

Meeting of the February 15, 2022

Members present: Jim King, Kira Livingston, and Chris French, Shawntel Robinson, Steven Craig, Joe Maxwell was absent.

Meeting Prayer: Lead by Jim King

Pledge of Allegiance by all.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Preston Scroggin.

Established of quorum.

Approval of December 21, 2021 Minutes: Motion of approval made by Councilman Jim King, seconded by Chris French, no discussion, motion passed

December 2021 and January 2022 Financial Statements: Motion of approval by Councilman Jim King, seconded by Chris French, no discussion, motion passed.

Announcements: None

Reports of Boards and Committees:

Emergency Management, planning commission, Fire Department: Code Enforcement: The Fire Department is going well they continue with classes. There have been several new building permits this last week.

Police Department: Chief McNew gave a reported on the number of accidents this year to date compared to last year at this time. The 2021 new car is in and outfitted. There is an issue with the camera system they are working on.

Parks and Recreation: Spring ball season registration is under way at this time and will end this coming Saturday. Turf was donated by Home Depot for the batting cages. They donated half of the turf. The AC in had to be repaired and the cost was \$7,900.

Chamber of Commerce: The chamber banquet is February 26, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Dr. Adams will be the key note speaker.

Senior Citizens: The Senior Citizens is now closed. They are serving meals by drive up only. They are closed until March at this time due to the COVID virus.

Sewer Department: The expansion is making headway. Brandon reported that 65-70% of the project is complete.

Old Business: None

New Business: The mayor made appointments for the following positions: Police Chief, Fire Chief, City Attorney and planning commission. The following individuals were appointed by the mayor: Brad

McNew, Keith Hillman, Danny Rasmussen, Ryan Sims and Mike Matos. The motion to approve was made by Jim King and seconded by Stephen Craig, no discussion, motion passed.

The tornado sirens for Quail Hollow at 64 and Coker are unrepairable. The mayor contacted American Fire Protection and the proposal for a new siren cost is \$29,811.00. Matt Reynolds spoke to the council regarding the new siren and he had contacted Entergy and they are installing the new pole at no cost to the city which is a savings of approximately \$4,500.00. It will take up to 12 weeks to install. There is a 15-20 year life expectancy. The motion to move forward and accept this bid was made by Stephen Craig and seconded by Jim King, No discussion, motion passed.

The mayor reported on South Church St bridge bid had been awarded to Hard Rock Construction in the amount of \$101,653.00. This project is being paid for by a grant and no city funds will be used. The motion to accept the bid was made by Jim King and seconded by Kira Livingston, no discussion, motion passed.

Resolution 2022-1 resolution amending the 2021 budget was read. The motion to approve the resolution was made by Jim King and seconded by Chris French, 4 yeas, 1 no, motion passed.

The list of city equipment for additions and deletions was presented to the council. Some discussions was had on this. This is being held for more discussions until next meeting.

Donna Merriman from the Spirit of Vilonia made a presentation to the council regarding all the services provided to the community by the Spirit of Vilonia. This group is made up by 7 churches in Vilonia who are board members and all volunteers. The Spirit of Vilonia is a food pantry and discount store; all items are donated to help support the store. Local businesses donate food to help families in town with meals and they have never had to turn anyone away.

The grant for street repaving in town had a bid opening and it has been awarded by the state. The work on the proposed streets in the grant should begin work in the upcoming months.

The motion was made to adjourn by Jim King seconded by Kira Livingston meeting adjourned.

Date: 3/15/2022
Mayor: [Signature]
Recorder: Sherry Clements