

CITY OF LONOKE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES (Via Zoom)
February 14, 2022

The Lonoke City Council held a city council meeting via ZOOM at 6:00 p.m. on Monday February 14, 2022. Mayor Trae Reed called the meeting to order with the invocation given by Dr. John Tackett. City Clerk Jeribeth Edwards called the roll and declared a quorum.

Mayor	Trae Reed
City Clerk	Jeribeth Edwards
Treasurer	
Deputy Clerk	Regina Ibbotson
Council Members	Efrem Jones, Alice Bridges, Raymond Hatton, Ryan Biles, Gib Richardson, Michael Florence, Koy Butler, and Suzette Elmore
City Attorney	Ginger Stuart
Police Chief	Matt Edwards
W/S/S Supt.	Thomas Stivers
C.C. Director	Mike Brown
Fire Dept.	Justin Wittenberg
Parks Director	Roy Don Lewis
Community Dev.	Jeremy Gosdin
Economic Dev.	Gene Eagle
News Media	
Visitors	Jim Von Tungeln, Kelly Rather, Cindy Reaves, and Woody Adams

MINUTES: Mayor Trae Reed asked for acceptance of the January 10, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Efrem Jones made a motion to accept the minutes. Gib Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried. January 20, 2022 Condemnation minutes, Koy Butler made a motion to approve the minutes. Efrem Jones seconded the minutes. Motion carried. The January 31, 2022 Special meeting and W/S Minutes Koy Butler made a motion to approve the minutes. Suzette Elmore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(Michael Florence joined the meeting.)

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Kelly Rather was present and asked to discuss a permit that he would like to obtain to build investment properties on a 1-acre lot within the city limits. Mr. Rather mentioned that he has been given misinformation regarding getting a permit to build duplexes. He asked the council what can be done. Ginger Stuart stated that there never was an agreement for five duplexes.

(Raymond Hatton joined the meeting.)

Ryan Biles stated that he is willing to give his time to draft a statement, alongside the planning commission, and hopeful there can be an ordinance adopted to get this process accurate. After some discussion the council decided that they do want to work and get the approval for the building permit.

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2022 Executive Board Report – Alyssa Frisby was present and gave report.

LONOKE COUNTY LIBRARY- Calendar of Activities Included

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT- Mr. Jeremy Gosdin was present and gave report.

- A. Discussion of Condemned Property at 216 Frank T. Bunton St.**- Mr. Gosdin mentioned that the owner of this property would like to improve the structure. Mr. Gosdin recommends to retract the resolution. Ryan Biles made a motion to suspend the implementation of the resolution to give the homeowner time and effort to make improvements. Koy Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Justin Whittenburg was present and gave report.

- A. Purchase of Two-way Radio's-** Chief Justin Whittenburg asked to purchase 4 (four) two-way radios. Chief Whittenburg had two estimates for these items. An estimate from Smith Two-Way Radio Inc., Fayetteville Ar. for \$12,031.04. Also, an estimate from Motorola Solutions for \$22,289.52. Alice Bridges made a motion to approve the lower bid. Suzette Elmore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS (Water & Street/Animal Control)- Mr. Thomas Stivers were present and gave report and updates.

- A. Purchase of Chipper Truck-** Mr. Stivers had a quote from Red River Ford, Cabot Ar. for \$57,245.00, a quote from Custom Truck One Source, Kansas City, MO. For 106,250.00, a quote from Capital Ford Charlotte, NC. For 106,536.00, and a quote from Russell Chevrolet, Sherwood, Ar. for \$85,723.00. Mr. Stivers mentioned to add a box to the dump bed would be tough due to dealerships being locked out of pricing for the time. Alice Bridges made a motion to go with the bid for the new 2020 truck from Russell Chevrolet. Suzette Elmore seconded the motion. Motion carried. After some discussion, Alice Bridges rescinded her motion to purchase the truck. Michael Florence made a motion to put the item out for bid pending the Municipal League's approval on the transfer of money from the water department to the street department. Efrem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- B. Purchase of Excavator Tracks-** Mr. Stivers mentioned that a replacement tracs will be needed for the city trac hoe as soon as possible. He received a quote from Heavy Equipment, Little Rock Ar. for \$66,517.50, a quote from Heritage Agri, Stuttgart, Ar. for \$7,500.00 and a quote for Henard Utility, Searcy Ar. for \$6,549.00. Michael Florence made a motion to go with Heavy Equipment. Alice Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- C. Upgrading Electrical Service at the Sewer Lagoon** - Mr. Stivers explained to the council that Entergy has given the city a cost estimate of \$5,439.06 to upgrade the service from one-phase to three-phase on the back sewer pond. Mr. Stivers mentioned the upgrade is necessary for any

