

CITY OF LONOKE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
July 16, 2018

The Lonoke City Council held a special council meeting in the administration room of City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 16, 2018. Mayor Wayne McGee called the meeting to order with the invocation given by Efrem Jones. Mayor McGee asked Deputy City Clerk, Regina Ibbotson to call the roll. Deputy Clerk Ibbotson called the roll and declared a quorum with six council members present.

Mayor	Wayne McGee
City Clerk	Jeribeth Edwards (absent)
Treasurer	Phillip Howell (absent)
Deputy Clerk	Regina Ibbotson
Council Members	Efrem Jones, Janie Darning, Raymond Hatton, Pat Howell, Woody Evans, Michael Florence(absent), Koy Butler(absent), and Wendell Walker
City Attorney	Ginger Stuart
Police Chief	Randy Mauk (absent)
W/S/S Supt.	Jim Kelley, Jim Ed Ransom
C.C. Director	Mike Brown (absent)
Fire Dept.	Justin Whittenburg (absent)
Parks Director	Roy Don Lewis (absent)
News Media	No media present
Visitors	Jerome Alford and Jack Bond of Bond Engineering Consultants

- A. **ORDINANCE 738 – “AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE THE BIDDING FOR REPAIR AND CLEANING OF THE SEWER SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF LONOKE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”** – Efrem Jones made the motion to put Ordinance 738 on the floor. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried. City Attorney Ginger Stuart read the ordinance in its entirety. Janie Darning made the motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 738. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 aye hand votes. Pat Howell made the motion to suspend the rules-second reading, with title only of Ordinance 738. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 aye voice votes. Attorney Stuart read title only of Ordinance 738, second reading. Janie Darning made the motion to accept the second reading-title only of Ordinance 738. Efrem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 aye hand votes. Pat Howell made the motion to suspend the rules-third reading, with title only of Ordinance 738. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 aye voice votes. Attorney Stuart read title only of Ordinance 738, third reading. . Janie Darning made the motion to accept the third reading-title only of Ordinance 738. Efrem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 aye hand votes. Janie Darning made the motion to adopt Ordinance 738. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 aye hand votes. Efrem Jones

made the motion to adopt the emergency clause. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- B. **ORDINANCE 739 – “AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN EXTRICATION SYSTEM FOR THE LONOKE FIRE DEPARTMENT; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”** – Raymond Hatton made the motion to put Ordinance 739 on the floor. Pat Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried. City Attorney Ginger Stuart read the ordinance in its entirety. Janie Darning made the motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 739. Pat Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 aye hand votes. Pat Howell made the motion to suspend the rules-second reading, with title only of Ordinance 739. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 aye voice votes. Attorney Stuart read title only of Ordinance 739, second reading. Janie Darning made the motion to accept the second reading-title only of Ordinance 739. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 aye hand votes. Pat Howell made the motion to suspend the rules-third reading, with title only of Ordinance 739. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 aye voice votes. Attorney Stuart read title only of Ordinance 739, third reading. Janie Darning made the motion to accept the third reading-title only of Ordinance 739. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 aye hand votes. Janie Darning made the motion to adopt Ordinance 739. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 aye hand votes. Janie Darning made the motion to adopt the emergency clause. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- C. **APPROVE BIDS FOR SEWER IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE I** – Jack Bond and Jerome Alford were present to answer any questions that may arise from the presentation of these bid sheets. The certified bid tab was presented to the city council. This portion of the sewer improvements covers the area including Privett Park, Fairview, Chestnut, Oakdale, Stanton, Vasser and Brown. The bids for Schedule B, which consists of pipe bursting only, were submitted by Heller Company for \$158,200.00, KJ Parker Construction Co for \$229,150.00 and J&R Contractors, Inc., for \$251,300.00. The motion was made by Janie Darning to go with the low bid, Heller Company for \$158,200.00. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried. The bids for Schedule A, which consists of all the other sewer improvements in that same area, were submitted by Kraus Construction for \$1,485,180.00, Diamond Construction Co. for \$1,534,895.00, Redstone Construction Co. for \$1,561,373.00, KJ Parker Construction Co. for \$1,598,647.50 and J&R Contractors, Inc., for \$2,346,900.00. The motion was made by Raymond Hatton to go with the low bid submitted by Kraus Construction Co. for \$1,485,180.00. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- D. **APPROVE BIDS FOR NEW WATER METERING SYSTEM** - Six vendors submitted proposals to the city for the new automated water metering system. Of the six, only two met all of the requested requirements. The two considered were Sensus meters, submitted by Core & Main of North Little Rock (\$744,133.90 plus taxes) and Badger meters, submitted by Henard Utility of Searcy (\$727,751.00 plus taxes). Over the past 12 months, the city has been testing the Badger cellular meters within our system and has found several inconsistencies with this product. These inconsistencies, along with conversations with other water departments already using the Sensus meters, led to the decision to recommend the Sensus proposal. (Sensus meters use

radio read via a radio tower with a private frequency.) Woody Evans made the motion to go with the Sensus proposal. Pat Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried. Pat Howell made the motion to purchase the extended base station warranty, which covers everything except an “act of God”, at \$1500 per year. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: Janie Dering made the motion to adjourn. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Wayne McGee

Attest:

Clerk