

Lonoke City Council
Lonoke City Council Meeting
May 8, 2023

The Lonoke City Council held a city council meeting at the multiple building at 6:00 p.m. Monday, May 8, 2023. Mayor Wayne McGee called the meeting to order with the Invocation was given by Kenny Pasley, The Gathering Church. City Clerk, Jeribeth Edwards called the roll and declared a quorum.

Mayor	Wayne McGee
City Clerk	Jeribeth Edwards
Treasure	Craig Blackard (absent)
Deputy Clerk	Regina Ibbotson
Council Members	Sean Simpson (Absent), Steven Holt, Raymond Hatton, Stan Moran, Wendell Walker, Wendell Moore (Absent), 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	Evan Jacobs
Community Dev.	Jeremy Gosdin
News Media	Rick Kron

Visitors: Anna McClung, Sharon Clark, Kathleen Ashmore, Terry Robinson, Cindy Reaves

Minutes: Mayor Wayne McGee asked for the acceptance of the April 10, 2023, minutes. Jim Ed Ransom made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

1. Jeff Lingo was present and spoke about code issues. He would like to see code enforcement enforced by everyone in the city equally. Mr. Lingo also followed up on the sidewalk and project completion. Mr. Lingo mentioned he is not pleased with the sidewalk and the drainage around his property. Mr. Lingo asked for the eight (8) questions he has on his presentation to be answered soon. Mayor McGee mentioned he would talk to him soon.

Beautification Team Report: Sharon Clark was present and spoke regarding yard of the month and other activities.

LONOKE COUNTY LIBRARY: Kathleen Ashmore was present and gave a report. A calendar to show the May activities was presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Craig Blackard was absent. Mayor Wayne McGee explained that Mr. Blackard has resigned as of May 7, 2023. Mayor McGee gave a report.

1. **2023 1st Quarter Budget Numbers-** Koy Butler asked a few questions. After some discussion, Jim Ed Ransom made a motion to approve the 1st quarter budget numbers. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

1. **Quote to purchase larvicide-** A quote from Clarke for 30cs of Larvicide for \$38,099.19 was given. Wendell Walker made a motion to purchase the product. Jim Ed Ransom seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Request to Amend Budget to add employee-** Mr. Jacob explained that he must hire someone that is licensed applicator to mix chemicals and spray larvicide. This contract ends on December 31, 2023.
3. **Resolution 5-2-2023 – “A Resolution Amending Resolution 1-1-2023 of the City of Lonoke, Arkansas, Amending the Operating Budget for the Period of January 1, 2023 and Ending December 31, 2023, and for Other Purposes.”** - Koy Butler made a motion to put Resolution 5-2-2023 on the floor. Stan Moran seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read the Resolution and its entirety. Steven Holt made a motion to accept the first reading. Jim Ed Ransom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Mike Brown was present and gave report. Mr. Brown mentioned the events for May. No action needed.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Jeremy Gosdin was present and gave a report.

1. **Ordinance 812- “An Ordinance Amending the Lonoke Unified Development Code”-** Wendell Walker made a motion to table Ordinance 812 until there is more discussion on this topic. Koy Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Ordinance 813- “Ordinance Amending the City of Lonoke Zoning Ordinance and Map to Rezone the North ½ of Section 24, Township 2N, Range 9W Minus 1,175.0’ Along the Hwy. 89 Right-of-Way, Less and Except: Parcel No. 781-95503-002 AND Parcel No. 781-95502-000, and Lots 1 – 17B, Block 1, and Lots 1, and 54-91, Block 2, of Phase I of Mallard Point Estates, From I-1, Industrial TO R-1, Low Density Residential.”** - Raymond Hatton made a motion to put Ord. 813 on the floor. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance 813 and its entirety. Steven Holt made a motion to accept the 1st reading. Stan Moran seconded the motion. Koy Butler opposed. Motion carried with 5 hand votes. Steven Holt made a motion to suspend rules-2nd reading. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried with 5 hand votes. Ginger Stuart read the title only. Steven Holt made a motion to accept the 2nd reading title only. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Koy Butler opposed. Motion carried with 5 hand votes. Steven Holt made a motion to suspend rules- 3rd reading. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Koy Butler opposed. Motion carried with 5 voice votes. Ginger Stuart read title only- 3rd reading. Steven Holt made a motion to accept the 3rd reading title only. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Koy Butler opposed. Motion carried with 5 hand votes. Wendell Walker made a motion to adopt. Steven Holt seconded the motion. Koy Butler opposed. Motion carried with 5 hand votes.
3. **Resolution 5-1-2023- “A Resolution Creating, Certifying, and Confirming Tax Lien against real properties at various locations”-** Raymond Hatton made a motion to put Resolution 5-1-2023 on the floor. Stan Moran seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read the Resolution and its entirety. Raymond Hatton made a motion to accept the first reading. Steven Holt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

- A. **Quotes for Cummins Generator Maintenance-** Jim Ed Ransom made a motion to approve the maintenance agreement. Koy Butler seconded the motion.
- B. **Quote to order turnouts-** Koy Butler made a motion to approve a quote from EVS for five turnouts in the amount of \$24,440.00. Jim Ed Ransom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

- A. **Quotes to repair Diesel Xtreme Vac Leaf Machine-** A quote from River Valley Tractor for a total of \$11,899.26. Mr. Stivers mentioned he needed this machine fixed. After some discussion, the ARPA money can pay for the machine to be fixed. However, it was discussed that there must be a total price and a Resolution to allocate the funds. Mr. Stivers will come back to council with a total price for everything to be fixed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief Edwards was present and gave the report. No action required.

OLD BUSINESS :

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

February 2023	\$4,893.40
March 2023	\$6,759.60
April 2023	\$7,327.20

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Ordinance 814-** "Solid Waste Fees"- The council tabled this item until next month after discussing some of the questions presented by the city attorney.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS: Koy Butler made a motion to pay bills. Jim Ed Ransom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BILLS ALREADY PAID IN APRIL 2023

City General	\$78,345.18
Water	\$99,044.16
Street	\$19,150.61
Community Center	\$32,465.13
Retail One Cent	\$9,731.72
2003 Revenue Bond	\$4,136.25
Court Auto	\$777.00
W-S Revenue	\$2.00

BILLS TO BE PAID MAY 2023

City General	\$32,627.21
Community Center	\$2,698.14
Water	\$18,440.74
Street	\$8,394.05

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ANNOUNCEMENTS- Mayor McGee mentioned things below.

1. Planning commission Monthly Meeting on Monday May 15, 2023, at 6:00 was cancelled.
2. City Hall will be closed on Monday May 29, 2023, in observance of Memorial Day.

ADJOURNMENT- Jim Ed Ransom made a motion to adjourn. Koy Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Wayne McGee

Attest:

Clerk