

**CITY OF LONOKE**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**MAY 14, 2018**

The Lonoke City Council held a city council meeting in the administration room of City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 14, 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 (absent)
Parks Director	Roy Don Lewis
News Media	Allison Goodman, the Lonoke Democrat Jeffery Smith, The Leader
Visitors	Trae Reed, Lynanne Ivy, Russell Ivy, Ron Nichols, Lisa Privett, Hannah Harris, Shane Whitehurst, Bonnie Moody, Jim Bailey and Danny Whitehurst, Patrick Matarazzo, Brook Knox, Gene Eagle and Cindy Reaves

**MINUTES:**

Mayor Wayne McGee asked for acceptance of the minutes as recorded. Woody Evans and Janie Darning made the motion to accept the minutes after an alteration was complete regarding the Davis property on 502 Barnes Street. The previous minutes say that Woody Evans made the motion and seconded the motion to remove the property from the watch list. They will be altered to say Janie Darning seconded the motion.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**1. Building Bridges-** Wayne McGee mentioned that he along with the city of Lonoke support the program. Building Bridges is formerly known as Lonoke Exceptional School. Janie Sexton was present and explained that the Dept. of Human Services is threatening to cut the funding through Medicaid. She had asked the mayor to write a letter on Building Bridges behalf just for a precaution.

She is hoping that the legislatures will read this letter and the governor will stop any risk. Mayor McGee mentioned he hopes that this will be resolved.

- 2. FIREWORKS** - Patrick Matarazzo was present and asked to be able to sell fireworks within the city limits from 9am-11pm on July 1, 2, 3, 4. Ginger Stuart mentioned that the Ordinance # 577 says that it is only allowed until 10PM in the city limits. Mr. Matarazzo asked for the extra day. Woody Evans made a motion to amend the ordinance to buy and discharge on July 1<sup>st</sup> o and to keep the time from 10a-10p. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PARKS/MOSQUITO:** Mr. Roy Don Lewis was present and gave report. He mentioned that the ballpark has several field lights that aren't working. He would like to hire an electrician, Ron Nichols, to repair all the lights and to rent a lift from Hums Hardware to get all the lights up. The total cost is \$3,600.00. Wendell Walker made a motion to fix the lights. Efrem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**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 asked to paint the pool deck with a non-slip paint to get rid of the plastic mats they have now. He had a quote from Recreation Supply Company, Bismarck, ND. for \$1,721.22. Efrem Jones made a motion to get the pool deck painted. Pat Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Justin Whittenburg was absent. Brook Knox was present to give report. Mr. Knox mentioned that there was some breathing equipment that needed to be serviced and repairs made. Some of the work has already been started by Emergency Vehicle Specialists and the other company that will do the remainder of the work is Metropolitan Fire. Mr. Knox supplied the council with all the invoices that he had to date. He does feel that the Fire Department would need close to \$5,250.00. Koy Butler made a motion to spend up to \$5,250.00. Michael Florence seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

**Water:** Jim Kelley was present and gave report. Mr. Kelley mentioned that the frames for the aerator were installed and are complete. Mr. Kelley mentioned that he would like to start the manhole repair project. He would like to get \$15,000.00 more approved to continue. Pat Howell made a motion to approve \$15,000.00 for the manhole repair and L&R Sewer will complete the work. Efrem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Kelley mentioned that the sewer camera has stopped working. It has been repaired several times. Mr. Kelley had a quote from Improved Construction Methods for \$9,337.25. Koy Butler made a motion to purchase the 400ft camera system. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Street:** Jim Ed Ransom was present and gave report. He mentioned that there has creating some drainage flumes (dips) to help water drain better in Privett Park Subdivision. The cost to complete the drainage work is \$5,500.00. Pat Howell made a motion to complete the work. Efrem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Ransom mentioned that he has called several companies to restripe all

the parking spaces for the city. Anderson Striping gave him a quote for \$1,200.00. Pat Howell made motion to get the striping done. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Ransom mentioned he needed approval on the pipes to go in the ditch along the walking trail. Michael Florence made a motion to get spend up to \$14,000 on the pipes. Koy Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Randy Mauk was present and gave report. He mentioned that \$9,900.00 has been billed to immigration and probation and parole. Mr. Mauk mentioned that an officer left the department for another job. He has hired a replacement, Johnathan Love started last week. Mr. Mauk mentioned that he had to resubmit the bid on the Cummins Generator to add the taxes and to add the cover. The difference is an additional \$3,722.17. That brings the total cost for the generator to \$20,039.17. Woody Evans made a motion to pay the difference. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Mauk had a quote for the installation of the generator from Kyle Electric for \$11,375.00, Nease Electrical for \$13,500.00, and Whitehurst Brothers Electric for \$10,500.00. Michael Florence made a motion use the estimate from Whitehurst Brothers for \$10,500.00. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Mauk also asked to get new radios for the department. He has a quote from MJ Communication for 2 new AWIN radios for \$4,629.95. Efrem Jones made a motion to purchase 2 radios. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Mauk also had a quote on 2 tazers with Holsters and 5 cartridges. The total is \$3,434.34. Raymond Hatton made a motion to purchase the tazers. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried. He also mentioned that the deptment has a White 2013 Dodge Charger out of service right now. The cam shaft needs to be replaced and it is in the shop. The car is still under warranty.

