

Lonoke City Council
Lonoke City Council Meeting
February 13, 2023

The Lonoke City Council held a city council meeting at the municipal building at 6:00 p.m. Monday, February 13, 2023. Mayor Wayne McGee called the meeting to order with the Invocation was given by Councilman Raymond Hatton. Deputy City Clerk, Regina Ibbotson called the roll and declared a quorum.

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| Mayor | Wayne McGee |
| City Clerk | Jeribeth Edwards (absent) |
| Treasurer | Craig Blackard (absent) |
| 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 | Roy Don Lewis |
| Community Dev. | Jeremy Gosdin |
| News Media | None Present |

VISITORS: Terry Taykowski, Rachel Whittenburg, Terry Robinson, Kathleen Ashmore, Kelly Rather, Mackenzie Gassiott, Mike Jones, Pastor Royce Calloway, and Cindy Reaves

MINUTES: Mayor Wayne McGee asked for the acceptance of the January 9th, 2023 regular meeting minutes and the January 30th, 2023 special meeting minutes. Koy Butler made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Steven Holt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A. Mackenzie Gassiott and another LHS student appeared on behalf of the EAST class at the Lonoke High School would like to repaint two crosswalks that have faded in the school district area to make crossing safer. The paint for the crosswalks will be donated by Anderson Striping. The two crosswalks are located at W. Academy & Conway Street and W. Palm & Conway Street. Jim Ed Ransom made the motion to allow the project. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

LONOKE COUNTY LIBRARY: Kathleen Ashmore, Director of the Lonoke County Library was present and went over the February calendar of activities. She also mentioned that the library's new website will be up and running soon.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Mike Brown was present and gave report. He reviewed the membership for the month of January along with the higher expenses due to annual policies and the purchase of new equipment approved last month. He also noted the ongoing events for February to include Baptist Health checks, pickle ball, boot camp, and table tennis. January Member of the Month is Stephanie Bettis. Director Brown had two action items:

- A. **PURCHASE OF NEW FLOOR SCRUBBER** - Three quotes were presented. Brown Janitor Supply's quote of \$6,115.22 was the lowest. Koy Butler made the motion to purchase the floor scrubber from Brown Janitor Supply for \$6,115.22. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- B. **RESOLUTION 2-1-2023 – "A RESOLUTION WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR REPAIRS TO THE SIDING AND ROOF AT THE LONOKE COMMUNITY CENTER"** – Storm Damage that occurred on January 3rd pulled off some of

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the siding and damaged the roof over the pool. Insurance has been onsite and a quote from our roofer was provided. This resolution will speed up the process of getting the siding and roof repaired and the building envelope sealed up quicker. Koy Butler made the motion to approve the Resolution. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Jeremy Gosdin was present and gave report.

- A. **INFORMATION REGARDING CHANGING THE BUILDING PERMIT FEE STRUCTURE** - Discussion was had regarding information provided comparing Lonoke’s building permit fee schedule with surrounding areas. (Item A in New Business was introduced here.)
- B. **DISCUSSION REGARDING ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE 802** – Ord went into effect on February 13, 2023. This discussion item was deferred by a motion made by Sean Simpson to hold a working session to discuss it on Tuesday, February 21st at 6pm, seconded by Stan Moran and opposed by Koy Butler. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Whittenburg was present and reviewed his report. He also provided a list of the most recent officers that were elected in early February and noted that ISO would be onsite in March to complete their evaluation.

- A. **RESOLUTION 2-2-2023 – “A RESOLUTION WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE LONOKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TO UTILIZE A SOLE SOURCE VENDOR TO PURCHASE SCOTT AIR PACKS AND ACCESSORIES”**. Koy Butler made the motion to put Resolution 2-2-2023 on the table. Jim Ed Ransom seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attorney Stuart read the Resolution in its entirety. Jim Ed Ransom made the motion to accept Resolution 2-2-2023. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS (WATER AND SEWER/STREETS): Thomas Stivers was present and reviewed his monthly reports.

- A. **LIST OF 2023 ACT 605 TRAINING CLASSES** – Director Stivers noted that to be in compliance with this law, 51% of the board/council must attend training. Since two of our members meet the “years of service” exemption requirement, only 3 would need to attend the training. Jim Ed Ransom, Wendell Moore, and Stan Moran volunteered to attend the training.
- B. **TENCARVA QUOTE FOR HICKS STATION PUMP** – This pump is needed as a spare to be kept on hand in case another pump goes down at our lift station. Koy Butler made the motion to purchase the pump. Jim Ed Ransom seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- C. **LEAF MACHINE REPAIRS** – Director Stivers noted that the leaf machine was down again. The estimated cost of repairs from River Valley Tractor is \$5,223.11. Wendell Walker made the motion to repair the leaf machine. Steven Holt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief Edwards was present and gave report. A copy of the new Police Department Rules and Regulations was distributed on January 30th for council to read and review.

