

**City of Lonoke**  
**City Council Minutes**  
**April 10, 2023**

The Lonoke City Council held a city council meeting at the multiple building at 6:00 p.m. Monday, April 10, 2023. Mayor Wayne McGee called the meeting to order with the Invocation was given by Derek Smith, The Bridge Church. City Clerk, Jeribeth Edwards called the roll and declared a quorum.

Mayor	Wayne McGee
City Clerk	Jeribeth Edwards
Treasurer	Craig Blackard (absent)
Deputy Clerk	Regina Ibbotson
Council Members	Sean Simpson, Steven Holt, Raymond Hatton, Stan Moran (absent), Wendell Walker ( <i>arrived after roll call</i> ), Wendell Moore, Koy Butler (absent), and Jim Ed Ransom
City Attorney	Ginger Stuart
Police Chief	Matt Edwards
W/S/S Supt.	Thomas Stivers
C.C. Director	Mike Brown
Fire Dept.	Justin Whittenburg
Parks Director	Evan Jacobs
Community Dev.	Jeremy Gosdin
News Media	Rick Kron, The Leader

**Visitors:** Terry Taykowski, Jim Moody, Walter Wills, Jay Holstead, Theo Washington, Annie Cooney, Patricia Johnson, Terry Robinson and Cindy Reaves

**Minutes:** Mayor Wayne McGee asked for the acceptance of the March 13, 2023 minutes. Jim Ed Ransom made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Sean Simpson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

1. Terry Taykowski was present and wanted to speak on accountability and transparency. Mr. Taykowski mentioned that there is an individual that he has come into contact with and mentioned the City of Lonoke should allow the individual go to the Community Center, free of charge.  
*(Wendell Walker entered the meeting)*  
He also mentioned that the tanks at the city shop are fueled by MFA, and he would like to see the City of Lonoke use local gas stations. The council thanked him for coming.

**LONOKE COUNTY LIBRARY:** A calendar to show the March activities was provided.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Craig Blackard was absent. Mayor McGee gave report.

- A. **RESOLUTION 4-1-2023- “A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2022 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022; APPROPRIATING THE VARIOUS AMOUNTS HEREIN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”** - Jim Ed Ransom made a motion to put Resolution 4-1-2023 on the floor. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read the Resolution in its entirety. Jim Ed Ransom made a motion to accept the first reading. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**COMMUNITY CENTER:** Mike Brown was present and gave report.

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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** Jeremy Gosdin was present and gave report.

- A. **RESOLUTION 4-2-2023- "A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY OF LONOKE GENERAL PLAN LAND USE MAP FOR THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT LOT THIRTEEN OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP TWO NORTH, RANGE EIGHT WEST, BEING PART OF THE ANTHONY'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF LONOKE, ARKANSAS, LESS AND EXCEPT THE EAST 66 FEET THEREOF FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL."** - Jim Ed Ransom made a motion to put Resolution 4-2-2023 on the floor. Sean Simpson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read the Resolution and its entirety. Jim Ed Ransom made a motion to accept the first reading. Steven Holt seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- B. **ORDINANCE 810 - "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CIT OF LONOKE ZONING ORDINANCE AND MAP TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 780-20163-000, AND DESCRIBED AS THE EAST HALF OF LOT THIRTEEN OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP TWO NORTH, RANGE EIGHT WEST, BEING PART OF THE ANTHONY'S ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF LONOKE, ARKANSAS, LESS AND EXCEPT THE EAST 66 FEET THEREOF FROM R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL."**- Jim Ed Ransom made a motion to put Ord. 810 on the floor. Sean Simpson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance 810 and its entirety. Jim Ed Ransom made a motion to accept 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried with 5 hand votes. Jim Ed Ransom made a motion to suspend rules-2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Sean Simpson seconded the motion. Motion carried with 5 hand votes. Ginger Stuart read title only. Jim Ed Ransom made a motion to accept 2<sup>nd</sup> reading title only. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried with 5 hand votes. Jim Ed Ransom made a motion to suspend rules- 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried with 5 voice votes. Ginger Stuart read title only- 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. Jim Ed Ransom made a motion to accept 3<sup>rd</sup> reading title only. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried with 5 hand votes. Jim Ed Ransom made a motion to adopt. Sean Simpson seconded the motion. Motion carried with 5 hand votes. Motion carried.
- C. **ORDINANCE 811 - "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LONKE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."**- Wendell Walker made a motion to put Ord. 811 on the floor. Steven Holt seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance 811 and its entirety. Sean Simpson made a motion to accept 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Steven Holt seconded the motion. Motion carried with 5 hand votes. Sean Simpson made a motion to suspend rules-2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Steven Holt seconded the motion. Motion carried with 5 hand votes. Ginger Stuart read title only. Steven Holt made a motion to accept 2<sup>nd</sup> reading title only. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried with 5 hand votes. Sean Simpson made a motion to suspend rules- 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. Steven Holt seconded the motion. Motion carried with 5 voice votes. Ginger Stuart read title only- 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. Steven Holt made a motion to accept 3<sup>rd</sup> reading title only. Sean Simpson seconded the motion. Motion carried with 5 hand votes. Sean Simpson made a motion to adopt. Steven Holt seconded the motion. Motion carried with 5 hand votes. Motion carried. Sean Simpson made a motion to adopt an Emergency Clause. Jim Ed Ransom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Whittenburg was present and gave report.

