

Meeting of the January 17, 2023

Members present: Jim King, Steven Craig, Joe Maxwell, Mike Matos and LaCosta Beene and James Firestone was absent.

Meeting Prayer: Lead by Jim King

Pledge of Allegiance by all.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Preston Scroggin.

Established of quorum.

Approval December 20, 2022 Minutes: Motion of approval made by Councilman Joe Maxwell, seconded by Jim King, no discussion motion passed.

Approval of December 2022 Financial Statements: Motion of approval by Councilman Jim King, seconded by Joe Maxwell, no discussion, motion passed.

Announcements:

Chamber of Commerce-Banquet scheduled for March 4, 2023 at Friendship Baptist Church a presentation for the goals was presented by Tanya Hendrix

A presentation was given by Steven Craig for the Heart Saver awards to the members of the Vilonia Fire Dept. They are as follows: Shawn Sullivan, Stan Jones, Keith Hillman and Kevin Wooley. The individual whom they saved was in the audience along with her family. A lunch was provided the week before by El Rancho for the firefighters for their good work.

LaCosta Beene presented cards and cookies to the Police Department for their work in our community.

Reports of Boards and Committees:

Emergency Management, planning commission, Fire Department: Keith Hillman provided a report to all council members for the year end of runs by type and month for the year 2022. Keith also spoke to the council about purchasing another ladder truck for the station and moving the old one to the station #2. A motion to begin the search for a new ladder truck was made by Joe Maxwell and seconded by LaCosta Beene, no discussion, motion passed. A new AED was placed in city hall and everyone knows where it is placed in case of a need.

There will be a planning commission meeting for a site plan for the go kart track.

Keith also presented a report to all council member of the 2022 building permits.

Police Department: Chief McNew reported the department has one open position they are advertising for. Chief McNew gave a breakdown of the number of incidents for the year 2022; 1119 incidents and 90 accidents this was up slightly from 2021. Chief McNew asked to go ahead and order the new car for the

year since the last one took a year to arrive. The cost would be \$46,815 for the car and \$15,000 to equip it. A motion was made by Joe Maxwell and seconded by Jim King, no discussion, motion passed.

Parks and Recreation: Work is being done on new parking lot across the street from the soccer fields. The fishing pond is getting full and has been contracted to be stocked by the Arkansas Game and Fish.

Chamber of Commerce: A presentation was given by the new Chamber president Tanya Hendrix, she provided a handout to the council members and discussed the year's upcoming events.

Sewer Department: Joe Maxwell gave the sewer report and informed the council that the Mayor and sewer committee had put a notice on the construction company for a more timely completion of the project. Joe Maxwell also discussed the need for the UV light system for the sewer department, the cost is \$400,000.00 the bid would be awarded to WW Collection Maintenance project. Joe Maxwell made a motion to approve its purchase, Jim King seconded the motion, no discussion, motion passed.

Parks and Rec.: The mayor informed the council that Logan would stay on part-time and Luke Gordon and Terry Shannon would assist in helping Logan.

The mayor also reported that the state went ahead and gave permission to proceed with the construction project on the South Church Street. The city received another \$350,000.00 from the state for the South Church Street project.

Old Business: None

New Business: The mayor presented to the council the following appointments:

Planning Commission: Tyler Wofford, Jonathan Pyron and Brady Zweifel;
A motion was made to approve all of the appointments by Joe Maxwell and seconded by LaCosta Beene, no discussion, motion passed.

Sewer Committee: Tony Fowlkes, Cindy Sellers-Roach; A motion was made to approve all of the appointments by Joe Maxwell and seconded by LaCosta Beene, no discussion, motion passed.

Fire Chief: Keith Hillman

Police Chief: Brad McNew

City Attorney: Danny Rasmussen

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Attorney Tyler Henderson representing Stormi Reynolds in her appeal to the city council to overturn the planning commission's decision on her home being rented to 4 elder people. Mr. Henderson reviewed the information with the council and what exactly is being done at the residence and how it would be run. Much discussion was held on the matter and the real estate agent also spoke to the council about other individuals doing the same thing (aka. Renting out the homes but being owned by an LLC or

company). A motion was made to disapprove of the planning commission's denial by Jim King and Mike Matos, a voice vote was called by the mayor and 2 no's Steven Craig and LaCosta Beene and 3 Yes- Mike Matos, Joe Maxell and Jim King.

The meeting to adjourn was made by Joe Maxwell and seconded by Jim King. The meeting was adjourned.

Date: 2/21/2023

Mayor: [Signature]

Recorder: Sheryl Clemente