

**Lonoke City Council**  
**Lonoke City Council Meeting**  
**January 8, 2024**

The Lonoke City Council held a city council meeting at the multiple building at 6:00 p.m. Monday, January 8, 2024. Mayor Wayne McGee called the meeting to order with the Invocation was given by Pastor Keith Coker of Concord United Methodist Church. City Clerk, Jeribeth Edwards called the roll and declared a quorum.

Mayor	Wayne McGee
City Clerk	Jeribeth Edwards
Treasurer	(Vacant)
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 (absent) Capt. Dean White present
W/S/S Supt.	Thomas Stivers
C.C. Director	Mike Brown
Fire Dept.	Justin Whittenburg
Parks Director	Evan Jacobs
Community Dev.	(Vacant)
News Media	none

**Visitors:** Mike Jones, Mildred Jones, Woody Evans, Wayne Rathburn, Terry Taykowski, Theodore Washington, Patricia Johnson, Phillip Ford, Theresea Ford, Barbara Hunter, Melody Hunter, Rita Bunch, Cheryl Buchanan, M. Hegger, Cynthia Gay, Joyce Smith, Rachel Whittenburg, Karen James, and Cindy Reaves

**Minutes:** Mayor Wayne McGee asked for the acceptance of the December 11, 2023, minutes. Koy Butler made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Sean Simpson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Theresa Ford was present and spoke to the council about several items.

**LONOKE COUNTY LIBRARY:** A calendar to show the January activities was presented.

**PUBLIC WORKS (WATER AND SEWER):** Thomas Stivers was present and gave a report.

- A. **Fire Hydrant Replacement-** Mr. Stivers asked the council to purchase a fire hydrant to replace one damaged on NW Corner of S. Center and W Academy. He explained the funds have been received from the insurance company to replace it. However, he needs the council to approve. The total for the hydrant is \$6,298.64. Koy Butler made a motion to purchase the new hydrant. Stan Moran seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Edwards was absent. Captain Dean White was present and gave the report. No action needed.

**PARKS AND MOSQUITO:** Mr. Evan Jacobs was present and gave the report.

**COMMUNITY CENTER:** Mr. Mike Brown was present and gave report. The events going on are youth Basketball, Pickle Ball, Solar Eclipse prep, and Baptist Health Checks.

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Whittenburg was present and gave the report.

- A. **IAMRESPONDING Subscription Renewal-** Mr. Whittenburg asked the council to renew the subscription. Jim Ed Ransom made a motion to renew the subscription for \$810.00. Koy Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. **Solar Array Site Production Report-** McKinstry provided a Site Production Report. The total estimated savings are as follows.

April 2023	\$7,327.20
May 2023	\$8,514.00
June 2023	\$7,869.00
July 2023	\$7,800.20
Aug 2023	\$8,118.00
Sept 2023	\$7,361.60
Oct 2023	\$6,252.20
Nov 2023	\$5,495.40
Dec 2023	\$5,065.40

- B. **Ordinance #817- "An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 814"**- Ginger Stuart spoke regarding amending the ordinance. After discussion the council decided to leave the Ordinance as is.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Resolution 1-1-2024- "A Resolution Expressing the willingness of the city of Lonoke to utilize state aid street monies for the following city project: Lonoke Overlay(s)"**- Koy Butler made a motion to put the resolution of the floor. Jim Ed Ransom seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read the Resolution and its entirety. Koy Butler made a motion to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried with (8) hand votes.
- B. **Discussion regarding a Franchise-** Mayor McGee mentioned that First Electric Cooperative Corp. would like to run fiber optic service and sell fiber internet within the City of Lonoke ROW's. **After some discussion the mayor will bring this subject to the council soon.**
- C. **Leaf & Limb Service-** The Mayor asked to bid the service out. Koy Butler made a motion to allow the mayor to do this. Jim Ed Ransom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS:** Koy Butler made a motion to pay bills. Sean Simpson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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**BILLS ALREADY PAID IN DECEMBER 2023**

City General	\$464,068.96
Water	\$29,884.22
Street	\$14,122.02
Community Center	\$25,021.64
Retail One Cent	\$545.47
Court Automation	\$ 388.50
ARPA Grant	\$45,981.64

**BILLS TO BE PAID JANUARY 2024**

City General	\$ 10,807.88
Community Center	\$ 4,724.04
Water	\$ 21,348.47
Street	\$ 5,120.54

**ADJOURNMENT**- Wendell Moore made a motion to adjourn. Jim Ed Ransom seconded the motion.  
Motion carried.

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Mayor Wayne McGee

Attest:

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Clerk