

CITY OF LONOKE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 14, 2020

The Lonoke City Council held a city council meeting through internet livestream video via Zoom application at 6:00 p.m. on Monday December 14, 2020. Mayor Trae Reed called the meeting to order with the invocation given by Pastor Torvac Amon, Historic St. Paul Missionary Baptist. City Clerk, Jeribeth Edwards to call the roll. City Clerk Jeribeth Edwards called the roll and declared a quorum.

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| Mayor | Trae Reed |
| City Clerk | Jeribeth Edwards |
| Treasurer | Phillip Howell |
| Deputy Clerk | Regina Ibbotson |
| Council Members | Efrem Jones, Alice Bridges, Raymond Hatton (late), Ryan Biles, Matt Cordell, Michael Florence, Koy Butler, and Suzette Elmore |
| City Attorney | Ginger Stuart |
| Police Chief | Matt Edwards |
| W/S/S Supt. | Jim Kelley |
| C.C. Director | Mike Brown |
| Fire Dept. | Justin Whittenburg |
| Parks Director | Roy Don Lewis and Pierce Johnson |
| Community Dev. | Jeremy Gosdin |
| Economic Dev. | Gene Eagle |
| News Media | Rick Kron, The Leader |
| Visitors | Pastor Torvac Amon, Chris Flores, Kitty Adams, Jay Whisker, Anna McClung, Penelope Seminario, Skip McKinstry, and Cindy Reaves |

MINUTES:

Mayor Trae Reed asked for acceptance of the Nov 9, 2020 minutes, Nov. 16, 2020 special meeting minutes and the Dec 3rd Condemnation minutes. Koy Butler made a Motion to accept the minutes as read. Efrem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (none)

2022 Executive Board Report – Chris Flores from the Lonoke 2022, gave an executive Committee Report. Mr. Flores went over goals for 2021. He did mention that there will be a sustainability Action Team starting soon.

Economic Development Report: Mr. Gene Eagle was present and gave report.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief Matt Edwards was present and gave report. Chief Edwards mentioned that the total billed to immigration and Probation/Parole was a total of \$7,020.00.

PARKS/MOSQUITO: Mr. Roy Don Lewis was present and gave report.

A. Ordinance No. 773 “An Ordinance to Waive Competitive Bidding for the purchase of Mosquito Chemicals”- Koy Butler made a motion to put Ord. No. 773 on the floor. Efrem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance No. 773 in its entirety. Efrem Jones made the motion to accept the 1st reading of Ordinance No. 773. Alice Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) aye hand votes. Efrem Jones made the motion to suspend the rules- 2nd reading- title only. Michael Florence seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) aye voice votes. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance No. 773- title only- 2nd reading. Efrem Jones made the motion to accept the 2nd reading-title only- of Ordinance No. 773. Michael Florence seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) hand votes. Efrem Jones made the motion to suspend the rules-3rd reading-title only. Michael Florence seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) aye voice votes. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance No. 773- title only – 3rd reading. Efrem Jones made the motion to accept the 3rd reading- title only Ordinance No. 773. Michael Florence seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) aye hand votes. Efrem Jones made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Suzette Elmore seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) aye hand votes. Michael Florence made the motion to adopt the Emergency Clause. Alice Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

A. Quotes to Replace Pool Heater - Mr. Brown was present and mentioned that the pool heater went out in November. There were several attempts to repair, it became evident that there must be a replacement. Mr. Brown had two quotes. Clarity Pools, NLR Ar. for a total of \$10,884.30. Also, a quote from LSC, Lonoke ar. for a total of \$14,735.18. Michael Florence made a motion to except the quote from Clarity Pools. Ryan Biles seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. Approve Pool Pak Payment Schedule - Lonoke Service Co. submitted a payment scheduled for the replacement of the pool pak. The first payment would be made upon the order of materials. The final payment would be made upon completion of the project. Koy Butler made a motion to approve the payment schedule. Ryan Biles seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(Raymond Hatton joined the meeting.)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Jeremy Gosdin was present and gave report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Justin Whittenburg was present and gave report.

PUBLIC WORKS (Water & Street/Animal Control)- Mr. Kelley was present and gave report and updates.

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BUDGET AND FINANCE-

A. 2020 Proposed Preliminary Budget Numbers- Phillip Howell was present and gave report. He did mention that Roy Don's budget is low due to covid since the ballpark was closed. Hopefully those numbers will come up soon. Koy Butler made a motion to accept the proposed budget. Matt Cordell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. McClelland Engineers Scope of Work- FEMA Drainage Study Contract: Jay Whisker, McClelland Consulting Engineers, Inc. was present and spoke regarding the drainage system study in Lonoke. Mr. Whisker has plans to survey the city to see where the main problems are located. He also plans to look at how the city grows and make sure the right equipment is used now. The total cost of the project is \$146,310 with a grant for \$131,500 toward this work; however, the city pays first then the additional funds will be reimbursed. The overage will be paid out of the street department. After some discussion regarding the phases, Ryan Biles made a motion to approve the contract. Matt Cordell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Adopt-A-Charger Presentation- Kitty Adams, Executor Director of a non-profit organization for EV charging station business. This business is a powerful and Flexible smart grid EV charging software at an affordable price. Ms. Adams uses grant money to help with the cost of the start- up. The chargers would be free of charge, she does ask for the council to pay the first three months of the electric bill. The cost to start this project would be \$15,070.00. Ms. Adams plans to use the ADEQ and Entergy grant funding to pay this. This is for four car charging spots. Ms. Kitty mentioned that she would like to do a press release to get the information out there. The area in Lonoke that would best benefit, location wise for the charging spots would be north of the flagpole that sits in front of the Police Department. There is already electricity available to tie into there. Michael Florence made a motion to go forth with installing the EV charging station. Koy Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. ESPC Land Procurement- Appraisal- Mayor Reed mentioned that there are several options to consider for the four acres needed for the solar farm. Mayor Reed went over all of the properties that could work, but the other three would have land clearing and other additional costs before the project could begin. After considering at the properties, Matt Cordell made a motion to make an offer to purchase the Kittler property next to the ballpark for \$12,000.00 per acre for a total of \$48,000.00. Koy Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. RFP Release for Bond Counsel, Bond Trustee, and Underwriter- Mayor Reed explained to the council that the time has come to request proposals for the financing portion of the ESPC project. The Mayor requested to seek RFQ for bond counsel first and then the other two once bond counsel is secured. Ryan Biles made a motion to release the RFQ. Suzette Elmore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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D. Cares Act Grant Funds- The city has been awarded \$168,177.34 from the Cares Act Grant Funds. Mayor Reed presented a proposal on a beneficial way to spend the money. The council will have time to look over and consider this.

PAY THE BILLS: Alice Bridges made a motion to pay bills. Matt Cordell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BILLS ALREADY PAID IN NOVEMBER 2020

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| City General | \$43,738.03 |
| Water | \$109,116.07 |
| Street | \$11,074.23 |
| Community Center | \$9,506.49 |
| Retail One Cent | \$629.95 |
| Criminal Justice | \$886.95 |
| I.D.C. One Cent | \$2,000.00 |
| Water/Sewer Revenue | \$2.00 |

BILLS TO BE PAID IN DECEMBER 2020

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| General Fund | \$34,248.57 |
| Water | \$21,936.18 |
| Street | \$9,716.44 |
| Court Automation | \$607.75 |
| Community Center | \$4,335.26 |
| Criminal Justice | \$124.27 |

ADJOURN: Efrem Jones made a motion to adjourn. Suzette Elmore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Henry F Reed III

Attest:

City Clerk