WORKSHOP

CITY OF VERNON

FEBRUARY 5, 2018

7:00 pm

The meeting was called to order by Mayor, Tina Sloan. Council members present Gwen March, Joey Brock, and Kalan Miller. Attorney Michelle Jordan, City Clerk Tracy Walker, and Deputy Clerk Christina Barnett were also present. President Gary Owens, Council Member Shawn Sanders, and Public Works Director Ronald Wood were not present.

INVOCATION by Tina Sloan

PLEDGE given by all

Public hearing: first reading of Ordinance 18-219 by Michelle Jordan.

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Discussion held on the new sex offenders ordinance, the first reading will be held on 2/20/18.

Discussion held regarding July 4th Celebration – what is in the budget for this year? Clerk will follow up with mayor.

Online payments – quote provided from RVS. Mr. Paul Goulding offered his services for this through the website.

Master Meters – electronic meters Wausau has these meters, got them through a loan with the USDA would save time, money, and man hours. City Clerk will contact them for a meeting

Travis Hall internet proposal – waiting on hold harmless agreement he is willing to offer up to 3 times the download as well as upload speeds and access to his camera system; Michelle Jordan to work up a tower base agreement

Jimmy Cook – backflows; DEP requirement, he plans to charge the same rates as last year, $40.00/meter this may increase next year

Sprayfield – needs to be spray chemicals to regulate nitrates, would like the City to pay for the chemicals. Tina inquired about Jimmy’s pay for sprayfield being separate from WWTP, yes. She was unaware that he had animals on the sprayfield as they were not allowed there in the past. Joey questioned the liability of having animals out there, the City is fully liable for any damage caused by animals, per Michelle Jordan. Jimmy stated that the City would not be liable to him for loss of animals; he thinks there was a verbal agreement for him to have the animals out there. Joey requested copies of the contract for all Council Members. Tina questioned why the City is paying anyone to keep up the sprayfield when before it was done for the hay; it just wasn’t being kept properly. This property consists of 40 acres, 28 of which is the sprayfield. Jimmy stated that he is trying to expand his herd. DEP teleconference 2/6/18

Response to the Florida Legislature JLAC letter regarding 2014-2015 audit deficiencies – more training for City and Deputy Clerks, the mayor stepping in and reviewing records, the Council taking more formal actions when budget amendments are made. Micelle Jordan to work on resolutions.

FEMA update – waiting on camera results

Rhonda Dickinson gave an update on Johnny’s health status.

REC REPORT: Brook Warriner has resigned as Rec President, he will stay on board as a member, Timothy Garner has stepped up as President, with Brent Gibson as Vice President for the time being – he would like to have a full board so that he can concentrate on his responsibilities as Rec Director. He inquired again about having employee registration fees reduced or waived which was met with resistance from the board; Ms. Rhonda Dickinson said that would be a great perks for the employees. Brent and Joey are to look for sponsorships for children’s registration fees to possibly reduce the fee to $25.00 across the board; the county funds of $3950.00 can help reach that goal. Registrations are slow right now – looking to cut off all registrations on 2/17/18. Tina stated that Rec is a community service, we cannot look for a profit; the City needs to take a step back and let the Rec Director take charge of it and see where it goes. Brent went on to say that one of his goals for this year is to hold tournaments, therefore, we can charge a gate fee and possibly make some profit. Buffalo Rock contract (5 year) might not be the best/cheapest way to go for the city; he is checking on the price of scoreboards. Registration banners have been ordered.

F/D REPORT: the forestry grant (new radios) has been applied for, waiting on response

P/R REPORT: our new domain [WWW.VERNONFLORIDA.NET](http://WWW.VERNONFLORIDA.NET) is up and running and he is looking for input from the City

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Walker, City Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Gary Owens, President.

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