- A. **ORDINANCE 807 – “AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 593 AND ADOPTING THE 2023 VERSION OF THE LONOKE POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDERS/RULES & REGULATIONS”** – Koy Butler made the motion to put Ordinance 807 on the floor. Steven Holt seconded the motion. Motion carried. City Attorney Stuart read Ordinance 807 in its entirety. Jim Ed Ransom made the motion to accept the 1st reading. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried. Koy Butler made the motion to suspend the rules – 2nd reading, title only. Jim Ed Ransom seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attorney Stuart read title only- 2nd reading of Ordinance 807. Jim Ed Ransom made the motion to accept the 2nd reading – title only of Ord 807. Steven Holt seconded the motion. Motion carried. Koy Butler made the motion to suspend the rules – 3rd reading - title only. Jim Ed Ransom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Attorney Stuart read title only - 3rd reading of Ordinance 807. Jim Ed Ransom made the motion to accept the 3rd reading – title only of Ord 807. Steven Holt seconded the motion. Motion carried. Koy Butler made the motion to adopt Ordinance 807. Jim Ed Ransom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PARKS AND MOSQUITO: Roy Don Lewis was present and gave a report. Registration for baseball and softball is ongoing. Opening Day is scheduled for April 1, 2023. He also asked the council if they would like to continue the “Pops on the Prairie”, which has normally been held the Friday evening prior to the 4th of July. This year it would be held on June 30th. Steven Holt made the motion to continue the event as previously done. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- A. **QUOTE FOR SOUND SYSTEM AT BALL PARK** - A quote for \$4,022.72 was provided for new sound systems for Fields 1 & 3 at the ballpark. Koy Butler made the motion to purchase the sound systems for \$4,022.72. Stan Moran seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- B. **QUOTE FOR LASER GRADING OF BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL FIELDS** – Quote was provided from Sherwood Lawn and Landscaping to laser grade the baseball and softball fields for \$2,997.00. This would create better drainage after heavy rains at the ballpark. Koy Butler made the motion to have the fields laser graded for \$2997.00. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- C. **QUOTE FOR RED ROCK FOR BALLPARK** – Quote was provided for one load of red rock for the ballpark at \$3,996.75. Koy Butler made the motion to purchase the red rock for \$3,996.75. Jim Ed Ransom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **CITY SIGN PROJECT UPDATE:** Certification letter, bid tabulation, Permission from AGFC real estate officer and plans packet was included in the council packet. Project was bid at turn-key for all three signs. The low bid was \$117,751.00, which was in line with the original budget of \$135,000. Jim Ed Ransom made the motion to reject these bids and to rebid to get an individual per sign price. Steven Holt seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- B. **SAMPLE SOLID WASTE QUESTIONNAIRE** – This item was deferred to the working session on 2.21.2023.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **ORDINANCE 808- “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 796 AND 803 TO REVISE THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR PLANNING AND ZONING PERMITS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”-** Wendell Walker made a motion to put Ord. 808 on the floor. Steven Holt seconded the motion. Koy Butler opposed. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance 808 in its entirety. Stan Moran made a motion to accept 1st reading. Sean Simpson seconded the motion. Raymond Hatton opposed. Motion carried. Wendell Walker made a motion to suspend rules-2nd reading-title only. Jim Ed Ransom seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read title only-2nd reading. Koy Butler made a motion to accept 2nd reading- title only. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried with 8 votes. Wendell Walker made a motion to suspend rules- 3rd reading-title only. Jim Ed Ransom seconded the motion. Motion carried with 8 votes. Ginger Stuart read title only- 3rd reading. Jim Ed Ransom made a motion to accept 3rd reading- title only. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried with 8 votes. Wendell Walker made a motion to adopt. Jim Ed Ransom seconded the motion. Motion carried with 8 votes. Jim Ed Ransom made a motion to adopt the Emergency Clause. Wendell Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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- B. CAPDD ADMIN AGREEMENT (CORRECTED) – SUP (ARDOT GRANT)** – Original Admin Agreement adopted in June 21st of 2022 had an error on it. The fee percentage was listed as 7.5% and it should have been 8%. This one will replace that agreement. Koy Butler made a motion to adopt the updated agreement. Sean Simpson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- C. ORDINANCE 809- “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCES 267, 555 AND 718 ALLOWING A CITY OFFICIAL TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH THE CITY”**- Koy Butler made a motion to put Ord. 809 on the floor. Jim Ed Ransom seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance 809 in its entirety. Jim Ed Ransom made a motion to accept 1st reading. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried. Koy Butler made a motion to suspend rules-2nd reading-title only. Wendell Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read title only-2nd reading. Koy Butler made a motion to accept 2nd reading title only. Jim Ed Ransom seconded the motion. Motion carried. Koy Butler made a motion to suspend rules- 3rd reading-title only. Wendell Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read title only- 3rd reading. Koy Butler made a motion to accept 3rd reading title only. Jim Ed Ransom seconded the motion. Motion carried. Koy Butler made a motion to adopt. Jim Ed Ransom seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- D. USE OF CITY VEHICLES** – The Mayor deferred this topic to the Working session on 2.21.2023.
- E. PET WASTE STATIONS** - Roy Don Lewis made council aware of the LHS East Program wanting to help take care of the Pet Waste Stations within the City. The City is planning to add two more stations this year and the students would like to help install and keep them maintained.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS: Jim Ed Ransom made a motion to pay bills. Wendell Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BILLS ALREADY PAID IN JANUARY 2023

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| City General | \$75,843.18 |
| Water | \$41,687.69 |
| Street | \$30,683.83 |
| Community Center | \$43,550.96 |
| Retail One Cent | \$1,608.24 |
| IDC One Cent | \$4,689.00 |
| Criminal Justice | \$52.50 |
| ARPA Grant Fund | \$30,535.00 |

BILLS TO BE PAID FEBRUARY 2023

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| City General | \$10,308.19 |
| Water | \$8,508.90 |
| Street | \$7,627.34 |
| Community Center | \$3,868.90 |
| Court Automation | \$388.50 |

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ANNOUNCEMENTS-

- (a) City Hall will be closed on February 20th in Honor of George Washington's Birthday and Daisy Gaston Bates Day.
- (b) Working Session to be held on Tuesday, February 21st at 6pm to discuss the following items:
 - New Animal Control Ordinance 802
 - Solid Waste Questionnaire
 - Use of City Vehicles by Employees

ADJOURNMENT- Koy Butler made a motion to adjourn. Jim Ed Ransom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Wayne McGee

Attest:

Clerk