

CITY OF LONOKE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 13, 2018

The Lonoke City Council held a city council meeting in the administration room of City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 13, 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 Wittenberg
Parks Director	Roy Don Lewis
News Media	Allison Goodman, the Lonoke Democrat Jeffery Smith, The Leader
Visitors	Trae Reed, Lynanne Ivy, Russell Ivy, Jim Bailey, Terry Bevill, Will Staley, Richard Cross, Harold McFadden, Jim Bailey, Seth Ford, Teresa Smith, Shane Whitehurst, Tasha Terry, Harold Boyles, Gina Wiertelak, Jim Wiertelak, Garret Walters, Carol Schafer, Danny Meyers, Ryan Biles, Danny & Shane Whitehurst, Cindy Reaves

MINUTES

Mayor Wayne McGee asked for acceptance of the minutes and the special meeting minutes as recorded. Janie Darning made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Efrem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried. Woody Evans made a motion to accept the special minutes as recorded. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1. Thrive- video presentation and contract wrap up** - Will Staley from Thrive was present and gave report. He showed the council a two-minute video and a 30 second video that can be uploaded onto the city website and the city Facebook page. The council was pleased with the video's. Mr. Staley thanked the council for allowing Thrive to do all the work that has been done.
- 2. Danny Meyers- Clark Mosquito Control:** Mr. Myers was present and gave report regarding the mosquito control in Lonoke City. Mr. Roy Don Lewis explained that he wanted the council to understand that the city of Lonoke is doing all that can be done for mosquito control. Mr. Myers explained the results of the adult mosquito trapping. He explained that the traps that were placed outside of Lonoke City Limits that have not been treated with adulticide have mosquito numbers in the

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200 plus range and the ones inside the city limits are in the 10 plus range. It was explained that nothing will kill all adult mosquito's 100%. However, the treatment that is in place is dramatically reducing the numbers. Mr. Myers explained the ADH Larvicide Equipment and Supply Initiative that Lonoke became a part of will assist in have a more complete Integrated Mosquito Plan. After he gave the report, the council understood that the City is doing all that can be done.

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

Bike Rack- Mr. Lewis mentioned that the Bike rack is in and will be installed this week near the caboose.

Dog Waste Station- Mr. Lewis mentioned that the Dog Waste Station came in and all have been placed along the walking trail.

Mr. Lewis asked the council to purchase a load of Red Rock. The total cost is \$2,900.00. Janie Darning made a motion to purchase the Red Rock. Efreem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Justin Whittenburg was present and gave report. Mr. Whittenburg asked the council to purchase four (4) sets of Turn Outs for the department. He had a quote from Ferrara for \$12,540.00. Michael Florence made a motion to purchase the turn outs. Janie Darning seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

WATER: Jim Kelley was present and gave report. He reviewed the current phases of the bond improvement projects and noted that door hangers will be coming soon for construction.

New Excavator: Mr. Kelley mentioned he would like to move the Case track hoe, as far as fixed assets, from the water department to the street department. Janie Darning made a motion to reclassify the equipment. Koy Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Kelley had several quotes through NJPA (Sourcewell) to purchase a new excavator. He had a quote from Stribling Equipment, Little Rock AR for \$45,110.72. He had a quote from Greenway, Bryant AR for \$42,565.00. He had a quote from Bruno's Tractor, Cabot AR for a total of \$48,727.50. He had a quote from Hugg and Hall Equipment, Little Rock AR for \$42,825.90. He had another quote from Scott Equipment, Mabelville AR for \$55,928.00. After the council looked at the list of quotes, they decided to add \$8,500.00 for a hammer bucket as an accessory. Pat Howell made a motion to purchase the John Deere excavator and bucket from Greenway of Bryant for a total of \$51,500.00. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried. After some discussion Koy Butler amended the motion for \$53,000.00 in case any taxes were needed. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

GIS Proposal of Services: Mr. Kelley mentioned to the council that the Water Deptment has become aware that Geographic Information Systems has potential benefits for the operations. After the council discussed this would be beneficial for the water department. Michael Florence made a motion to spend up to \$3,500.00 on the GIS mapping. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STREET: Jim Ed Ransom was present and gave report. He mentioned that the Lonoke Cemetery asked the city to fix the roads that were located in the cemetery. Ginger Stuart mentioned she would look into the issue. She wasn't sure the city can legally fix the roads if it is private property.

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New Dump Truck: Mr. Ransom had some proposals for a new dump truck that was asked of him from the last meeting. He had a proposal from Summit Truck Group, North Little Rock AR for a total of \$91,767.47. He also had a quote from Shipley Motor Equipment Company, Pottsville AR for a total of \$86,101.00. Both quotes are NJPA bids. After some discussion Pat Howell made a motion to purchase the truck from Summit Truck Group, \$91,767.47. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Ransom explained that he only had \$50,000.00 budgeted to purchase the truck. Phillip Howell mentioned that the additional cost of the dump truck would come from the street operating fund.

