

CITY OF VERNON
APRIL 2, 2018
WORKSHOP
7:05 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor, Tina Sloan, Council Members, Gary Owens, Gwen March, Joey Brock, Attorney Michelle Jordan, City Clerk Tracy Walker and Public Works Director Ronald Wood Council Members Shawn Sanders, and Kalan Miller were not present.

1. Clerk 's report-Tracy Walker registered all council members for ethics training, I will be attending SRF Training on Thursday afternoon. DOT-Danny Roberts wants to move ahead with MOA, we will start receiving reimbursements in September so we will be in line with everyone else.
2. Attorney's report-Michelle Jordan advised that the City was successful in the re-employment appeal of the former clerk with DEO. FEMA inter-local was approved by the county attorney, the inter-locals for code enforcement and animal control is currently being reviewed by the county.
3. Mayor's report-Fire Dept. issues, she spoke with several members of the fire department, those members as well as members of the council are concerned about issues being taken to one individual council member and not being brought before the entire board for discussion, training not up-to-date, family members on fire dept. being treated differently. Mike addressed these concerns. Tina then questioned Mike if there was a movement within the officers to take anyone off of the roster that do not come to all calls or meetings – Mike stated the only members that might be removed are ones that do not show up to anything at all, they are placed on probation, if during that probationary period they still do not show up, they are asked to leave. Tina then asked Mike if Will was placed on 90-day probation when he was brought back as a firefighter. Mike replied Will is currently on probation. Tina expressed her concern regarding professional fire fighters always being available for calls. Tina and Joey expressed concern regarding the City being held liable for not being properly trained. They are currently working on the grounds at the fire department to bring in cars to continue training on the Jaws of Life; out of 14 members, 6 are certified, another 4 have training. The extraction equipment is old and out-of-date they are working on a grant to try to update the equipment. The former chief, Mr. Woodham suggested getting with the company that they purchased from and get training from them. Ms. Woodham offered her suggestions to receive cars for training. Tina inquired about having an officer only meeting that she could attend and speak with the officers. Everyone needs to be dressed out when on scene. 4th of July update – Tracy contacted Skylighters regarding fireworks, Mr. Paul Goulding is networking with us on entertainment, Bluegrass for this year if approved by council; he is also helping with sponsorship even though it is not a big election year. Can we move the meeting times up from 7 to 6-all approved to begin 4/16/18. Sex offender ordinance – e-mails opposing the ordinance are not local; all locals have been in favor. This is a good ordinance for rental property owners under HUD; this is a good, strong ordinance.
4. Recreation Report-Timothy Garner asked about status update of ad for bids, Gary stated it was ready for advertisement, we need a date to close – 30 days out. 2 bleachers have been destroyed and need to be replaced – Gary asked Tracy to get with Brent for quotes and put on next agenda; Tina suggested that we no longer move the bleachers as people tend to bring chairs for the 4th Extravaganza. The outfield of the softball field has been ruttup after moving bleachers and the stage. Opening day is Saturday at 8:30; have letters been sent to officials? Mr. Goulding will contact them on our behalf.
5. Public Works Report-Ronald Wood stated water/sewer project is going well, pump should be here Wednesday, insurance adjuster should also be here Wednesday; 3 check valves received and installed. Patching roads with milled asphalt – both sides of Church Street and Court which needs to be dragged again. Sewer plant looks good; DEP will be here for inspection 4/10/18.

6. Review FRWA Asset Management Plan - wastewater(first hearing to be held 4/16/18 @ 6pm) Mr. Paul Thompson spoke briefly about implanting the plans in order to capture maintenance is being performed.
7. Discussion of WWTP Operator's proposal(Jimmy to submit new proposal) after a short discussion regarding state mandated hours and a reduction in his rate, he expressed that he would be working more than the ½ hour per that the state requires it would be 1 to 1 ½ hours daily, 6 days per week. Bulldog will have to help with the sampling. The DEP inspection will be a sanitary survey; which is very in-depth.
8. Mr. and Mrs. Woodham are getting a lot of trash in their lines; they were asked to get a sample and get it to Jimmy Cook for testing.
9. Fire Department Report – since the last meeting they had several MVAs, assisted with a couple of Landing Zones, and 1 structure fire, they are selling Fire Department Support shirts.
10. Rene Roundtree requesting for the county acquiring the Sam Mitchell Library, but not a full council was here, add to 4-16-18 agenda.
11. Paul Gouling stated they have produced 3 commercials, things are going well.
12. SE Sound is still loud 3 times today, per Ms. Woodham, she can hear it at her house on Ferris Circle the other night, they were booming at 10:30 – she has called the Sheriff's Office numerous times and was told that nothing can be done without a noise ordinance. Gary stated that he contact the owner of the property, he then asked the citizens to write up their complaints and bring them to City Hall.
13. Joey Brock stated Pompey Street is getting worse, trucks are getting worse – in Destin, they had a similar issue and lowered the cable lines to 13 feet with the understanding that any truck that hit the lines would be liable for all damages; the City may have to incur a small fee for lowering the lines. There is a pothole right in front of my house and at the Post Office, I just don't see how a low riding car gets in, we need to contact the State (DOT) and get them to fix it. Mike added that we are missing a caution light; Jimmy stated it has been that way for about three months, Gary Owens asked Ronald to check on that.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Walker, City Clerk