

Meeting of the April 19, 2022

Members present: Jim King, Kira Livingston, and Chris French, Shawntel Robinson, Steven Craig, Joe Maxwell, 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 March 15, 2022 Minutes: Motion of approval made by Councilman Joe Maxwell, seconded by Jim King, no discussion, motion passed

Approval of March 2022 Financial Statements: Motion of approval by Councilman Joe Maxwell, seconded by Jim King, no discussion, motion passed.

Announcements: A new nonprofit opened up called Sleep in Heavenly Peace. This organization helps all kids get a bed to sleep in.

Reports of Boards and Committees:

Emergency Management, planning commission, Fire Department: Code Enforcement: The Fire Department has had 431 runs so far this year. 4 new building inspections this month. The planning commission will meet this month regarding a conditional use permit for a go-cart track down Church Street. Keith has been getting some yard clean up and mowing complaints.

Police Department: Chief McNew reported the new car for 2022 has been built but has not been released. Brad asked the Council to approve for the 2014 Tahoe to be placed on the auction site the motion was made by Joe Maxwell and seconded by Jim King motion passed. The 2014 caprice maybe totaled due to flood waters in the recent rains. We are awaiting an answer from the insurance company.

Parks and Recreation: The games are in full swing at the parks. They are having some games delayed or will be rescheduled due to all of the rain we have been having. The mayor reported that all construction/repairs on both concession stands are done. The VSA ceased operations recently and closed their books and donated \$1,891.36 to the city park program.

Chamber of Commerce: The chamber will meet later this month. The chamber will partner with the Vilonia Car Club again for the car show that is going to be held May 7, 2022.

Sewer Department: The expansion is making headway. The lift stations are being rebuilt and worked on by Brandon and this saves the city sewer department a lot of money. The sewer project continues to move forward.

Senior Citizens: The numbers continue to grow with people coming to the center.

Veterans Museum: The report was given by Shawntel Robinson. The veteran's museum website has a list of all of their upcoming events in the following months. George Kiner was nominated veteran of the year.

Old Business: The mayor gave a report on all ongoing projects. There were water concerns in certain areas of the city by residents. We received 2 inches of rain in 20 minutes and it took time to run off. The drainage systems in those areas of concern was working properly, it just had an abundance of water to run off. The pavilion project was completed with the help of the school. The mayor met with Arkansas Game and Fish and the NRCS to discuss the park and pond project on North Mt. Olive road. The city will be working on getting this area ready so the pond can be stocked and used by the public for fishing. The mayor reported on the sidewalk lighting project and that the city received some of the grant money to begin this project from the school to Keith's gas station. The electric will be underground and we will have decorative poles to hang flags and informational banners on. Janski Lane, Wells, North and South Marshall, North Church and Grady Loop will begin being paved in the next few weeks due to the grant the city was awarded a few months ago, the bid was awarded to Bobby Kennedy by the state since this is a project the state is handling. The bridge on South Mt. Olive will have the work on it started next week. The mayor also reported on working on the siren and we now have a metal pole the siren is mounted on. On March 27, 2022 the mayor went to the Municipal League Luncheon, where the city of Vilonia was awarded the volunteer community of the year. This is a great honor.

New Business: The mayor wanted to appoint Brian Presley to district 4 on the water board. The motion was made by Jim King and seconded by Shawntel Robinson. The motion passed.

The mayor reported the audit for 2020 was completed and submitted. There were no findings.

Ordinance 2022-1: An ordinance for donation of land on North Mt. Olive by Charlie Weaver.

The ordinance was read. Joe Maxwell made a motion to suspend the second and third reading. Kira Livingston made a motion to not suspend the second and third reading, this died to lack of a second. Kira Livingston also stated that the ordinance should be in form of a resolution and not an ordinance. Kira also felt there should not be an emergency clause in this ordinance. There was some discussion as to why there are times for emergency clauses and others not. The first motion to suspend passed with 3 ayes and 1 present and 1 nay. The motion to adopt Ordinance 2022- was made by Joe Maxwell and seconded by Jim King. The mayor called for a verbal vote, 5 ayes and 1 nay.

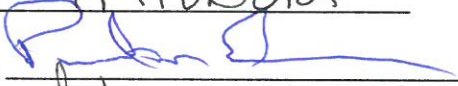
Ordinance 2022-2: Rezoning of property on South Church St. owned by Charlie Weaver. The ordinance was read. A motion to suspend the second and third reading was made by Joe Maxwell and seconded by Jim King. The motion passed. A motion to accept the rezoning was made by Jim King and seconded by Joe Maxwell. A verbal vote was called by the mayor and all 6 were ayes.

Kira Livingston wanted the zoning ordinance regarding sign regulations to be discussed. She wanted to have the planning commission to review this ordinance.

The meeting to adjourn was made by Shawntel Robinson and seconded by Kira Livingston. The meeting was adjourned.

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

Date: 5/17/2022

Mayor: 

Recorder: Sherry Clements