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future improvements to be made on the system. Koy Butler made a motion to make the upgrade. Alice Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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 \$4,762.00.

- A. Letter regarding K-9 Officer Lea-** Chief Edwards mentioned that his K-9 dog handler, Richard Cross, has resigned from the Police Department. Chief Edwards gave several options to the council. Gib Richardson made a motion to sell the K-9. Efrem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried. Also, Chief Edwards mentioned that he would remove the K-9 equipment from the K-9 unit and store it. Then the K-9 unit would be put in the fleet for patrol.

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

- A. Purchase of Red Rock-** An estimate from Sherwood Lawn and Landscaping, LLC. for \$7,696.00. Koy Butler made a motion to purchase the Red Rock. Efrem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- B. Purchase of Mosquito Truck-** A quote from Smart Ford for \$22,620.00, this is a state contract bid. Gib Richardson made a motion to purchase the truck. Efrem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- C. Baseball and Softball Uniform Bids** - Bids from Rayburn Sporting Goods, Cabot Ar., Pyramid School Products, Tampa Fl., and Sport Stop, Little Rock Ar. Alice Bridges made a motion to purchase the uniforms from Sport Stop, the lower bid. Suzette Elmore seconded the motion. Motion carried. Gib Richardson opposed.

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

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Administrative Services Agreement with CAPDD for Shared Use Path-** Mayor Reed presented a contract to the council between the City of Lonoke and CAPDD for \$32,500.00. Ryan Biles made a motion to approve the contract. Michael Florence seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- B. Quote from Bond Engineering East for Utilities Demand survey and master street plan for the I-40/Hwy. 89 Area-** A quote for \$7,500.00 to review the existing sewage treatment facility and the water treatment plant and water supply wells to help determine the how much growth the existing facilities can provide. Once this procedure is done, they can provide the city with options for water and sewer improvements for the area. Mayor Reed mentioned that Entergy will sponsor \$2,500.00 of the \$7,500.00. The cost will be \$5,000.00 to the city after reimbursement. Gib Richardson made a motion to proceed with the industrial site capacity study. Ryan Biles seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- C. Quote from InLine, LLC to repair Lighting at I-40 and N. Center Street-** Mayor Reed had a quote for \$167,524.14. Woody Adams was present, he mentioned that there is roadway lighting and

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upgrades that needs attention at I-40 and Center Street. Mayor Reed made sure the council and public knew this problem is not being ignored and will be addressed soon. It would be better to wait than to proceed now with the repairs as the construction of the new overpass and shared use path will move this infrastructure. No action was made at this time.

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

BILLS ALREADY PAID IN JANUARY 2022

City General	\$113,800.10
Water	\$74,325.97
Street	\$37,863.81
Community Center	\$58,915.76
Retail One Cent	\$1,108.83
Criminal Justice	\$798.33
I.D.C One Cent	\$3,934.00
Water/Sewer Revenue	\$90.79

BILLS TO BE PAID FEBRUARY 2022

General Fund	\$27,879.19
Water	\$49,194.85
Street	\$8,507.88
Court Automation	\$388.50
Community Center	\$4,492.80

ADJOURN: Koy Butler made a motion to adjourn. Suzette Elmore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Henry F Reed III

Attest:

City Clerk