

**CITY OF LONOKE**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**JUNE 11, 2018**

The Lonoke City Council held a city council meeting in the administration room of City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 11, 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 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, Russel Ivy, Linda Privett, Lisa Privett, Hannah Harris, Dana Glover, Jim Bailey, Suzette Elmore, Lisa Privett, Alex Rogers, Kelly Hinkson, and Ryan Biles

**MINUTES:**

Mayor Wayne McGee asked for acceptance of the minutes and the minutes as recorded. Woody Evans made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. **Teresa Smith, District Court Software- Contexte**-Judge Teresa Smith from Lonoke District Court. She came to the council to discuss and explain the new changes that she is implementing a new software called Contexte. She explained that the internet based software system has many advantages. She said that this software will help her do her job better by tracking defendants. She will be able to look up a certain defendant as they are in court. The other advantage is there is no cost, but it explains in the service agreement that if the city of Lonoke backs out of the software program, the city will owe

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\$77,000. She provided a service agreement to each council member along with Ginger Stuart. Mayor McGee asked how long the training will take to be complete. Mr. Hinkson was present representing Contexte. He explained the training would be in stages and the earliest it would be is December 2018. Right now she spends nearly \$800.00 per month on a case management system. That money comes from "Court Automation". She would be able to use those funds for computer upgrades. Woody Evans made a motion to approve Judge Teresa Smith to sign the agreement. Janie Darning seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Randy Mauk was present and gave report. He mentioned that \$10,800.00 has been billed to immigration and probation and parole. Mr. Mauk asked the council to retire K-9 Max. He is on his 7<sup>th</sup> year and is having hip and joint problems. He currently resides with Sgt. Carter at his home which is the only place to house him. Mr. Mauk explained that the department will be getting a new K-9 soon, but until then the county had K-9's available for use. Pat Howell made a motion to retire Max with Sgt. Carter. Efrem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PARKS/MOSQUITO:** Mr. Roy Don Lewis was present and gave report. He explained the town will be flown soon for mosquitos. The merry-go-round at the Waggoner Park has been taken down and the ground has been covered with mulch. Mr. Lewis mentioned that he is trying to get some prices for a new one and some bicycle racks for the walking trail. There will be several tournaments at the ballpark in June and July.

**COMMUNITY CENTER:** Mr. Mike Brown was present and gave report. Activities that are going on are Basketball camp, swimming lessons, and boot camps. He explained that wresting will start before school starts.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Justin Whittenburg was present however he got a fire call and had to leave. Mayor McGee gave report.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

**WATER/WASTEWATER:** Jim Kelley was present and gave report. Mr. Kelley mentioned the weir was installed and works well.

**-Wastewater plant-** Mr. Kelley provided the council with two quotes to work on the waste water plant. The first quote was from Nickleson Electric & Cable Benton, AR. for \$5,704.32. The other quote was from Calibration & Control, Inc. Benton, AR. for \$5,952.50. Pat Howell made a motion to approve Calibration & Control for up to \$7,100.00 for taxes and freight and any extra problems that may come up.

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**-Addition of office space at City Shop -** Mr. Kelley provided two quotes for the office. One quote was from Smith Construction Lonoke, Ar. for \$9,770.00. The second quote was from Cox Construction Group, Jacksonville, and Ar. for \$26,474.00. Michael Florence made a motion to use Smith Construction. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**-Removal and installation of air conditioner for new addition** Mr. Kelley had several quotes Danny Elmore Lonoke, Ar. quote for \$1,000.00, Harrel Service Company, Inc. NLR, Ar. for \$1,876.00 and Lonoke Service Co. Lonoke, Ar. for \$1,651.98. Woody Evans made a motion to use Danny Elmore. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Kelley mentioned wanting needing to replace his track hoe with a new one. He has \$55,000 budgeted for this item. He would like to put out for bids for a Yanmar track hoe. He expects it to cost about \$48,000. Pat Howell requested that he get trade in values on this brand before he puts it out for bid.

- Mr. Kelley asked if he could put out for bids for the generators needed at the water treatment plant, freshwater well and one of the lift stations. He will have to spec them all before he does the bid letting. Michael Florence made a motion to bid them out. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**STREET:** Jim Ed Ransom was present and gave report. He mentioned that he would like to purchase a dump truck. He gave two quotes for used dump trucks. The first is a 2013 Int., 155,000 miles, automatic for \$43,600.00 plus cost for pickup. The other quote was a 2012 Int. 174,000 miles, automatic for \$46,500.00. He mentioned both have brand new beds and hydraulic system. Pat Howell mentioned he doesn't like the mileage on either one of the trucks. Michael Florence mentioned he would like to spend a little more money to get a truck with less miles. It was decided for Mr. Ransom to look at more options. Mr. Ransom mentioned that he needs to increase the price quoted for the culverts for the walking trail. He mentioned that a few months ago the council approved for these to be purchased. The cost went up \$5,000.00 Michael Florence made a motion to add the \$5,000.00 to the price for the culvers. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried. Wendell Walker mentioned adding a bridge to the walking trail.

