

Lonoke City Council
Lonoke City Council Meeting
January 9,2023

The Lonoke City Council held a city council meeting at the multiple building at 6:00 p.m. Monday, January 9, 2023. Mayor Wayne McGee called the meeting to order with the Invocation was given by Woody Evans, Brownsville Baptist Church. City Clerk, Jeribeth Edwards called the roll and declared a quorum.

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| Mayor | Wayne McGee |
| City Clerk | Jeribeth Edwards |
| Treasure | Craig Blackard |
| 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 | Rick Kron |

Visitors: Janie Darning, Terry Taykowski, Ashlee Jones, Woody Evans, Carrie Acrey, Wayne Rathbun, Mildred Jones, Kathleen Ashmore, Mike Jones, Gene Eagle, Debbie Holmberg and Cindy Reaves

Minutes: Mayor Wayne McGee asked for the acceptance of the December 12, 2022, regular meeting minutes. Koy Butler made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Steven Holt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

1. Carrie Acrey was present and expressed her concerns and asked the council to investigate the issues she brought to the council in December 2022 meeting regarding the utility problems and gas lines.
2. Terry Taykowski was present and explained that the City of Lonoke is violating 14-43-312. Also, Mr. Taykowski mentioned that every city council member should read every ordinance that the City of Lonoke has passed, especially Ordinance 128.

2022 EXECUTIVE BOARD: No one was present to give update. Regina Ibbotson went over “The Yard of the Month” recipients.

LONOKE COUNTY LIBRARY: Kathleen Ashmore was present and went over the calendar to show the January activities. She also went over all opportunities that the library has to offer the City of Lonoke.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Jeremy Gosdin was present and gave report.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Whittenburg was present and gave report.

- A. **I Am Responding Subscription Renewal-** Chief Whittenburg explained to the council that the subscription renewal agreement was due. The total cost is \$810.00 for a One Year Renewal. Koy Butler made a motion to pay for the renewal. Jim Ed Ransom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS (WATER AND SEWER): Thomas Stivers was present and gave report. Mr. Stivers mentioned that there was an emergency purchase for a pump that went out for the Rosemary Lift Station. The cost was \$10,412.91.

- A. Wendell Walker mentioned that he would like to see a price to repair the leaf machine and a price to purchase a new leaf machine. Wendell Walker made a motion to get prices on this. Koy Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief Edwards was present and gave report. Chief Edwards provided a breakdown on stolen vs. recovered property.

- A. **APPROVAL TO PURCHASE POLICE CAR-** Chief Edwards had a state contract bid through Red River Dodge for a 2022 Dodge Charger, the total is \$30,535.00. Koy Butler made a motion to purchase the car using ARPA funds. Steven Hold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- B. **APPROVAL TO OUTFIT THE POLICE CAR-** 10/8 Tactical gave a quote for \$6,009.54. Koy Butler made a motion to approve the outfitting of the Police Car. K-D Graphics gave a quote for \$388.50 for vehicle letter (Print/Contour Cut Graphics). Koy Butler made a motion to approve the lettering. Both will be paid from ARPA funds. Steven Holt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PARKS AND MOSQUITO: Roy Don Lewis was present and gave a report. Registration for baseball and softball will start in February.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Mike Brown was present and gave report. The events in December are youth basketball, Tennis, Bootcamp, CPR refresher course, and Baptist Health on Jan. 25th.

- A. **APPROVAL TO PURCHASE NEW EQUIPMENT-** Second Chance Fitness, Inc. gave a quote for Booty Builder \$4,490.00, Treadmill \$10,495.00 then freight is \$1,440.00 and delivery is \$500.00. After the discount the total cost for equipment is \$16,731.75. Koy Butler made a motion to approve the purchase of the new equipment. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **CITY SIGN PROJECT UPDATE:** Project is out for bids, which are due on Jan. 17th. Mayor McGee mentioned that the bids will end at 2:00 pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **ORDINANCE 805- "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING CITY ATTORNEY CONTRACT WITH GINGER STUART"-** Koy Butler made a motion to put Ord. 805 on the floor. Jim Ed Ransom seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance 805 and its entirety. Koy Butler made a motion

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to accept 1st reading. Jim Ed Ransom seconded the motion. Motion carried with 8 hand votes. Koy Butler made a motion to suspend rules-2nd reading. Jim Ed Ransom seconded the motion. Motion carried with 8 hand votes. Ginger Stuart read title only. Koy Butler made a motion to accept 2nd reading title only. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried with 8 hand votes. Koy Butler made a motion to suspend rules- 3rd reading. Jim Ed Ransom seconded the motion. Motion carried with 8 voice votes. 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 with 8 hand votes. Koy Butler made a motion to adopt. Jim Ed Ransom seconded the motion. Motion carried with 8 hand votes. Koy Butler made a motion to adopt an emergency clause. Jim Ed Ransom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- B. ORDINANCE 806- "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCES 267, 555, AND 570 TO RAISE THE MONETARY REQUIREMENT FOR CONDUCTING COMPETITIVE BIDDING"**- Koy Butler made a motion to put Ord. 806 on the floor. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance 806 and its entirety. Koy Butler made a motion to accept 1st reading. Jim Ed Ransom seconded the motion. Motion carried with 8 hand votes. Koy Butler made a motion to suspend rules-2nd reading. Jim Ed Ransom seconded the motion. Motion carried with 8 hand votes. Ginger Stuart read title only. Koy Butler made a motion to accept 2nd reading title only. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried with 8 hand votes. Koy Butler made a motion to suspend rules- 3rd reading. Jim Ed Ransom seconded the motion. Motion carried with 8 voice votes. 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 with 8 hand votes. Koy Butler made a motion to adopt. Jim Ed Ransom seconded the motion. Motion carried with 8 hand votes. Motion carried.
- C. APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO CITY PLANNER'S CONTRACT-** Mayor Wayne McGee went over the General Services Agreement between the City of Lonoke and Contractor James VonTungeln. Koy Butler made a motion to change the job for the City Planner. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- D. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CURRENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT FOR SERVICES-** Mayor McGee went over and discussed the contract with the council. Mr. Gene Eagle was present and gave a general idea of what his job includes. Mr. Eagle explained that he works with real estate owners and helps keep the City of Lonoke on the map for businesses that may want to compete to come to Lonoke. Mr. Eagle mentioned that there should be a point of contact for an economic development. Jim Ed Ransom made a motion to terminate the contract. Steven Holt seconded the motion. Koy Butler opposed the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS: Koy Butler made a motion to pay bills. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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BILLS ALREADY PAID IN DECEMBER 2023

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| City General | \$225,978.23 |
| Water | \$49,845.64 |
| Street | \$25,095.24 |
| Community Center | \$21,513.98 |
| Retail One Cent | \$1,777.67 |
| IDC One Cent | \$2,200.00 |
| Street 1 cent | \$226,182.92 |
| Court Automation | \$1,194.03 |
| 2003 WS Dep. Fund | \$10,412.91 |

BILLS TO BE PAID JAN 2023

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| City General | \$6,148.04 |
| Water | \$17,064.45 |
| Street | \$6,025.20 |
| Community Center | \$8,798.95 |
| Court Automation | \$388.50 |

ANNOUNCEMENTS- (a) Mayor made the City Council aware of Bill Coley's resignation from the Planning Commission. (b) Special Meeting on January 30th at 6pm to pass the 2023 Operating Budget and discuss solid waste collection/drop-off costs.

ADJOURNMENT- Koy Butler made a motion to adjourn. Wendell Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Wayne McGee

Attest:
