

CITY OF LONOKE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES (Corrected)
APRIL 9, 2018

The Lonoke City Council held a city council meeting in the administration room of City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 9, 2018. Mayor Wayne McGee called the meeting to order with the invocation given by Efrem Jones. Mayor McGee asked City Clerk, Jeribeth Edwards to call the roll. City Clerk Jeribeth Edwards called the roll and declared a quorum.

Mayor	Wayne McGee
City Clerk	Jeribeth Edwards
Treasurer	Phillip Howell
Deputy Clerk	Regina Ibbotson
Council Members	Efrem Jones, Janie Darning, Raymond Hatton, Pat Howell, Woody Evans, Michael Florence, Koy Butler, and Wendell Walker
City Attorney	Ginger Stuart
Police Chief	Randy Mauk
W/S/S Supt.	Jim Kelley /Jim Ed Ransom
C.C. Director	Mike Brown
Fire Dept.	Justin Whittenburg
Parks Director	Roy Don Lewis (absent)
News Media	Allison Goodman, Lonoke Democrat Jeffery Smith, The Leader
Visitors	Al Franks, Kyle Thompson, Jim Wiertelak, Gina Wiertelak, Trae Reed, Kelly Rather, Suzette Elmore, Lynanne Ivy, Russel Ivy, Linda Privett, Lisa Privett, Dana Glover, Lee Glover, Hannah Harris, Shane Whitehurst, Bonnie Moody, Jim Bailey and Danny Whitehurst

MINUTES:

Mayor Wayne McGee asked for acceptance of the minutes and the special meeting minutes as recorded. Pat Howell and Woody Evans made the motion to accept the minutes as read. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- 1.) Lee Glover Langdon, a high school student and a Boy Scout Eagle. He was present to discuss a project that he would like see completed at the High School. He would like the city to assist him with this project. He would like to see a student and Bus walking path at the High School. The street that will be affected are West College Street. Mr. Glover would like the city to help with supplies, gravel and pipes, and man power. Mr. Glover mentioned that the city will not be out any funds for this project. He would like to see an outdoor classroom on the high school campus as well. Mr. Glover had many drawings and pictures for the council to look at and be aware of the project.

Koy Butler mentioned that he would love to see this project take place but does have some doubts regarding liability for accidents. Ginger Stuart mentioned that she would like to do some research for liability purposes. After other discussion Mayor McGee mentioned that he would talk with the school to see their thinking on the project and for Mr. Glover to come back next meeting and discuss.

- 2.) Trae Reed was present to discuss the downtown beautification project. The goal of this project is to show that we care about downtown Lonoke. The idea of this project is to place some color north and south of the downtown area. He mentioned that its spring time and there should be lots of color with flowers. He is asking the council to fund the project. He would like to see (15) 27' planters situated in downtown Lonoke. He would like to see the planters be 75-100 feet apart. The Pots are \$800.00. Plants and material will be \$600.00. The dirt will be \$290.00. Also he explained that he would like to have self-watering system. The total of this project is \$1,950.00. Mr. Pat Howell mentioned that he was concerned for the store owners with having pots outside their businesses'. Mr. Jim Ed Ransom asked about the state highway right of way. Mr. Reed, nor the beautification committee, feel any concern regarding these issues and thought they could be easily resolved. Janie Darning made the motion to spend the money and take it out of Retail Economic Development account, as long as the state right of way is cleared. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried. Also Mr. Reed mentioned he was concerned about new sidewalks that will be placed in town soon. He would like for the city to consider certain sidewalks that will not bust due to root issues. He would hate to see any trees cut down due to these issues. Michael Florence also mentioned he would like to see another mural in town. There was some discussion on the location. Mr. Reed mentioned that there is some sensitivity to adding too many murals to a town. Mayor McGee mentioned that it could be discussed at a later date.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief Randy Mauk was present and gave report. He mentioned that \$9,420.00 was billed to immigration and Probation/Parole. Mr. Mauk mentioned that he would like to expand the SRO program without costing the city money. He mentioned that the School District will now be paying both of the current School Resource Officers full salary. This will free up \$23,540.54 of the city's money. Mr. Mauk is asking to put two part time officers to float between the primary and elementary schools. That way all schools in the district will be covered. He would like to move \$18,144.00 to the Part-time budget and move \$5,396.54 to the equipment that would be needed for the part time officers. Mr. Mauk mentioned that once the Mayor, he and the superintendent signed this contract this would all take place. Pat Howell mentioned that he would like to see two full time officers at the schools, he feels that the city needs to have more officers. Koy Butler made a motion to move the money to the part time account and the equipment account until we can possibly get more money for fulltime officers. Janie Darning seconded the motion. The council mentioned that there needs to be more money for fulltime officers. Mr. Mauk also had proposals for a new Generator. He had a Proposal from RP Power, North Little Rock for \$16,824.32. He also had a proposal from Cummings Power Generator, North Little Rock for \$16,317.00. Both quotes are from cooperative purchasing participants. Pat Howell made a motion to go with Cummings. Koy Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Mauk had a quote

from Whitehurst Bros. to install the generator. Pat Howell asked to get additional quotes for the installation work.