**PLANNING COMMISION- Mayor** McGee asked for approve Shane Eoff for the Planning Commission. Michael Florence made a motion to approve Shane Eoff. Pat Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. CONDEMNED PROPERTIES:**

Roberts- Resolution to "Condemn Property at 214 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street- This item was previously tabled until August but it was noted that the grass on this property is chest high in places. Owners will be notified to remedy this situation immediately.

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**B. WATCH LIST:**

1. **Mallard Point Golf:** It was mentioned that Jerry Anderson has taken over care of this property. He is managing and making sure all is mowed. Janie Dering made a motion to give until next meeting. Efrem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Privett- 5<sup>th</sup> street apartments-** Pat Howell made a motion to take the apartments off the list. Janie Dering seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**C. New Properties to Consider for Condemnation**

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

- D. Burned Houses-**Jim Ed Ransom asked the council to allow the city to push down and load the remains of these burned houses, if the homeowners would supply dumpsters. Woody Evans made a motion to allow the city to remove the houses as long as the homeowners supplied the dumpsters. Janie Dering seconded the motion. Motion carried. S. Center, England St., Hicks St., Lincoln St.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Ordinance 736- “ Selling and Discharge of Fireworks within the City Limits”-**Efrem Jones made a motion to put Ord. #736 on the floor. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance No. 736 in its entirety. Efrem Jones made the motion to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance No. 736. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried with (8) aye hand votes. Pat Howell made the motion to suspend the rules- 2<sup>nd</sup> reading- title only. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried with (8) aye voice votes. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance No. 736- title only- 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Woody Evans made the motion to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading-title only- of Ordinance No. 733. Efrem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried with (8) aye hand votes. Pat Howell made the motion to suspend the rules-3<sup>rd</sup> reading-title only.

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Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried with (8) aye voice votes. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance No. 736- title only – 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. Janie Darning made the motion to accept the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading- title only Ordinance No. 736. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried with (8) aye hand votes. Michael Florence made a motion to accept the emergency clause. Efreem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**2. New Properties for Possible Condemnation-**

**a. 202 Adams Street-** Janie Darning made a motion to put property on the list. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**b. 520 W. Academy-** Janie Darning made a motion to put property on the list. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**3. Thrive Information-** Thrive sent an email with all the graphics that the council needed to approve. Stationary, Pen, T-shirt, Print Ads, Facebook ads, Name Tags, etc. Woody Evans made a motion to approve the designs. Janie Darning seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**4. 2016 Legislative Audit Report** – Treasurer Howell noted that the final report from Legislative Audit for the 2016 fiscal year end was approved by the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee. He noted that this audit had no reportable findings and that everything was in substantial compliance.

**5. Depot Windows** - Hannah Harris was present and asked if the windows at the depot could be cleaned. Woody Evans made a motion for the windows to be cleaned. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried. She also invited the council to come to the First Responder’s Appreciation luncheon at 12pn on Thursday, June 14 at the Depot.

**6. Golf Course** -Mayor McGee mentioned that Mr. Lucas was offering to give the city the front nine holes of the golf course, the clubhouse and some property by the interstate in exchange for a pump station which will cost around \$800,000.00. Michael Florence explained that the lawyers would be involved. Michael Florence mentioned he thought it would be good for the city. Pat Howell mentioned he is hesitant on making a deal like this. Koy Butler mentioned there is a lot to consider in the situation. After some discussion the council decided to look into the matter.

**PAY THE BILLS:** Pat Howell made a motion to pay bills. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**BILLS ALREADY PAID IN JUNE 2018**

City General	\$68,308.05
Water	\$32,472.68
Street	\$11,034.22
Community Center	\$14,407.19
Retail One Cent	\$3,300.74
IDC One Cent	\$150.00

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**BILLS TO BE PAID IN JULY 2018**

General Fund	\$32,322.17
Water O&M	\$160,173.80
Street	\$6,617.17
Community Center	\$5,547.44
Criminal Justice	\$1,001.76
Court Automation	\$773.50

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

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**Mayor Wayne McGee**

**Attest:**

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**City Clerk**