

CITY OF LONOKE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 10, 2020

The Lonoke City Council held a city council meeting in the administration room of City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Monday February 10, 2020. Mayor Trae Reed called the meeting to order with the invocation given by Pastor Jason Dorsey, Lonoke Assembly of God. 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 (absent), Raymond Hatton, 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 (absent) Pierce Johnson |
| Community Dev. | Bill Blankenship |
| News Media | Rick Kron, The Leader |
| Visitors | Elizabeth Anderson, Gina Wiertelak, Jim Wiertelak, Darrell Cox, Patrick Reagan, Jason Dorsey, Gary Padget, George Gooden, Anna McClung, Becky Paxton, Deborah Moore, John Tackett, Russell Ivy, Lynanne Ivy, Melanie Crosby, Rita Adams, Lisa Krauss, Karen Privett and Cindy Reaves |

MINUTES:

Mayor Trae Reed asked for acceptance of the January 13th and January 16th Condemnation Info Session meeting minutes as recorded. Efrem Jones Made a Motion to accept the minutes as read. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Mr. Biles mentioned he would like to have the properties that were talked about in the minutes. Motion carried. Jan. 27 special meeting minutes. Matt Cordell made the Motion to approve the minutes. Ryan Biles seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Elizabeth Anderson was present and gave report regarding the Carver Business Career Center. She mentioned the reasons she is working so hard to promote this program. She went Over the rates of children that starts college and they don't finish. Mrs. Anderson mentioned she would Love the city of Lonoke to step up and take part in this opportunity. Mrs. Anderson went through the layout of the building along with where the building will be located in Lonoke City. Dr. John Tackett

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stepped in and Thanked the council in advance. Mrs. Anderson and Dr. John Tackett thanked the council for the opportunity to talk to the council regarding this amazing service that is possible to come to our town. Mrs. Suzette Elmore added that she hopes that the city she back this program. Early Voting starts Feb. 18th.

2022 Executive Board Report – Anna McClung was present and gave an update on Lonoke 2022 Report. She presented minutes from the previous committee meetings.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Bill Blankenship was present and gave a report. He mentioned that at the condemnation meeting we asked for approval to deem properties or structures as unsafe. Mr. Blankenship mentioned he has been in contact with the Ginger Stuart, city attorney and they have a plan. Mr. Blankenship mentioned that the plan explains the property owners have plenty opportunities to get in touch with the city to work with the property owners regarding their properties. Mr. Blankenship mentioned that he is currently working to be a flood plain manager for this city.

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

A. IaR Subscription Renewal: Mr. Whittenburg asked the council for a one-year subscription with IaR, which is a dispatching agent with cell phones, that would cost \$810.00. Koy Butler made a motion to enter into the contract. Efreem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. Generator Bid for Fire Station- Mr. Whittenburg had a quote for a generator. The quote is a source well quote, from Cummins Power Generation out of NLR, AR. for a total of \$20,705.00. This quote does not include installation. Koy Butler made a motion to purchase the generator. Michael Florence seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Purchase of Tires for Fire Truck on State Contract- Mr. Whittenburg had a quote from Moore & Robinson, Inc. out of Little Rock, AR. For Engine 7, the total is \$4,105.48. Engine 25 the total is \$1,997.89. Together the cost is \$6,103.37. Michael Florence made a motion to purchase the firetruck tires. Koy Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PARKS/MOSQUITO: Mr. Roy Don Lewis was present and gave report. Mr. Lewis mentioned how well the concession stand is progressing.

Mayor's office: Mr. Lewis mentioned that the city would like to add glass to the front office. Mr. Roy Don mentioned that a glass company gave a quote for \$5,680.00. This glass would protect the city workers in city hall. Mr. Lewis mentioned he would like to get more quotes. Koy Butler would like to get two additional quotes; however, he does make a motion to spend up to the current estimate, but get more bids in. Efreem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Mr. Mike Brown was present and gave report. Activities going on this month Health Checks from Baptist Health, Drivers Tests. Mr. Brown mentioned he would like to promote the LCC Sports Exchange on Feb 29th, 2020. Saturday 10Am-2Pm. Mr. Brown mentioned the statistics have

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proven that sports ignites the drive in a person's spirit. Donating your used sports equipment to kids in need could make all the difference.

PUBLIC WORKS (Water & Street)- Mr. Kelley was present and gave report on the amount of water loss due to water leaks in the city. Mr. Kelley mentioned that the sidewalk project is about 50% complete. There are some corrections that have been noted that the contractor will have to fix before the project is complete.

A. Purchase of Work Truck- Source well Pricing- The cost of 2019 Dodge Ram 1500 Classic Regular Cab is \$22,454.00. (This would be a water vehicle) Koy Butler made a motion to spend the money for the truck. Efre Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. Mr. Kelley had a map to show the council where the sidewalk project is at. Mrs. Suzette Elmore mentioned that she has had several compliments on the sidewalks.

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 \$10,980.00.

BUDGET AND FINANCE – Treasure Phillip Howell was present and gave a report.

