The Lonoke City Council held a city council meeting through internet livestream video via zoom application at 6:00 p.m. on Monday February 8, 2021. Mayor Trae Reed called the meeting to order with the invocation given by Pastor Freddie McCann, New Bethel Baptist Church. City Clerk, Jeribeth Edwards to call the roll. City Clerk Jeribeth Edwards called the roll and declared a quorum.

Mayor Trae Reed

City Clerk Jeribeth Edwards

Treasurer Phillip Howell

Deputy Clerk Regina Ibbotson

Council Members Efrem Jones (absent), Alice Bridges, Raymond Hatton, Ryan Biles, Kelly Rather, 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 Wittenberg

Parks Director Roy Don Lewis

Community Dev. Jeremy Gosdin

Economic Dev. Gene Eagle

News Media absent

Visitors Chris Flores, Lindley Turney, Freddie McCann, Chad Mc Kinley, Deborah Moore, Karen Dill, Anna McClung, Penelope Seminario, and Cindy Reaves

**MINUTES**

Mayor Trae Reed asked for acceptance of the January 11,2021 minutes. Koy Butler made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Kelly Rather seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mayor Reed asked for

acceptance of the January 27,2021 special meeting minutes. Koy Butler made a motion. Alice Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mr. Chad McKinley and Ms. Lindley Turney were present and shared a PowerPoint regarding FirstNet, a new public safety Network. Mr. McKinley mentioned to the council what FirstNet is and how it corresponds with first responders. Ms. Turney mentioned how FirstNet gives plenty of access when there is a natural disaster such as a tornado. *(Raymond Hatton joined the meeting)* Mr*.* McKinley went over all of the devices and accessories that would help with this service. Mayor Reed thanked Mr. McKinley and Ms. Turney for giving the council information regarding FirstNet. Chief Edwards mentioned he has heard great things regarding FirstNet and would like to see the city have the capability to request a deployable should there ever be a disaster in our city.

**2022 Executive Board Report –** Anna McClung and Chris Flores were present and gave report.

**LONOKE COUNTY LIBRARY-** Deborah Moore was present and provided aCalendar of Monthly Activities.

**Economic Development Report:** Mr. Gene Eagle was present and gave report. He mentioned he had two requests from the Metro Little Rock Alliance. He is seeking one of those at the moment.

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

**A. Emergency Reporting Software-** Chief Whittenburg asked the council for a yearly subscription to Emergency Reporting service, this is an office software. The yearly subscription is $3,285.00. Michael Florence made a motion to purchase the software. Koy Butler seconded the motion. Alice Bridges asked if there are any other reporting software programs that are comparable. Chief Whittenburg mentioned this it is the only one he recommends. Motion carried.

**B. Lexipol Fire and EMS Mobile Training Platform-** The total cost for the EMS platform and services Is $2,550.00. Koy Butler made a motion to purchase the online training. Alice Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**C. Quotes to purchase air bag rescue set-** Casco Industries, Inc. from Shreveport, LA had the lowest quote of $14,361.00. MES from Houston, TX gave a quote of $13,067.31. Kelly Rather made a motion to accept the EMS bid. Alice Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS (Water & Street)-** Mr. Kelley was present and gave his report and updates.

A. Request to put Phase IV Sewer Improvements and chlorine building construction out for bid**-** Mr. Kelley asked for permission to put Phase IV out to bid. An estimate of $2,145,500.00 for 16,500 ft. sewer lines at $130.00 per foot. Also, a chlorine building at the water plant for a total of $55,000.00. Koy Butler made a motion to put these items out for bid. Kelly Rather 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 $10,224.00.

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

**A. Arkansas Sept of Health Ball Park Plan (Covid-19)-** Mr. Lewis mentioned that the ADH did approve the report. Mayor Reed did mention there will be a ball season this 2021 year.

**COMMUNITY CENTER:**  Mr. Mike Brown was present and gave report. There is an event for the month, there will be a swim meet on February 27,2021.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** Jeremy Gosdin was present and gave a report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Expansion of EV Car Charging Station -** Mayor Reed mentioned that the city has an opportunity to expand the EV car charging stations from 4 to 6.This project will not cost the city of Lonoke any money. Ryan Biles made a motion to expand this project. Suzette Elmore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**B. RFP From Underwriter/Placement Agent/Investor for ESCO Project** - Koy Butler made a motion to approve the RFP. Alice Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Resolution** **2-1-2021- “A Resolution Expressing the City’s intent to reimburse certain capital expenditures-** Michael Florencemade a motion to put Res. 2-1-2021 on the floor. Alice Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read Res. 2-1-2021 and its entirety.  Koy Butler made a motion to accept the 1st reading. Ryan Biles seconded the motion. Raymond Hatton opposed. Motion carried.

**B. Ordinance No. 776- “An Ord. vacating the east half of the alley running east and west of block 7, Hicks and Reynolds survey”-**  Suzette Elmore made a motion to put Ord. #776 on the floor. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance No. 776 in its entirety. Michael Florence made the motion to accept the 1st reading of Ordinance No. 776. Koy Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) aye hand votes. Koy Butler made the motion to suspend the rules- 2nd reading- title only. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) aye voice votes. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance No. 776- title only- 2nd reading. Koy Butler made the motion to accept the 2nd reading-title only- of Ordinance No. 776. Suzette Elmore seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) hand votes. Koy Butler made the motion to suspend the rules-3rd reading-title only. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) aye voice votes. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance No. 776- title only – 3rd reading. Koy Butler made the motion to accept the 3rd reading- title only Ordinance No. 776. Suzette Elmore seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) aye hand votes. Michael Florence made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) aye hand votes. Koy Butler made a motion to adopt the Emergency Clause. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**C. Request to add LED Street light in flag plaza near the new Charging Station-** Ryan Biles made a motion to add a LED street light. Kelly Rather seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PAY THE BILLS:** Koy Butler madea motion to pay bills. Ryan Biles seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**BILLS ALREADY PAID IN JANUARY 2021**

City General $139,370.62

Water $51,671.53

Street $41,089.58

Community Center $29,201.03

Retail One Cent $823.77

Criminal Justice $2,094.80

I.D.C. One Cent $3,905.00

Water/Sewer Revenue $6.00

Court Automation $4,960.70

**BILLS TO BE PAID IN FEBRUARY 2021**

General Fund $16.984.62

Water $11,671.88

Street $13,242.49

Court Automation $607.75

Community Center $4,255.79

Criminal Justice $420.57

**ADJOURN:** Suzette Elmore made a motion to adjourn. Alice Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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**Mayor Henry F Reed III**

**Attest:**

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**City Clerk**