

**CITY OF LONOKE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES (Via Zoom)
November 8, 2021**

The Lonoke City Council held a city council meeting via ZOOM at 6:00 p.m. on Monday November 8, 2021. Mayor Trae Reed called the meeting to order with the invocation given by Pastor Woody Evans, Brownsville Baptist Church. 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 (Absent), Alice Bridges, Raymond Hatton, Ryan Biles, Gib Richardson, 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 Wittenberg
Parks Director	Roy Don Lewis
Community Dev.	Jeremy Gosdin
Economic Dev.	Gene Eagle
News Media	Rick Kron
Visitors	Alyssa Frisby, Jay Whisker, Austin Petty, Cindy Reaves, Woody Evans and Deborah Moore

MINUTES

Mayor Trae Reed asked for acceptance of the October 11, 2021 regular meeting minutes and October 21, 2021 special meeting minutes. Koy Butler made a motion to accept the minutes, with a correction of stating Wendell Moore giving the invocation instead of Wendell Walker. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Mayor Reed asked the council to approve October 18 working session minutes. Ryan Biles made a motion to approve the minutes with a correction of reading Gib Richardson being present. Alice Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (none)

2022 Executive Board Report – Alyssa Frisby was present and gave report. She asked the council to purchase up to \$500 worth of flowers for Downtown Lonoke flower pots. Koy Butler made a motion for the expenditure. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

LONOKE COUNTY LIBRARY- no action needed

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

A. Resolution 11-1-2021- “A Resolution of the City of Lonoke Certifying Local Government Endorsement of Business to Participate in the Tax Back Program”- Raymond Hatton made the motion to put the resolution on the floor. Koy Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read the Resolution in its entirety. Koy Butler made a motion to accept the 1st reading. Michael Florence seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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. Sewer Phase III Change Order#1 Reece Construction- The reason for the change order is to reconcile bid items and add bid items in the contract. The increase is for \$172,211.90. Koy Butler made a motion to accept the change order. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. Gib Richardson mentioned the maintenance on John Pack Road. He would like the citizens to understand that the road is a county road and is not maintained by the city. After some discussion, the council decided that this is a serious subject and to table the subject until a later date.

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 \$5,904.00.

A. Jail Standards- Chief Matt Edwards explained to the council that he had a meeting with jail standards and they explained that his night shift could have some potential problems. He explained to the council that he feels this is the right time to close the jail completely to save the City of Lonoke, the Police Department and himself a lawsuit. Much discussion was had by the council.

PARKS/MOSQUITO: Mr. Roy Don Lewis was present and gave report.

A. RTV For Mosquito Control Dept.- An original quote for \$11,922.18 was approved in June 2021. This item will not be available this year. This RTV is the only one coming in to the dealership this year. The quote for \$13,233.36 is \$1,311.18 more than what was voted on in June. Koy Butler made a motion to spend the extra for the Kubota. Alice Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Justin Whittenburg was present and gave report.

A. Quotes from G and W Diesel for Repairs to Engine #25- G&W Diesel Services, Inc gave a quote for \$4,122.49. This is to repair air leaks, air pumps, and window harness. Koy Butler made a motion to have the repairs done. Alice Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Mr. Mike Brown was present and gave report. He mentioned the events in October were a basketball signup. No action needed.

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OLD BUSINESS:

A. Bid Tabulation for Re-Bid of AHPP Grant at the Depot- Revival Architecture explained there were two bidders for the project at the depot. Bray Sheet Metal was for \$22,759.00 and Wagner General Contractors for \$37,950.00. Gib Richardson made a motion to approve the bid from Bray Sheet Metal. Koy Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. Update from McClelland Engineers on Drainage Study- Mr. Jay Whisker and Austin Petty from McClelland Engineers, were present and went over the project. They showed the council, on a map, what has been complete and what still needs to be done.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Ordinance 786- "An Ordinance Eliminating the Permit Fee for the Keeping of Poultry inside the city limits- Gib Richardson made a motion to put Ord. #786 on the floor. Ryan Biles seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance No. 786 in its entirety. Koy Butler made the motion to accept the 1st reading of Ordinance No.786. Michael Florence seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) aye hand votes. Koy Butler made the motion to suspend the rules- 2nd reading- title only. Suzette Elmore seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) aye voice votes. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance No. 786- title only- 2nd reading. Koy Butler made the motion to accept the 2nd reading-title only- of Ordinance No. 786. Suzette Elmore seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) hand votes. Koy Butler made the motion to suspend the rules-3rd reading-title only. Suzette Elmore seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) aye voice votes. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance No. 786- title only – 3rd reading. Koy Butler made the motion to accept the 3rd reading- title only Ordinance No. 786. Suzette Elmore seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) aye hand votes. Gib Richardson made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Ryan Biles seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) aye hand votes.

B. Ward Re-districting Map- Mayor Reed mentioned that three wards were affected. He went through the changes, then asked the council to accept the new map. Ryan Biles made a motion to approve the map. Suzette Elmore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. 3rd Quarter Budget Numbers- Mayor Reed went through the budget report. The General Fund Accounts are all in good shape. Water Operation & Maintenance is holding their own. Street Department has had many vehicles and equipment repairs and increased fuel cost, this will need to be watched closely. The community center revenue is improving. Sales Tax revenues are increasing. All other funds are in good shape as well. Ryan Biles made a motion to approve the budget report. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. Juneteenth Holiday - Gib Richardson made a motion to make Juneteenth a national holiday in the City of Lonoke. Ryan Biles seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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E. Server Consolidation Quote from Network Services Group- Mayor Reed mentioned that the city servers for many of the city departments are out of date and not upgradeable. The new server cost breakdown for each department is as follows: Police \$10,915.17, Admin/Court \$14,885.99, Water \$5,421.24, and Community Center \$2,974.24. The total for the consolidation of the four servers is \$34,197.24. After looking at the numbers, Koy Butler mentioned that the city of Lonoke should get some more quotes. After much discussion, Gib Richardson made a motion to approve the quote. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. A roll call vote was practiced. Gib Richardson-yes, Alice Bridges-yes, Suzette Elmore-no, Ryan Biles-no, Raymond Hatton-yes, Michael Florence-yes, Koy Butler-no. (4 yes and 3 no) Motion carried.

F. ARML AD&D Policy for Elected Officials & Dept. Heads- Mayor Reed asked the council to approve the AD&D policy. 20 positions at \$80.00 and 2 positions at \$100.00. A total of \$1,800.00. Michael Florence made a motion to approve. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PAY THE BILLS: Raymond Hatton made a motion to pay bills. Gib Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BILLS ALREADY PAID IN OCTOBER 2021

City General	\$43,193.48
Water	\$27,343.83
Street	\$27,325.29
Community Center	\$20,164.33
Retail One Cent	\$2,602.95
Criminal Justice	\$740.62
I.D.C One Cent	\$3,000.00
W/S Service deposit	\$542.18
Local Fire Pension	\$2,800.00
2003 Revenue Bond	\$62,810.00
Tax Clearing Fund	\$2,471.24

BILLS TO BE PAID IN NOVEMBER 2021

General Fund	\$19,395.50
Water	\$10,933.37
Street	\$31,766.84
Court Automation	\$388.50
Community Center	\$3,083.10
Criminal Justice	\$731.11

ADJOURN: Koy Butler made a motion to adjourn. Gib Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Mayor Henry F Reed III

Attest:

City Clerk