A. Quotes for Financing of Concession Stand/Restroom Completion Note- There were four quotes for the concession stand financing from First State Bank for \$450,000.00 at 3.149% for 60 months, Bank OZK for 425,000.00 at 3.69%, Arvest Bank for 450,000.00 at 3.11%, and Lonoke Banking Center 450,000.00 for 3.45%. The lowest bid was Arvest Bank. However, First State Bank loan is better due to the costs regarding the loan. The other banks had several fees associated with the loan. Phillip Howell recommended the First State Bank bid for \$450,000 at 3.149%, Efre Jones made a motion to go with the recommendation. Ryan Biles seconded the motion. Michael Florence abstained; he is a stock holder of the bank. Motion carried.

B. Review of 2018 Arkansas Legislative Audit Report Findings- Mr. Phillip Howell gave a report regarding the audit. Mr. Howell mentioned that the report is excellent and gives credit to our administrative staff. Koy Butler made a motion to approve the 2018 audit report. Efre Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Request to Release RFP for new City Website- Mayor Reed would like to bring more info in March, he asks the council to table this subject.

B. Arkansas Energy Office Consultant Agreement- Mayor Reed asks the council to enter into the Arkansas Energy and Environment. The AEO fee for the AEPC Program is a flat rate of three-tenths of a (3%) per project phase, with a minimum of \$10,000 and maximum of \$30,000 for any single executed AEPC project. Ryan Biles made a motion to go forth with this subject. Koy Butler seconded the motion. Raymond Hatton opposed. Motion carried.

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C. Resolution 2-1-2020- “Resolution to Support the Millage Increase to Fun the Carver Business Academy”- Ginger Stuart was present and read Res. 2-1-2020 and its entirety. Efreem Jones made a motion to put Res. 2-1-2020 on the floor. Michael Florence seconded the motion. Motion carried. Michael Florence made a motion to accept the first reading. Koy Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. Telecommunications and ROW Management Contract with LGS- Mr. Greg Fender proposed an agreement to assist the city with cable and telecommunication issues that arise during the next 12 months. The cost is \$4,000.00 per audit or \$5,000.00 to get the full extent Mr. Fender’s cost. At this time the council entertained Res. 2-2-2020.

E. Resolution 2-2-2020 “Resolution to Execute a Telecommunications Right of Way Management Service Agreement” Efreem Jones made a motion to put Res. 2-2-2020 on the floor. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read Res. 2-2-2020 and its entirety. Koy Butler asked Mayor Reed regarding the renewal of the contract. All excepted to pass this resolution. Motion carried.

F. Resolution 2-3-2020 “Resolution by the city of Lonoke Authorizing the Mayor and city clerk to execute closing documents to sell property commonly referred to as “Dr. Holmes Office”. Raymond Hatton made a motion to put Res 2-3-2020 on the floor. Efreem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PAY THE BILLS: Michael Florence made a motion to pay bills. Efreem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mayor Reed mentioned that the State of the City address that has been put out on social media.
- Mayor Reed also mentioned that the council bench will be here soon.
- Gina Wiertelak was present and thanked the council for allowing her to speak. Mrs. Wiertelak mentioned she has purchased a building downtown with the name of tator tot Enterprises, LLC. Mrs. Wiertelak mentioned this would be a restaurant, kitchen, restrooms, kids’ area, front door-hostess desk. The kid’s area with an aquarium containing local fish, this would serve as a local educational tool. Upstairs would be overflow for many organizations to hold meetings, etc. Mrs. Wiertelak is requesting that this new restaurant have a private club membership. She plans to submit city forms and business plan/drawings to city hall by 3/4/2020.
- Mrs. Rita Adams was present lives at 215 Chestnut Street. She has lived at her residence around 38 years. She mentioned she has never had any rain get in her house. She is having problems with plumbing. She does believe that the water is under her foundation. She believes that the water problems started around 5 years ago. Mrs. Adams mentioned that many of her neighbors are dealing with the same problems. Mrs. Adams believes that nothing has been done for her or her neighbors. Mrs. Adams had pictures explaining her concerns. Mr. Efreem Jones mentioned he has dealt with this himself and he has worked on his property to help the problem. Mayor Reed mentioned that he was sorry and wished that there was a short-term fix, however there is not. Mayor Reed thanked Mrs. Adams for coming and explaining her concerns.

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BILLS ALREADY PAID IN JANUARY 2020

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| City General | \$249,065.82 |
| Water | \$51,177.91 |
| Street | \$83,171.61 |
| Community Center | \$18,711.48 |
| Retail One Cent | \$1,116.54 |
| Criminal Justice | \$1,972.24 |
| 2003 WS Depreciation Fund | \$76,990.00 |
| Water/Sewer Revenue | \$2.00 |
| Court Automation | \$520.25 |

BILLS TO BE PAID IN FEBRUARY 2020

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| General Fund | \$25,881.61 |
| Water | \$33,903.37 |
| Street | \$9,064.71 |
| Community Center | \$4,402.04 |
| Court Automation | \$663.00 |
| Criminal Justice | \$450.15 |
| IDC One Cent | \$20.41 |

ADJOURN: Michael Florence made a motion to adjourn. Efrem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Henry F Reed III

Attest:

City Clerk