PARKS/MOSQUITO: Mr. Roy Don Lewis was absent. Mayor McGee gave report.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Mr. Mike Brown was present and gave report. The events for this month are soccer, drivers test, Yoga Classes, Swimming Lessons, boot camp, and pickle ball. Mr. Brown would like to have the vanity tops and sinks in the bathrooms and dressing rooms resurfaced. He mentioned that they are 16 years old and need a face lift. He had an Estimate from Dennis Neal Resurfacing, Swifton, AR. The cost is \$2,082.00. There was some discussion regarding removal and a plumber. Wendell Walker made a motion to spend up to \$3,500.00 on the resurface and removal and plumber. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried. Michael Florence mentioned that something needs to be done regarding the soccer fields. After some discussion Mayor McGee mentioned that the city will get someone lined up as soon as soccer season is over to work on the field.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Justin Whittenburg was present and gave report. Mr. Whittenburg asked to buy new radios for the department. He had a Proposal from MJ Communications, Inc., North Little Rock, AR for \$2,694.00. Koy Butler made a motion to purchase the radios. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Water: Jim Kelley was present and gave report. Mr. Kelley mentioned that the new aerator got installed, also the new lights were installed in the water plant. Mr. Kelley mentioned he would like approval to start bidding for treatment plant meters. Pat Howell made a motion to waive the bids. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Kelley would like to have the weir replaced on the waste water treatment plant. He had Environmental Process Systems look at the weir. The cost would be \$7,800.00. It will be a 10'x5' weir. Pat Howell made a motion to replace the weir. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Street: Jim Ed Ransom was present and gave report. He mentioned that all houses that were burnt, he has made contact with all of the owners. Most owners plan to tear them down. Some owners asked for the city to tear down the houses as long as they provide the dumpsters. Woody Evans made a motion for the city to tear down the houses that need help. Efre Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. CONDEMNED PROPERTIES:

1. **Resolution to "Condemn Property at 214 E. 11th Street- Roberts:** Woody Evans made a motion to give this property until May meeting. Efre Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Resolution 9-1-2017 to "Condemn Property at 509 Reynolds"-** Woody Evans made a motion to give this property until May meeting. Efre Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. WATCH LIST:

1. **Mallard Point Golf:** Janie Darning made a motion to give this property until next meeting. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Grimes- 104 Willow Loop-** This property has sold to a couple of guys that own a business that work with properties that are on our watch list. Mr. Al Franks and Mr. Kyle Thompson were present and would like to get information on the owners. His business helps remarket and remodel homes. He invited all the council to come take a look at what they have done in the last three weeks. Efreem Jones made a motion to take this property off the list. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Davis- 502 Barnes-** This home has been torn down. *Janie Darning* made a motion to take this property off the list. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Privett- 5th street apartments-** Pat Howell mentioned the apartments look great. Pat Howell made a motion to see how they are doing in the May meeting. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. New Properties to Consider for Condemnation

1. **BROWN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST- 319 BROWN:** Wendell Walker made a motion to table until May Meeting. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **COLE- 217 HARRISON** – Wendell Walker made a motion to table until May Meeting. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **CANNON- 208 HARRISON:** Wendell Walker made a motion to table until May Meeting. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **MARSHALL- 218 HARRISON:** Wendell Walker made a motion to table until May Meeting. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **SPRING- 317 HARRISON ENGLAND** – Wendell Walker made a motion to table until May Meeting. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **CUMMINGS- 221 VASSER LANE-** – Wendell Walker made a motion to table until May Meeting. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. **GENTRY- 719 S. CENTER-** Wendell Walker made a motion to table until May Meeting. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.
8. **BELLO-319 REYNOLDS STREET-** Wendell Walker made a motion to table until May Meeting. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Water Dept. Bad Debt Write-offs-** Pat Howell made a motion to write off all bad debt except for American Legion Hut. Janie Darning seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **TECH STREAM** – Woody Evans asked the city attorney where we were in the process of bringing in the new internet provider. Ginger Stuart wanted to give an update regarding the new internet service company that wants to come to Lonoke. She is researching a fair market value for what the city will charge for the antenna to be on the water tower. After some discussion Wendell

Walker mentioned that he would like to see a dollar amount instead of getting free internet.
Ginger Stuart mentioned that it would be a cleaner answer.

PAY THE BILLS: Janie Dering made a motion to pay bills. Pat Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BILLS ALREADY PAID IN MAR 2018

City General	\$40,851.23
Water	\$19,760.65
Street	\$9,989.80
Community Center	\$11,051.10
Retail One Cent	\$1,080.70
Criminal Justice	\$3,416.06
2003 WS Depreciation Fund	\$2,188.00

BILLS TO BE PAID IN APRIL 2018

General Fund	\$16,252.45
Water O&M	\$10,629.95
Street	\$8,993.89
Community Center	\$5,377.58
Criminal Justice	\$252.66
IDC one cent	\$11,698.00
Court Automation	\$763.00
Retail One Cent	\$221.90

ADJOURN: Pat Howell made a motion to adjourn. Koy Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Wayne McGee

Attest:

City Clerk