

Lonoke City Council
Lonoke City Council Meeting
March 11, 2024

The Lonoke City Council held a city council meeting at the municipal building at 6:00 p.m. Monday, March 11, 2024. Mayor Wayne McGee called the meeting to order with the Invocation was given by Micah Warbington, Lonoke Apostolic Church. City Clerk, Jeribeth Edwards called the roll and declared a quorum.

Mayor	Wayne McGee
City Clerk	Jeribeth Edwards
Treasure	(Vacant)
Deputy Clerk	Regina Ibbotson
Council Members	Sean Simpson, Steven Holt, Raymond Hatton, Stan Moran, Wendell Walker, Wendell Moore, Koy Butler (Absent), and Jim Ed Ransom (Absent)
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	Evan Jacobs
Community Dev.	(Vacant)
News Media	none

Visitors: Terry Takowski, Terrie Whittenburg, Rachel Whittenburg, Terry Robinson, Valerie Hooten, Micah Warbington and Cindy Reaves

Minutes: Mayor Wayne McGee asked for the acceptance of the February 12, 2024, minutes. Sean Simpson made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Steven Holt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment - State of the City Address was given by Mayor McGee.

-Terry Taykowski was present and discussed the State and US Constitution with regards to Freedom of Speech.

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

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.

- A) **Quotes for replacement of Water Fountain with Bottle Filler** - A quote from Benjamin Franklin to install a drinking fountain with bottle filler for \$3,376.00. A quote of \$2,770.50 from Kully Supply was also provided. This price is without tax and installation. Installation of the fountain itself is \$875. Wendell Walker made a motion to approve the turn-key quote from Benjamin Franklin. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- B) **A request to remove fixed assets from list-** Steven Holt made a motion to remove the fixed assets. Wendell Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

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

- A. **Sourcewell quote for water department RTV Purchase-** The quote is for \$15,813.97. Raymond Hatton made a motion to purchase the Kubota. Steven Holt seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- B. **Sourcewell quote for International Truck Purchase-** The quote is for \$102,065.57. Raymond Hatton made a motion to purchase the truck. Steven Holt seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- C. **Resolution 3-1-2024- “A Resolution Authorizing the City Council to Obligate American Rescue Plan Act Funds for the Purchase of Equipment for the Lonoke Public Works Department”-** Wendell Moore made a motion to put resolution 3-1-2024 the floor. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read the Resolution and its entirety. Raymond Hatton made a motion to accept the 1st reading. Steven Holt seconded the motion. Motion carried with (6) aye hand votes.
- D. **Letter from Elder Drilling for Well repair-** The repair for the South Well will cost between \$35,000.00 and \$70,000. Raymond Hatton made a motion to have Frank Elder take the North well apart to see what the exact cost is. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- E. **A Quote from Lockett Pump and Well to install mission RTU on back pond-** The quote is for \$7,323.02. Raymond Hatton made a motion to approve. Wendell Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- F. **Quote from RVT, Inc. to repair white leaf machine-** The estimate is for \$6,098.59. Raymond Hatton made a motion to repair the machine. Sean Simpson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief Edwards was present and gave the report.

- A. **Quote from TEECO Safety for Bullet Proof Vests-** The quote is for ten ballistics vests and ten outer carriers is \$13,888.10. This quote is off of the Arkansas State Contract. Steven Holt made a motion to approve the quote. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS

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

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NEW BUSINESS:

A. Set Date for Spring Clean-up: *(Jim Ed Ransom entered the meeting)*

April 20-27, 2024, Steven Holt made a motion to approve the dates for Clean Up.
Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS: Wendell Moore made a motion to pay bills. Steven Holt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BILLS ALREADY PAID IN February 2024

City General	\$71,799.96
Water	\$14,662.29
Street	\$12,956.82
Community Center	\$197,411.95
Retail One Cent	\$1,792.90
Court Automation	\$488.40
I.D.C. One Cent	\$6,319.00
ARPA Grant	\$10,370.43

BILLS TO BE PAID MARCH 2024

City General	\$ 18,670.34
Community Center	\$ 2,349.54
Water	\$ 29,948.91
Street	\$ 10,447.39

ADJOURNMENT- Sean Simpson made a motion to adjourn. Steven Holt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Wayne McGee

Attest:

Clerk