**PUBLIC WORKS (WATER AND SEWER):** Thomas Stivers was present and gave report.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Edwards was present and gave report. Chief Edwards asked permission to use towing companies outside of Lonoke City. Chief Edwards mentioned that he would like to use J Hook Towing, right outside of town and Phillips Service in Carlisle. Jim Ed Ransom made a motion to use both of these companies on a rotation and have Ginger Stuart work on an Ordinance. Steven Holt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PARKS AND MOSQUITO:** Mr. Evan Jacobs was present and gave report.

1. **Quote to purchase Mosquito oil** - A quote from Innovative Lube Technologies, LLC for \$11,228.78. Jim Ed Ransom made a motion to purchase the oil. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Sourcewell Quote to purchase Kubota lawn mower** - A Sourcewell quote for a Kubota mower for the parks for a total of \$18,366.72 was presented. Wendell Walker mentioned that he would like to see more local companies have a chance to give a quote. Jim Ed Ransom made a motion to purchase the mower. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. **Solar Array site production report (March 2022)**- Jay Holstead and Walter Wills from McKinstry were present and gave a report. He mentioned that the solar array is over producing more energy than expected.
- B. **Final results from solid waste questionnaire**- There were 226 people that voted. There were 108 people that voted the Spring Clean Up with a \$2.00 monthly dumpster access fee on the water bill. Steven Holt made a motion to go with option 1. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Write off bad debt from water Department** - The total amount is \$3,372.94. Wendell Walker made a motion to write off the bad debt. Wendell Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- B. **Proposal by McKinstry to maintain solar array** - Jay Holstead and Walter Wills went over the phases of the ESPC and solar panel project. He explained that the City of Lonoke should be able to protect the project/investment. After a great report from the individuals from McKinstry, the council decided that would like to review the information and their options and come back with questions or concerns at a future date.

**APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS:** Jim Ed Ransom made a motion to pay bills. Steven Holt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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**BILLS ALREADY PAID IN MARCH 2023**

City General	\$92,704.77
Water	\$30,965.27
Street	\$19,505.10
Community Center	\$27,946.73
Retail One Cent	\$1,082.53
ADV Promotion	\$8.13
ARPA GRANT FUND	\$150,516.03

**BILLS TO BE PAID APRIL 2023**

City General	\$16,094.68
Community Center	\$11,568.03
Water	\$38,403.51
Street	\$8,580.72

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** - Mayor McGee mentioned that there would be a planning commission monthly meeting on Monday April 17, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Jim Ed Ransom made a motion to adjourn. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Mayor Wayne McGee

Attest:

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Clerk