

**Lonoke City Council  
Lonoke City Council Meeting  
December 11, 2023**

The Lonoke City Council held a city council meeting at the multiple building at 6:00 p.m. Monday, December 11, 2023. Mayor Wayne McGee called the meeting to order with the Invocation was given by Woody Evans, Pastor at Brownsville Baptist Church. City Clerk, Jeribeth Edwards called the roll and declared a quorum.

Mayor	Wayne McGee
City Clerk	Jeribeth Edwards
Treasurer	(Vacant)
Deputy Clerk	Regina Ibbotson
Council Members	Sean Simpson, Steven Holt, Raymond Hatton, Stan Moran, Wendell Walker, Wendell Moore, Koy Butler, 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.	(Vacant)
News Media	none

**Visitors:** Mike Jones, Mildred Jones, Woody Evans, Wayne Rathburn, Terry Taykowski, Theodore Washington, Patricia Johnson and Cindy Reaves

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

**Public Comment:** Theodore Washington, 201 Thomas Drive Lonoke, AR 72086, was present and discussed drainage issues. He has asked the council for some help regarding flooding issues. Mayor McGee mentioned to Mr. Washington that the city has permission to dig a ditch to help the water get to the ditch.

**LONOKE COUNTY LIBRARY:** A calendar to show the December activities was presented.

**BEAUTIFICATION TEAM REPORT-** No report for December.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Edwards was present and gave the report. No action needed.

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

- A. Mosquito Chemical Purchase- A quote from Clarke Mosquito Control Products for \$108,145.21.
- B. **Ordinance 816- "An Ordinance to Waive the Requirement of Competitive Bidding for the Procurement of Chemicals..."**- Sean Simpson made a motion to put Ord. 816 on the floor. Steven Holt seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance 816 and its entirety. Jim Ed Ransom made a motion to accept the 1st reading. Koy Butler seconded the

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motion. Motion carried with 8 hand votes. Koy Butler made a motion to suspend rules-2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried with 8 hand votes. Ginger Stuart read the title only. Jim Ed Ransom made a motion to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading title only. Koy Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried with 8 hand votes. Koy Butler made a motion to suspend rules- 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried with 8 voice votes. Ginger Stuart read title only- 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. Koy Butler made a motion to accept the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading title only. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried with 8 hand votes. Koy Butler made a motion to adopt. Sean Simpson seconded the motion. Motion carried with 8 hand votes. Koy Butler made a motion to adopt an Emergency Clause. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**COMMUNITY CENTER:** Mr. Mike Brown was present and gave report. The events going on are youth Basketball, Pickle Ball, Chess of Mondays, and Baptist Health Checks.

- A. **Quote to resurface multi-purpose room floor-** The total quote is \$12,542.45 from Dennis Neal Resurfacing. Koy Butler made a motion to allow the Community Center to have this work done. Wendell Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

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

- A. **Quote from Lockett Pump & Well Service, Inc.-** An estimate for \$22,385.38 for the alarm system on the water alarm. Koy Butler made a motion to go with the quote. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** Thomas Stivers was present and gave the report.

- A. **Bids for demolition of condemned properties-** No bids received.

**BUDGET & FINANCE:**

- A. **2024 Preliminary Operating Budget-** Koy Butler made a motion to accept the Preliminary Budget. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**OLD BUISNESS**

- A. **Solar Array Site Production Report-** McKinstry provided a Site Production Report. The total estimated savings are as follows.

April 2023	\$7,327.20
May 2023	\$8,514.00
June 2023	\$7,869.00
July 2023	\$7,800.20
August 2023	\$8,118.00
Sept 2023	\$7,361.60
Oct 2023	\$6,252.20
Nov 2023	\$5,495.40

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**B. Bids for Damaged Fence repairs-** No bids received.

**C. Ordinance 814-** Jim Ed Ransom made a motion to re-visit Ordinance 814 to clarify the language in the section referring to fees charged for trailers 10' or larger. Sean Simpson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No new business.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. The planning commission meeting will be held on Monday, Dec. 18, 2023, at 6:00.
- B. City Hall will be closed on December 25 and December 26<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas Holidays.
- C. Solid Waste fees- Ordinance 814 reminder

**APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS:** Steven Holt made a motion to pay bills. Sean Simpson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**BILLS ALREADY PAID IN November 2023**

City General	\$45,522.79
Water	\$24,835.09
Street	\$17,441.74
Community Center	\$10,594.64
Retail One Cent	\$1,827.58
Court Automation	\$ 388.50
Water/Sewer Rev	\$4.00

**BILLS TO BE PAID DECEMBER 2023**

City General	\$ 7,008.88
Community Center	\$ 8,420.50
Water	\$ 26,547.38
Street	\$ 6,904.12

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

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Mayor Wayne McGee

Attest:

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Clerk