The Lonoke City Council held a city council meeting at the multiple building at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 14, 2022. Mayor Trae Reed called the meeting to order with the invocation given by Pastor Fred Dollar, Temple of Living Waters Church. Deputy City Clerk, Regina Ibbotson called the roll and declared a quorum.

Mayor Trae Reed

City Clerk Jeribeth Edwards (absent)

Treasurer Craig Blackard (arrived late)

Deputy Clerk Regina Ibbotson

Council Members Efrem Jones, Alice Bridges, Raymond Hatton, Ryan Biles, Gib Richardson (absent), Michael Florence, Koy Butler, and Suzette Elmore

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

Economic Dev. Gene Eagle

News Media None

**Visitors**: Fred Dollar, Kimberly Lewis, Wayne Rathbun, Alyssa Frisby, Terry Taykowski, Neil Schafer, Wendell Moore, Gene Eagle and Cindy Reaves

**MINUTES**: Mayor Trae Reed asked for acceptance of the October 10, 2022 regular meeting minutes and the October 20, 2022 special/condemnation minutes. Koy Butler made a motion to accept both sets of minutes as presented. Efrem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**- Item #1-Terry Taykowski was to address the council regarding city employees working on private property but changed his comment to address his dislike of the 3-minute limit put on public comments and his discontent with the agenda not being ready for issue prior to the deadline for public comments. Item #2 – Steve Miller addressed the council regarding the placement of a speed hump, as submitted for this meeting via petition, versus the installation of stop signs on College & Ash Streets. He told the council that he and the citizens that signed his petition would prefer the stop sign installation over the speed hump if that would slow the traffic down.

**2022 Executive Board Report –** Alyssa Frisby was present and gave report. Alyssa gave a wrap-up report on the Idessa Malone Music & Arts festival, mentioned the needs of the Family Resource Services and noted that Calhoun Meat Processing, one of their partners that provides meat to FRS is helping again this year, upcoming Merry Thanks and Christmas Parade events, and announced the November Yard of the Month recipients. They winners are: Amber Starks at 119 Magnolia in the SW area, Steve and Kristi Carthron at 417 W E Holly in the SE area, Chris and Elijah Gooden at 619 Barnes Street in the NE Area, and Walter and Brittany Ellis at #55 Mallard Point Cove in the NW Area.

**LONOKE COUNTY LIBRARY**- A Calendar of Activities was Included for November’s activities.

**Economic Development Report:** Mr. Gene Eagle was present and gave report. Mr. Eagle mentioned that the city has been awarded an AEDC Planning Grant that was applied for a few months ago and gave an overview what this grant entails. The state selected the firm Burns & McDonnell through their procurement process. They have worked with the city to help us to plan to get the best use of the land to draw industry targets to our community. Mr. Eagle also made the council aware that the city had applied for a water and wastewater grant funded with ARPA funds through the Ark Dept of Agriculture. This could help to get needed infrastructure installed in this area.

**TREASURER’S REPORT –** 9 Months Budget Numbers – Treasurer Blackard stated that everything was on track and he didn’t see anything that looked out of the ordinary.

**PUBLIC WORKS (Water & Street)-** Mr. Thomas Stivers was present and reviewed his monthly report nothing that the leaks have gone down and that the new system was completely online on October 5th.