New Tractor: Mr. Ransom had some quotes for a utility trailer. A bid was received from Greenway Equipment, Conway AR for John Deere Tractor for \$43,250.13. A bid was received from Henard Utility Products, Searcy AR for a Kubota tractor for \$40,923.11. A bid was also received from Greenway Equipment, England AR for a John Deere tractor for \$46,400.00. Koy Butler made a motion to purchase the John Deere tractor from Greenway Equipment, Conway AR for \$43,250.13. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

15 Ton Dovetail trailer: Mr. Ransom had a quote from Liberty Trailer Co. Inc. for \$15,279.20. A quote from Nationwide Trailers Cabot, Cabot AR for \$18,201.50. A quote from Big Tex, Benton AR for \$20,895.00. Koy Butler made a motion to purchase the trailer from Liberty Trailer Co. Inc for \$15,279.20. Efrem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief Randy Mauk was present and gave report. He mentioned that \$8,700.00 has been billed to immigration and probation/parole. Chief Mauk had several new employees come and have a meet and greet. He mentioned that the new generator is in and he is waiting for it to be installed. He also noted that several vehicles have been broken into. He stressed for residents to lock their vehicle doors and not to leave any valuables inside.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Mr. Mike Brown was present and gave report. Activities that are going on are soccer sign ups, swimming lessons, and Baptist Health doing health checks. Mr. Brown mentioned that the soccer fields will not be ready to be played on and that soccer will be played behind the primary school for the Fall 2018 season. The council discussed putting a chain link fence around the new soccer field for safety. Wendell Walker mentioned to put up a 5ft. fence at the least. No action was taken on the fence at this time.

Parking Lot Striped: Mr. Brown had a quote from Central Arkansas Line Striping, Austin AR for \$9,925.00. A quote from Arkansas Line Marking, LLC Little Rock AR for \$7,899.00. Michael Florence made a motion to use Arkansas Line Marking, LLC for \$7,899.00. Koy Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Air Conditioner: Mr. Brown mentioned to the council that due to recent storms the compressors in one of the units is damaged. The quote is from Lonoke Service Company, LLC. Lonoke AR The cost to fix the damaged is \$3,675.21. Koy Butler made a motion to get the compressor fixed. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried. Wendell Walker discussed replacing all the AC Units instead of fixing the old units. Mr. Walker brought up the fact that there are 12 units at the Community Center and all are old. He would like to see some estimates on 12 new units, then possibly purchasing three new units per year. Michael Florence made a motion to get bids on 3 AC units. It was discussed that the contract that the city

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had with Lonoke Service Company, LLC would have to be re-adjusted if needed. Pat Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BUDGET AND FINANCE: Mr. Phillip Howell went over the 6th month financial statements and 2017 FYE Water Audit. Woody Evans made a motion to accept the report. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. CONDEMNED PROPERTIES:

1. **Resolution to “Condemn Property at 214 East 11th Street-** Mayor McGee mentioned he had spoken with Mr. Roberts and he is working on the property. Woody Evans made a motion to give Mr. Roberts until the next meeting. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. WATCH LIST:

1. **Mallard Point Golf:** Janie Darning made a motion to give until next meeting. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. New Properties to Consider for Condemnation

1. **BROWN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST- 319 BROWN:** This property is waiting on the city.
2. **COLE- 217 HARRISON** – Ginger Stuart will send a letter. Woody Evans made a motion to table this property until the next meeting. Pat Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **CANNON- 208 HARRISON:** This property is torn down and being loaded into dumpster.
4. **MARSHALL- 218 HARRISON:** This property is being torn down and being loaded into dumpster.
5. **SPRING- 317 HARRISON** – Ginger Stuart will send a letter. Woody Evans made a motion to table this property until the next meeting. Pat Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **CUMMINGS- 221 VASSER LANE-** Ginger Stuart will send a letter. Woody Evans made a motion to table this property until the next meeting. Pat Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. **GENTRY- 719 S. CENTER-** Woody Evans made a motion to table until October Meeting. Janie Darning seconded the motion. Motion carried.
8. **BELLO-319 REYNOLDS STREET-** Efreem Jones made a motion to table until August Meeting. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.
9. **MERCADO-520 W. ACADEMY STREET-** Woody Evans made a motion to table this property until the next meeting. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.
10. **JONES-202 ADAMS STREET-** Ginger Stuart will send a letter. Woody Evans made a motion to table this property until the next meeting. Pat Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Transfer of F/T employee to Administration office from Police Dept.- Ariane Thomas has been** asked to transfer to the Admin office from the Police Dept. Janie Darning made a motion to allow Mrs. Thomas to transfer. This will occur as soon as a replacement is trained in her current position. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- B. **New Computers for Administration Office:** There were two quotes from Network Service Group. One quote was for Dell Computers \$8,311.83. The other quote was for HP computers for \$7,787.17.

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Michael Florence made a motion to purchase the HP computers for \$7,787.17. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- C. **Roof for Dr. Holmes old office:** Mayor McGee mentioned the earlier bid that was voted on never worked out. The contractor never showed up. Woody Evans made a motion to put the project back out for bids. Janie Darning seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- D. **Heating and Air Unit for Administration Office:** Mayor McGee explained that another air conditioner in the admin office broke. He had a proposal from Danny Elmore Heating and Air ConditioningLLC for \$5,300.00. Pat Howell made a motion to get the air fixed. Efrem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

BILLS ALREADY PAID IN JULY 2018

City General	\$45,453.74
Water	\$33,082.60
Street	\$17,069.60
Community Center	\$10,983.74
Retail One Cent	\$1,190.34
Criminal Justice	\$2,216.08

BILLS TO BE PAID IN AUG 2018

General Fund	\$28,710.89
Water	\$22,628.53
Street	\$9,965.21
Community Center	\$8,446.96
Court Automation	\$773.50
Retail One Cent	\$176.00

ADJOURN: Michael Florence made a motion to adjourn. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Wayne McGee

Attest:

City Clerk