

CITY OF LONOKE
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 29, 2018

The Lonoke City Council held a special city council meeting in the administration room of City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 29, 2018. Mayor Wayne McGee called the meeting to order with the invocation given by Efreem 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	Efreem Jones, Janie Darning, Raymond Hatton , Pat Howell, Woody Evans (absent), Michael Florence, Koy Butler, and Wendell Walker
City Attorney	Ginger Stuart
Police Chief	Randy Mauk (absent)
W/S/S Supt.	Jim Kelley /Jim Ed Ransom (absent)
C.C. Director	Mike Brown (absent)
Fire Dept.	Justin Whitttenburg (absent)
Parks Director	Roy Don Lewis (absent)
News Media	Allison Goodman, the Lonoke Democrat (absent) Jeffrey Smith, The Leader
Visitors	Wen Grimes, Lisa Privett, Linda Privett, Lloyd (Ice Man)

1. WATCH LIST AND CONDEMNATION PROPERTIES:

- A. Cole- 217 Harrison-** Efreem Jones mentioned he has not been able to get in touch with anyone. Efreem Jones will continue to try. The council will re-look at this property at the February council meeting.
- B. Cummings- 221 Vassar-** Ginger Stuart mentioned the title is in a different name. She mentioned the property looks abandoned. There are past taxes from 2016, 2017. Pat Howell made a motion to continue with condemning the property. Ginger Stuart will order a title search. Mayor will get a price to tear down the property. Janie Darning seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- C. Bello- 319 Reynolds-** Ginger Stuart has had no response from the letters. She did mention that the taxes are delinquent for 2014, 2015, 2016. Mayor McGee mentioned he would get a price to tear the property down. Wendell Walker made a motion to go forth. Pat Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- D. Grimes- 104 Willow Loop-** Wen Grimes was present along with his mother. He explained to the council that the taxes are paid in full and there are possibilities of selling the property.

Mr. Grimes asked for an extension. Efrem Jones made a motion to give the owner until March. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E. **Davis- 502 Barnes Street- Mayor** McGee mention the city has quoted the owner a cleanup price. This property should be torn down soon.

F. **Privett- 5th Street Apartments- Ms.** Privett was present along with some others that are helping her take care of the apartments. They explained to the council they have done an inspection of all the work that needs to be fixed. Pat Howell mentioned the trash issue. Ms. Privett mentioned she is hoping that is resolved. After some discussion the council gave the owner until March to get the apartments above standards. Efrem Jones made a motion to allow the owner to work on the property until March and report back to the council. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. **ORDINANCE 733 – “APPROVE 2018 OPERATING BUDGET”** - Efrem Jones made the motion to put Ordinance No. 733 on the floor. Koy Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance No. 733 in its entirety. Janie Dening made the motion to accept the 1st reading of Ordinance No. 733. Efrem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) aye hand votes. Efrem Jones made the motion to suspend the rules- 2nd reading- title only. Janie Dening seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) aye voice votes. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance No. 733- title only- 2nd reading. Janie Dening made the motion to accept the 2nd reading-title only- of Ordinance No. 733. Koy Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) aye hand votes. Efrem Jones made the motion to suspend the rules-3rd reading-title only. Janie Dening seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) aye voice votes. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance No. 733- title only – 3rd reading. Janie Dening made the motion to accept the 3rd reading- title only Ordinance No. 733. Koy Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) aye hand votes. Janie Dening made a motion to accept the emergency clause. Michael Florence seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **ORDINANCE 734 – “AMEND 2017 BUDGET- FINAL”** - Efrem Jones made the motion to put Ordinance No. 734 on the floor. Janie Dening seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance No. 734 in its entirety. Janie Dening made the motion to accept the 1st reading of Ordinance No. 734. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) aye hand votes. Efrem Jones made the motion to suspend the rules- 2nd reading- title only. Janie Dening seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) aye voice votes. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance No. 734- title only- 2nd reading. Janie Dening made the motion to accept the 2nd reading-title only- of Ordinance No. 734. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) aye hand votes. Efrem Jones made the motion to suspend the rules-3rd reading-title only. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) aye voice votes. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance No. 734- title only – 3rd reading. Janie Dening made the motion to accept the 3rd reading- title only Ordinance No. 734. Koy Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried with (7) aye hand votes. Efrem Jones made a motion to accept the emergency clause. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. **COMPUTER EQUIPMENT**- Mayor McGee had a quote from Network Services Group from North Little Rock, AR for a new computer program. The cost is \$3,878.08. Michael Florence made a motion to purchase it. Janie Dering seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: Janie Dering made the motion to adjourn. Pat Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Wayne McGee

Attest:

City Clerk