

WORKSHOP

CITY OF VERNON

January 7, 2019

6:30

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: GARY OWENS, GWEN MARCH, JOEY BROCK, CITY CLERK: TRACY WALKER, DEPUTY CLERK: CHRISTINA BARNETT, REC DIRECTOR: BRENT GIBSON, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: RONALD WOOD, PLANT OPERATOR: JIMMY COOK, FIRE CHIEF: MIKE OWENS

INVOCATION – given by Gary Owens

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – by all

1. Employee evaluations – Christina Barnett and Brent Gibson; Christina reviewed her evaluation with the council; council will do Brent’s evaluation and turn it back in.
2. Employee Handbook update – after brief discussion, this will be placed on the agenda for the 1/22/19 meeting.
3. Tap-In/Impact and other fees increases – City Clerk will contact the City of Chipley and request their rates before a determination is made; some Cities are charging customers for broken locks – City Clerk will work with Michelle Jordan on an ordinance.
4. ADA compliant website-Michelle Jordan has a conference call coming up and will investigate further, Paul Goulding will also do research.
5. Long Term Recovery Planning Meeting WCBCC January 8th 10:00 Tracy Walker and Gwen March will attend.
6. Mike Owens stated it has been quiet.
7. Ronald Wood stated the truck (Dodge) is back in the shop being diagnosed, we need a new pump with screen at the plant that pumps to the spray field; the belt press is

working again, tests have not been performed on the waste yet; Jimmy stated that once the test results comes back, we will be good to accept septage waste again, the meter is not working so they have to test manually as needed. We are still having overflow issues on Dawkins; hopefully the pump will help, we still need to add a line from the Spoolmill Lift Station directly to the Plant. Florida Rural Water will be coming back for more smoke tests, but they are behind from the storm right now.

8. Joey Brock mentioned that the ditch on Church Street in front of the beauty salon needs to be cleaned out, and the hole needs to be filled in with crush and run or concrete.
9. Michelle Jordan inquired about the elections.
10. Jimmy Cook will be testing backflows shortly, herbicide is also due again, also allowing cows on the spray field these will be added to the agenda for the 1/22/19 meeting.
11. Tracy Walker-one of our businesses closed at the end of November and their water usage is nearly 64K gallons Joey Brock asked Ronald to check that meter and his as well. Our insurance denied a claim against the City because they were unable to find fault with the City.
12. Brent Gibson inquired about the FRDAP grant for the Sportsplex, and also the status of the Gym repairs.

With no further business to discuss, the Workshop was adjourned at 7:32 PM.