1. **Request to Give Bonuses to Water & Street Employees –** Director Stivers addressed the City Council with a proposal that would allow him to use money allocated in the salaries line to give his Public Works employees a bonus. The Street department employees would get $750 each and the water department employees would get $1500 each. The reason for the different amounts is tied to the surplus available in each of the different budgets. There were several comments on both sides regarding this proposal which came down to a voice vote. Alice Bridges made the motion to give the bonuses as presented. Ryan Biles seconded the motion. There were several comments on both sides regarding this proposal which came down to a voice vote. Mrs. Bridges, Mr. Biles, Hr. Hatton, and Mr. Florence voted for the motion. Mrs. Elmore, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Butler voted against the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Disposal of Old Fire Hydrants - A** proposal was presented to the city council to dispose of the old fire hydrants removed during the improvements project. For a thirty-day period, any citizen can purchase a hydrant for $20 as long as they follow the rules outlined within the proposal. Once the thirty days is up, the remaining hydrants will be sold for scrap. Koy Butler made the motion to allow this proposal. Efrem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Change Order #3- Water Improvements Phase II – White River Construction, Inc.-** Reason for change order is to add two bid items for water improvements to the contract. The change in cost is an increase of ($14,00.00). Koy Butler made a motion to approve the change order. Efrem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Change Order #2- Street Improvements 2022 - Cranford Construction Co. –** Reason for change order is to add bid item for intersection turn-outs and reconcile to actual quantities. The change in cost is a decrease of ($26,800.00). Koy Butler made the motion to approve the change order. Efrem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**  Chief Matt Edwards was present and gave report. He made the council aware that the Lonoke County Sheriff’s department has taken over 911 services for Lonoke, England and Carlisle. This situation is a work in progress. He also noted the Jail Standards report that was provided, and beginning November 1st, our jail can no longer hold prisoners.

**PARKS/MOSQUITO:** Mr. Roy Don Lewis gave report.

* Fall baseball and soccer still ongoing but winding down.
* Mulch was that ordered for the playgrounds has been spread.
* Replacement parts (straps) for ADA swings at both parts have been ordered.

**COMMUNITY CENTER-** Mr. Mike Brown was present and gave report. He mentioned the events for the month are: Paintball Event on October 15th $7 a round, Baptist Health will be giving flu shots on Oct 26th and Nov 30th, Basketball sign ups underway, Table Tennis lessons on Tuesdays 4:30—5:30 pm with Tom Kloske and Mal Neely, Mammo Van is coming on Nov 16th, and Steve Miller is Member of the Month.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT-** Mr. Jeremy Gosdin was present and reviewed his report.

1. **Ordinance 802 – “An Ordinance Repealing Ordinances. No 400, 496, 551 and 679 Regarding Dogs, Incorporating Ordinances. No. 557 and 789 and Enacting a Comprehensive Animal Control Ordinance; and Other Matters” –** Jeremy explained the need for combining the many ordinances into one and summarized the main changes to the Ordinance. Efrem Jones made the motion to put Ordinance 802 on the floor. Gib Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried. City Attorney Ginger Stuart read Ordinance 802 in its entirety. Efrem Jones made a motion to accept the 1st reading. Suzette Elmore seconded the motion. Motion carried. The council went over and discussed the ordinance.
2. **Street Light Petition-** A petition to add a street light on the Corner of Eagle Drive & Choctaw was presented to the council for approval. The installation will cost the city approximately $400 and the cost of the light is $5.75 per month. Ryan Biles made the motion to approve the petition. Koy Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Resolution 10-1-2022-** “**A Resolution Expressing the Willingness of the City of Lonoke to Partner with the Arkansas Department of Transportation for the Following Project: Job 061613, I-40 Strs. & Apprs. (Hwys. 13 & 31)(S)**” - Ryan Biles made the motion to put Resolution 10-1-2022 on the floor. Koy Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attorney Stuart read Resolution 10-1-2022 in its entirety. Efrem Jones made the motion to accept Resolution 10-1-2022. Ryan Biles seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PAY THE BILLS:** Koy Butlermadea motion to pay bills. Gib Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**BILLS ALREADY PAID IN SEPTEMBER 2022**

City General $82,589.13

Water $27,069.88

Street $112,924.94

Community Center $15,332.01

Retail One Cent $20,588.02

Court Automation $886.21

Water/Sewer Revenue $2.00

2003 WS Depreciation Fund $15,292.64072.80

**BILLS TO BE PAID OCTOBER 2022**

General Fund $8,317.33

Water $8,396.62

Street $2.152.04

Court Automation $388.50

Community Center $1,463.21

Retail One Cent $475.00

**ANNOUNCMENTS-**

1. Reminder of the Idessa Malone Music & Arts Festival on Oct 15 the from 11am – 10 pm.

**ADJOURN:** Ryan Bilesmade 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**