation – Johnny Alexander presented. About 75% done with the baseball field project. Should have enough material to add a top layer on the softball fields. Next project will be to update the small field by the playground. Plan to use that field for an instructional/developmental league. Hopes to use the high school baseball kids to help teach.

Chamber of Commerce – Keith Hillman presented. First annual Eagle trot 5k run on Thursday the 23rd at 8:00am.

Senior Citizens – Kathy French presented. Numbers have been up for the Senior Center. Served 140 meals for their Thanksgiving meal.

Sewer Department – Presented in writing.

Old Business:

No old business

New Business:

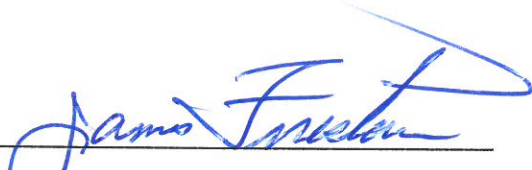
Second Reading of the Ordinance 2017-5 by Treasurer Eric Simmons.

Presentation of 2018 Budget – Presented in writing to Council Members. A 2.5% increase to City Employees was added to the Budget.

One Time Wage Adjustment – A onetime wage adjustment was proposed to City Employees, \$350 for full time employees and \$175 for part time employees.

Councilman King moved to approve, Councilman Maxwell seconded, no discussion, motion carried.

Adjournment made by Councilman King.



Mayor



Recorder/Treasurer

12-14-17

Date