**BUDGET AND FINANCE-** Phillip Howell was present and gave report. He reviewed the numbers for the first quarter and made the council aware that the sales tax report will look funny this year. The first few months of revenue received will only reflect a 1-1/2 cent sales tax. Beginning in April, the rate increased to 3 cents but proceeds will not be received on the additional 3 cents until June. The additional 1-1/2 cents will go to the Simmons Bank, the bond trustee, so they can check to make sure that we are meeting the bond requirements before they forward us our portion of the Police and Fire 1/4 cent. The remainder is held by them to make our bond payments.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **A. CONDEMNED PROPERTIES:**

1. **Resolution to "Condemn Property at 214 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street- Roberts:** Woody Evans made a motion to give this property until August meeting. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Resolution 9-1-2017 to "Condemn Property at 509 Reynolds"- Wendell** Efrem Jones made a motion to remove this property. Wendell Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**B. WATCH LIST:**

1. **Mallard Point Golf:** It was mentioned that Jerry Adams has took over this property. He is managing and making sure all is mowed. Janie Dering made a motion to give until next meeting. Efreem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Privett- 5<sup>th</sup> street apartments-** Pat Howell mentioned the apartments look great. Pat Howell made a motion to see how they are doing in the July meeting. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

1. **BROWN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST- 319 BROWN:**
2. **COLE - 217 HARRISON** – Raymond Hatton made a motion to table until July Meeting. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **CANNON - 208 HARRISON:** Koy Butler made a motion to have Ginger Stuart send the owner a letter to be at the July meeting to see if the city can help with removal. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **MARSHALL - 218 HARRISON:** Koy Butler made a motion to have Ginger Stuart send the owner a letter to be at the July meeting to see if the city can help with removal. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **SPRING- 317 HARRISON ENGLAND** – Raymond Hatton made a motion to table until July Meeting. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **CUMMINGS - 221 VASSER LANE-** – Raymond Hatton made a motion to table until July Meeting. Woody Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. **GENTRY - 719 S. CENTER-** Koy Butler made a motion to table until July Meeting. The City plans to tear down the house as long as the property owner will clean out. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.
8. **BELLO - 319 REYNOLDS STREET-** Koy Butler made a motion to table until July Meeting. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Carolyn McCrary ROW request-** Ms. Carolyn McCrary wants a private right away on N. Front Street. This property plans to be parking for the walking trail. Mayor McGee wasn't sure of the width of the amount. After some discussion, the council decided that it would interfere with the walking trail project. Woody Evans made a motion to deny the right away. Pat Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Additional Properties Discussion** (Burned) - There was a discussion about several properties within the city that have recently burned and haven't been taken care of yet. The houses are located on S. Center, England St, Hicks St, and Lincoln St. All of the property owners have been mailed letters and most have responded. The Mayor requested permission to remove debris from the properties located on S. Center and England once the dumpsters are delivered. Raymond Hatton made the motion. Woody Evans seconded. Motion carried.

3. **Quotes/Bids** – Woody Evans noted that he would prefer that any prices submitted for work within the city have at least two quotes. If two quotes are requested and not received, then the department head should at least inform the council who did not respond to their request.

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

**BILLS ALREADY PAID IN APR 2018**

City General	\$55,405.70
Water	\$28,937.41
Street	\$12,419.08
Community Center	\$15,684.58
Retail One Cent	\$4,179.50
Criminal Justice	\$2,306.81
2003 Revenue Bond	\$10,297.50
Street 1 Cent	\$405,000.00
Water/Sewer	\$53,549.65
IDC One Cent	\$960.00

**BILLS TO BE PAID IN APRIL 2018**

General Fund	\$23,612.16
Water O&M	\$13,774.89
Street	\$6,746.31
Community Center	\$12,040.46
Criminal Justice	\$358.06
Court Automation	\$773.50
Retail One Cent	\$1,950.00

**ADJOURN:** Woody Evans made a motion to adjourn. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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**Mayor Wayne McGee**

**Attest:**

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**City Clerk**