



**Meeting of the Vilonia City Council
Tuesday – March 17, 2015**

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

Members present: Clay Heslep, Skip Cates, Joe Maxwell, Jim King and Kathy French. Councilwoman Sherry Clements was absent. A quorum was established with 5 members present.

Councilman King moved to approve the 02-17-15 minutes, as written, Councilwoman French 2nd and the motion carried.

Councilman Cates moved to approve the 02/15 financial statement; as written, Councilman Maxwell 2nd and the motion carried.

Announcements: Mayor Firestone reported that Amanda and Kira have been working hard on the Kaboom Grant. The build day is scheduled for 04-18-15. They will be recruiting volunteers for the project. The new website project is on going at this time.

VFD – Clay Heslep reported that they have added 3 new members to the department. They continue to have on going training.

Planning Commission – Scheduled to have a meeting on 03-26-15 at 7:00 p.m.
Mayor reported that the sign ordinance committee have had a meeting and will give an update at the meeting.

VPD – Chief Brad McNew reported that the new car will be here in about 2 months.

Parks & Rec./VSA – Trey White gave an update. He reported season kick off on 04-30-15. They have had about 370 to 400 kids sign up for program. They are still working on obtaining an area for the kids to play their games this season. He gave an update on the financial situation of the park. Mayor gave an update regarding the softball field on N. Mt. Olive. They have signed a contract to proceed with the light contractors, fencing contractors and the dirt for the infields. They are still negotiating on the concession stand. The bid seemed a little higher than thought.

Chamber of Commerce – No report was given.

Senior Citizens – Kathy French reported that the skipbo/rook tournament will be held on 03-30-15 to 04-03-15. The sign in front of Sr. Citizens needs some lettering. The previous sign was blown away in the tornado. Councilman Cates will check on letters for the new sign.

Sewer Dept. – Presented in written form dated 01-20-15 & 02-17-15 & financial statement dated 01-01-15 to 01-31-15 & 02-17-15.

Old Business: Veterans Museum lease agreement. Mayor reported that a lease is set up for 10 year terms and can be renewable at that time. Councilman Maxwell moved to approve the terms of the lease

between City of Vilonia, Arkansas and the Museum of Veterans & Military History & the Museum Brigade. Councilman Cates 2nd and the motion carried.

Ordinance Designation of Court Clerk – Vilonia Division.

Ordinance 2015-3 Titled: An ordinance designating the Faulkner Co. District Court, Vilonia Division Clerk as the official person responsible for the collection of fines assessed in the Faulkner Co. District Court – Vilonia Division of the City of Vilonia, Arkansas. Ordinance 2015-3 was read, as written, by Rec./Treasurer – Doris Scroggin. Councilman Maxwell moved to suspend the 2nd & 3rd readings of Ordinance 2015-3. Councilwoman French 2nd and a voice vote was taken with Heslep-yea, Cates-yea, Maxwell-yea, King-yea & French-yea. Motion passed with 5 yea votes and 0 nay votes.

Andrew Shell with Critter Gitters was not present.

Amanda Norwood reported that there will be a benefit fundraiser for the Corey Wells family on 03-28-15 from 2:00 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Vilonia City Hall. There are different sponsors for this event. She also announced the 1st ever Art Exhibit on 05-03-15 at City Hall.

There was no further business.

Councilman King moved to adjourn the meeting, Councilman Maxwell 2nd and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.