

**CITY OF LONOKE**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 12, 2021**

The Lonoke City Council held a city council meeting at Lonoke City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Monday July 12, 2021. Mayor Trae Reed called the meeting to order with the invocation given by Pastor Kevin Bryant, Richwood Church of God in Christ. 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, 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 Whittenburg
Parks Director	Roy Don Lewis
Community Dev.	Jeremy Gosdin
Economic Dev.	Gene Eagle
News Media	Rick Kron
Visitors	Terry Taykowski, Anna McClung, Kevin Bryant, and Cindy Reaves

**MINUTES:** Mayor Trae Reed asked for acceptance of the June 14<sup>th</sup> minutes. Koy Butler made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Efrem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mayor asked for acceptance of the special meeting minutes on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Koy Butler Made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Suzette Elmore seconded the motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Terry Taykowski was present and had some comments regarding service line warranty. Mr. Taykowski has had some problems with getting in touch with the service company. He wanted to explain to the council that it is harder to get a hold of someone to help when needed.

**2022 Executive Board Report** – Anna McClung was present and gave report.

**LONOKE COUNTY LIBRARY-** no action

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

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A. Mayor Reed mentioned that Mr. Eagle's contract has expired. Koy Butler made a motion to enter into a contract with Gene Eagle consulting LLC, and this be an automatic 12-month renewal contract. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Suzette Elmore expressed her concerns regarding a continuing contract, she mentioned maybe a six-month contract may be more tangible. Alice Bridges, Efrem Jones and Suzette Elmore opposed 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 \$9,206.00. No action needed.

**PARKS/MOSQUITO:** Mr. Roy Don Lewis was present and gave report. Mr. Lewis mentioned he is working on having fall ball. Greg Lingo was also present and gave the Mosquito report. No action needed.

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

**A. Sparky Costume Purchase-** Mr. Whittenburg had a quote from Robotronics for \$4,928.00. Koy Butler made a motion to purchase the sparky costume. Kelley Rather seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**B. Gear Racks-** Mr. Whittenburg had three quotes for gear racks. One quote from Casco Industries, Inc. for \$6,788.00. Emergency Vehicle Specialists for \$6,693.30. NAFECO for \$7,007.00. Koy Butler made a motion to purchase the racks from EVS, Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**COMMUNITY CENTER:** Mr. Mike Brown was present and gave report. HE mentioned the events in July were a ping pong tournament, tennis clinic, swim lessons, also covid vaccinations.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT-** Mr. Jeremy Gosdin was present and gave report. No action required.

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

**A. Sourcewell Quote for New Vermeer Chipper-** Mr. Kelley had a quote for \$35,693.14. Efrem Jones made a motion to purchase the chipper. Alice Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Sound System Quotes for Depot/Downtown area-** A quote from Hi-Def Solutions of Arkansas, LC. For a total of \$6,805.68. A quote from Bravas for \$7,128.85. A quote from Stagemasters for \$10,581.01. Suzette Elmore mentioned that the city may need some guidelines or a policy for the system. It was explained that it would only be used for a city use. Alice Bridges made a motion to go with the

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Hi-Def Solutions of Arkansas for \$6,805.68. Koy Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried. Raymond Hatton opposed.

**B. Adopt a charger contract/Invoice Approval-** Koy Butler made a motion to pay Adopt a Charger \$21,770.16 for reimbursement from ADEQ charging stations also to approve the contract with ADEQ. Efre Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. FYE 2020 Water Auditor's Report-** This was a clean audit, no issues noted other than segregation of duties. Suzette Elmore made a motion to approve the audit report. Ryan Biles seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**B. Ordinance 778- "An ordinance to vacate the Alley running east and west through block 11, Dismukes addition, to the town of Lonoke"**- Koy Butler made a motion to put Ord. #778 on the floor. Efre Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance No. 778 in its entirety. Efre Jones made the motion to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance No.778. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried with (8) aye hand votes. Efre Jones made the motion to suspend the rules- 2<sup>nd</sup> reading- title only. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried with (8) aye voice votes. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance No. 778- title only- 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Efre Jones made the motion to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading- title only- of Ordinance No. 778. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried with (8) hand votes. Alice Bridges made the motion to suspend the rules-3<sup>rd</sup> reading-title only. Kelly Rather seconded the motion. Motion carried with (8) aye voice votes. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance No. 778- title only – 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. Koy Butler made the motion to accept the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading- title only Ordinance No. 778. Ryan Biles seconded the motion. Motion carried with (8) aye hand votes. Efre Jones made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Koy Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried with (8) aye hand votes.

**C. Ordinance 779- "An Ordinance to Vacate and Abandon that portion of Austin Ct running North and South between block 11 and block 12-** Koy Butler made a motion to put Ord. #779 on the floor. Efre Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance No. 779 in its entirety. Efre Jones made the motion to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance No.779. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried with (8) aye hand votes. Efre Jones made the motion to suspend the rules- 2<sup>nd</sup> reading- title only. Alice Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried with (8) aye voice votes. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance No. 779- title only- 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Koy Butler made the motion to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading-title only- of Ordinance No. 779. Ryan Biles seconded the motion. Motion carried with (8) hand votes. Alice Bridges made the motion to suspend the rules-3<sup>rd</sup> reading-title only. Alice Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried with (8) aye voice votes. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance No. 779- title only – 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. Koy Butler made the motion to accept the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading- title only Ordinance No. 779. Ryan Biles seconded the motion. Motion carried with (8) aye hand votes. Koy Butler made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Efre Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried with (8) aye hand votes.

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**D. Resolution 7-1-2021- “A Resolution to set a date for a public hearing on a petition to vacate a portion of a street”-** Raymond Hatton made a motion to put Res. 7-1-2021 on the floor. Ryan Biles seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read Res. 7-1-2021 and its entirety. Koy Butler made a motion to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Alice Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**E. McKinstry ESCO C/O #1-** Koy Butler made a motion to approve change order #1 ESCO. Suzette Elmore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**F. City of Lonoke Copier Lease Renewal-** Standard Business Systems included a 36-month lease on all Toshiba devices for the city. The total monthly payment is \$839.25 on five machines. Mayor’s office-\$264.44. Community Center \$201.43. Police Department- 128.20, District Court- \$119.81, and Water Dept.- \$125.37. Koy Butler made a motion to enter the renewal. Suzette Elmore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**G. Location Agreement “Pursuit”-** Ryan Biles made a motion to approve the agreement. Michael Florence seconded the motion.

**PAY THE BILLS:** Efreem Jones made a motion to pay bills. Koy Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**BILLS ALREADY PAID IN JUNE 2021**

City General	\$75,891.38
Water	\$31,164.43
Street	\$17,724.27
Community Center	\$12,613.65
Retail One Cent	\$4,005.25
Criminal Justice	\$1,861.25
Water/Sewer Revenue	\$10.00
Court Automation	\$730.03
IDC One Cent	\$2,563.00

**BILLS TO BE PAID IN JULY 2021**

General Fund	\$28,422.37
Water	\$19,728.18
Street	\$17,008.32
Court Automation	\$386.75
Community Center	\$8,281.28
Criminal Justice	\$695.76
IDC One Cent	\$3,000.00

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**ANNOUNCEMENT:** Mayor Reed made the council and public aware that this was Kelly Rather's last meeting as Alderman for Ward 1. He and his family are moving out of Lonoke. Mayor Reed wished them well and thanked him for his service. A vacancy will be declared and filled at the next regular city council meeting.

**ADJOURN:** Efrem Jones made a motion to adjourn. Koy Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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**Mayor Henry F Reed III**

**Attest:**

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**City Clerk**