

Lonoke City Council
Lonoke City Council Meeting
September 11, 2023

The Lonoke City Council held a city council meeting at the multiple building at 6:00 p.m. Monday, Sep 11, 2023. Mayor Wayne McGee called the meeting to order with the Invocation was given by Byron Calhoun, St. John Baptist Church. City Clerk, Jeribeth Edwards called the roll and declared a quorum.

Mayor	Wayne McGee
City Clerk	Jeribeth Edwards
Treasurer	(Vacant)
Deputy Clerk	Regina Ibbotson
Council Members	Sean Simpson, Steven Holt, Raymond Hatton, Stan Moran, Wendell Walker, Wendell Moore, Koy Butler, and Jim Ed Ransom
City Attorney	Ginger Stuart
Police Chief	Matt Edwards
W/S/S Supt.	Thomas Stivers (Absent)
C.C. Director	Mike Brown
Fire Dept.	Justin Whittenburg
Parks Director	Evan Jacobs
Community Dev.	(Vacant)
News Media	none

Visitors: Mike Jones, Mildred Jones, Karen James, Wayne Rathburn, Kathleen Ashmore, Byron Calhoun and Sharon Clark

Minutes: Mayor Wayne McGee asked for the acceptance of the August 14, 2023, minutes. Jim Ed Ransom made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Koy Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment: (none)

LONOKE COUNTY LIBRARY: A report and calendar to show the September activities were presented.

BEAUTIFICATION TEAM REPORT- Ms. Sharon Clark was present and gave the report.

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

PUBLIC WORKS (WATER AND SEWER): Thomas Stivers was absent Mayor McGee gave a report.

- A. **Resolution 9-1-2023-“A Resolution Authorizing the City Council to Obligate American Rescue Plan Grant Funds for the Repairs of Equipment for the Lonoke Public Works Department”** - Jim Ed Ransom made a motion to put 9-1-2023 on the floor. Koy Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read the Resolution and its entirety. Koy Butler made a motion to accept the 1st reading. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- B. **Contracts with powerhouse Electric for 2024 Annual Generator Preventive Maintenance** - Mr. Stivers had three (3) contracts from Powerhouse Electric, Inc. One contract for the service of the Olympian D-100-4, \$1,585.00. One contract for the D-125 Generator, \$1,715.00. One contract for testing of the D-150 generator for \$1,715.00. Mr. Stivers mentioned all of these are to be paid out

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of the 2024 budget. Koy Butler made a motion to approve the contracts. Steven Holt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- C. **Act 605 Board training session information-** Mr. Stivers had the ARWA Act 605 board training session dates available for the council. There must be 2 board members attending. Several councilmen are interested in going.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Thomas Stivers was present and gave the report.

- A. **Results from bid letting for condemned properties** - The City of Lonoke did not receive any bids the first time. Koy Butler made a motion to put out for bids for the second time. Jim Ed Ransom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

PARKS AND MOSQUITO: Mr. Evan Jacobs was present and gave the report. No action needed.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Mr. Mike Brown was present and gave report. The events going on are Fall Swim Lessons, Pickle Ball, Chess of Mondays, and Baptist Health Checks.

- A. **Quotes to paint posts at entrance of Community Center-** Mr. Brown had two (2) quotes. A quote from Professional Finish LLC for \$3,574.97 (tax included) and a quote from Imperial Painting for \$4,000.00, before tax. Koy Butler made a motion to have Professional Finish LLC handle the painting. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUISNESS

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

April 2023	\$7,327.20
May 2023	\$8,514.00
June 2023	\$7,869.00
July 2023	\$7,800.20
August 2023	\$8,118.00

- B. **Solar Maintenance Contract for Solar Site-** The warranty period is over and the City of Lonoke needs to have a plan for maintenance. The contract is for five (5) years. The total cost is \$54,602.00. Koy Butler made a motion to move forward with the contract. Steven Holt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Request to Combine and Amend Admin service contract payment for special Use Path with CAPDD-** Wendell Walker made a motion to combine the project. Koy Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- B. **On-Call Planning and Engineering services with Chris Wilborn-** Koy Butler made a motion to approve the contract. Sean Simpson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. Planning Commission meeting is on Monday, September 18th at 6:00 pm.

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

BILLS ALREADY PAID IN AUGUST 2023

City General	\$ 38,996.10
Water	\$ 19,680.29
Street	\$ 22,384.17
Community Center	\$ 14,174.00
Retail One Cent	\$ 785.32
W-S Revenue	\$ 10.00
Court Automation	\$ 1,319.71
ARPA	\$21,803.27

BILLS TO BE PAID SEPTEMBER 2023

City General	\$ 15,123.06
Community Center	\$ 3,675.39
Water	\$ 14,118.68
Street	\$ 5,585.64

ADJOURNMENT- Jim Ed Ransom made a motion to adjourn. Steven Holt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Wayne McGee

Attest:
