CITY OF LONOKE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES (Via Zoom) January 10, 2022

The Lonoke City Council held a city council meeting via ZOOM at 6:00 p.m. on Monday January 10, 2022. Mayor Trae Reed called the meeting to order with the invocation given by Pastor Jason Dorsey. 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 (absent), 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 Rick Kron

Visitors Anna McClung, Cindy Reeves, Kathleen Ashmore, Alyssa Frisby, Gary Elmore and

Jason Dorsey

<u>MINUTES</u>: Mayor Trae Reed asked for acceptance of the December 13, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Raymond Hatton made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Michael Florence seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (none)

<u>2022 Executive Board Report</u> – Alyssa Frisby was present and gave report. Mrs. Frisby mentioned that there has been a "Lonoke Road to 150 Launch", this is in hopes to help the City of Lonoke to become more active. Mrs. Frisby mentioned that anyone can sign up for free. She encouraged everyone to signup for the new program. She also mentioned that the Love Parade on MLK day of service, will be on Monday Jan. 17, 2022.

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LONOKE COUNTY LIBRARY- Deborah Moore and Kathleen Ashmore were present and went over the monthly calendar for the library. Mrs. Moore has retired as of Dec. 2021. She announced Kathleen Ashmore as her replacement. Ms. Ashmore gave a detailed description of herself.

<u>Economic Development Report:</u> Mr. Gene Eagle was present and gave report. Mr. Eagle mentioned that there are three prospects that are private development companies that are interested in possibly working on some projects in the City of Lonoke. Mr. Eagle mentioned that he has gave the company's details regarding the City of Lonoke and the Labor Shed. Mr. Eagle mentioned that there is a working session that is scheduled on January 31, 2022, this will be with the company's mentioned above.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Justin Whittenburg was present and gave report.

<u>A. IaR Contract Renewal-</u> Mr. Whittenburg asked the council to renew the one-year contract with IamResponding.com. The total amount for one year is \$810.00. Koy Butler made a motion to enter into the one-year contract. Alice Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. Administrative Services Contract with CAPDD for Assistance to Firefighter's Grant- This is an agreement made and entered into by and between CAPDD and the City of Lonoke. The total amount to enter into the contract is \$6,097.43, this is for CAPDD to take care of the application process for the FEMA grant. The FEMA grant that will be applied for is \$210,000.00. The cost of the contract will not be given unless the grant is awarded. Koy Butler made a motion to accept the Administrative Services Agreement with CAPDD. Michael Florence seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

COMMUNITY CENTER: Mr. Mike Brown was present and gave report. He mentioned the Community Center received America rescue plan revenues of \$42,543.28. The evens basketball. No action needed.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT- Mr. Jeremy Gosdin was present and gave report. No action required. Starting in January the City of Lonoke plans to start a micro-ship program. This will help to keep up with the dogs in the city of Lonoke.

<u>POLICE DEPARTMENT:</u> Chief Matt Edwards was present and gave report. Chief Edwards mentioned that the total billed to immigration and Probation/Parole was a total of \$3,190.00

A. Procure New Vehicles via State Contract- Chief Edwards explained to the council that due to the manufacturing and shipping delays, he is requesting to order patrol cars and the equipment now. He explained to the council that he has been informed that it will be May or June before he receives the vehicles and equipment. The state contract for a 2022 Dodge Charger is \$25,897.00. He is requesting to purchase two cars. The total amount for the cars is \$51,794.00. This purchase will not be paid for until the cars come in. Koy Butler made the motion to accept the bid. Suzette Elmore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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B. Procure Vehicle Outfitting through 10-8 Tactical- Chief Edwards had a quote from 10-8 Tactical, Abbeville, Louisiana. The total amount is \$11,228.76 for both cars. This purchase will not be paid for until the cars will be outfitted. Koy Butler made a motion to accept the bid. Suzette Elmore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

<u>PARKS/MOSQUITO</u>: Mr. Roy Don Lewis was present and gave report. Mr. Lewis mentioned that ball season will start soon. He would like bid out the uniforms. Suzette Elmore mentioned she would like to see local businesses have a chance to bid. Also, Roy Don mentioned that he will be running the bid in the paper. Koy Butler made a motion to put the uniforms out for bid. Michael Florence seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Mr. Mike Brown was present and gave report. The events this month are Basketball, North Fit 501 Challenge on Tuesday and Thursday.

A. Quote from Second Chance Equipment- Mr. Brown mentioned he would like to turn the community room into a new workout room, this would give more space for workouts. Mr. Brown asked to purchase fitness equipment for the amount of \$57,102.02. Second Chance Fitness, Inc. Cabot, AR, is requesting half down, which is \$28,551.01. Koy Butler made a motion to approve this purchase and expand the workout area. Suzette Elmore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

<u>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT-</u> Director Jeremy Gosdin was present and gave a report. The animal shelter is doing well considering the cold weather. Mr. Gosdin mentioned that he would like to see the shelter open once a month starting in March, to possibly have citizens come in and have an adoption process.

OLD BUSINESS:

<u>A. Bulk Solid Waste Bids-</u> One bid was submitted from Green Environmental Services. Green Environmental Services provided pricing for servicing the Ball Park and the bulk waste from the public works facility. Koy Butler made a to enter into the contract with Green Environmental Services. Michael Florence seconded the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: (none)

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

BILLS ALREADY PAID IN DECEMBER 2021

City General	\$217,235.97
Water	\$43,285.65
Street	\$22,702.92
Community Center	\$13,909.68

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Retail One Cent	\$14,993.56
Criminal Justice	\$160.93
I.D.C One Cent	\$3,000.00
Water/Sewer Revenue	\$2.00
Municipal Court Cost	\$600.00

BILLS TO BE PAID JANUARY 2022

General Fund	\$6,769.87
Water	\$22,694.34
Street	\$9,567.09
Court Automation	\$2,786.93
Community Center	\$2,786.93
Criminal Justice	\$918.35
Court Automation	\$388.50

ADJOURN: Michael Florence made a motion to adjourn. Koy Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

	Mayor Henry F Reed III	
Attest:		
		
City Clerk		