

CITY OF LONOKE
CITY COUNCIL WORKING SESSION MEETING MINUTES
March 1, 2021

The Lonoke City Council held a working session through internet livestream video via zoom application on March 1, 2021.

A.) Lighting Standards and Customer Requests- Ryan Biles explained that he has a street in his ward that has no lighting at all. He assumes that there are other council members that have the same problem. Mr. Biles explained he would like to request some street lights from Entergy regarding this problem and wondered how many lights, if any, would need to be ordered. Ryan Biles mentioned that he would like to request for Entergy to put the lighting into the area's in the City that are needed. Mayor asked if any council members had any dark area's in their district. Most council members mentioned they would like to do a survey of their area. After much discussion the council decided that everything would stay the same and deal with cases one at a time as they come.

B.) Burn Ban- Mayor mentioned that he would like to discuss the burn ban issue. Efrem Jones mentioned that the city voted against the burn ban 8 years ago. He doesn't see why the council should go against what the people have voted on. Ryan Biles would like to know if the current ordinance is caught up with the current ADEQ requirements and guidelines. Justin Whittenburg, Fire Chief was present. He mentioned he would like for the people in the city to be educated on the burning. Ginger Stuart suggested that there be a committee on this topic that reports back. Ryan Biles and Efrem Jones will be the committee.

C. Bulk Item Removal Proposals- Mayor mentioned that the city is losing a big amount of money during spring cleanup and dumping at the city dumping site. Mayor had several options that could potentially fix the problem. Vonda Evans was present and noted that the city can't continue doing what it is doing and survive. Jim Kelley was present and gave his recommendations. Vonda Evans and Jim Kelley mentioned that they think the best option would be having a small fee on the water bill, this would be considered a "dumpster program". Vonda Evans mentioned she would contact NLR and Cabot to see how their city does with a "dumpster program".