

CITY OF VERNON, WORKSHOP

MAY 7, 2018, 6:00 PM

Present: Mayor, Tina Sloan, Council members, Gary Owens, Gwen March, Joey Brock, and Kalan Miller. Attorney Michelle Jordan, City Clerk Tracy Walker, and Deputy Clerk Christina Barnett, Public Works Director, Ronald Wood, and Fire Chief, Mike Owens. Council Member, Shawn Sanders was not present.

INVOCATION by Gary Owens

PLEDGE given by all

Lobbyist, Rosanna Catalano with Capitol Access, gave a brief presentation on legislature. Gary asked each council member to write down their concerns that Ms. Catalano may help with and bring them to the next council meeting.

Mr. Jim Town spoke briefly regarding the Water & Sewer Extension north of the creek/Hwy 79 Corridor Projects. They received \$2.8 million without match for the Hwy 79 Project. The extension project (156 acres) will be a joint project between Washington County and the City of Vernon; he is requesting a resolution for the 5/21/18 meeting stating this.

Mr. Jimmy Cook voiced his concerns over the declining quality of his water over the past two weeks; GCUC did not properly loop the water lines so all of the City's efforts have not alleviated the issue. Gary asked Ronald to get with the contractors for resolution; Jimmy then volunteered to make a phone call with council's approval as he cannot locate a "COC" for the tie-in to the City's system.

Laura Brewer requested approval for her Firecracker pageant; the council assured her this is a "standing order"

Resolution 2018-154 - Cross-Connection Control Program / will be added to 5/21/18 agenda

Council approved the change to run payroll on Friday instead of Wednesday

Johnny Wilson has requested to work 10-20 hours/week with his time beginning at 8:00 AM

Tina spoke with Michael Birge about pressure washing the city park; the quote is under the bid requirement; she also spoke with Waste Management about putting a dumpster down at the park

Mr. Chamberlin (snow cart) has added the city as an additional insured; he will be added to the 5/21/18 agenda

Gary stated he has looked into building 2 which only has asbestos caulking around the windows; we will get a price to have it demolished

1 set of bleachers has been fixed the other has been ordered

Diamond Maps program and smart phones for Public Works Dept. approved by council

R&B is wrapping up the W/S project; Pompey and Pincrest will be completely paved; before the next council meeting, Mittauer and Associates should have a better idea of the remaining funds for paving the other streets. Jon Weed tore down the old concession stand at the track. R&B will also be installing the lift station on Cook Circle; CDG has a surplus of \$18K in SRF funds, the clerk will e-mail Scott and Bobby the FRWA AMP for water and

wastewater and they will get with Ronald to disburse these funds. DOT will start work on Church and Court Streets in June or July. Gary and Tina would like to set up a meeting with Scott to go to Tallahassee and sit down with George Gainer and possibly Brad Drake re: FEMA funds.

Travis Hall Quote from Profession Satellites – City Hall has no security on the system, all computers need to be on a battery back-up, and off-site storage back-up is needed. He can set up security cameras (anywhere in the city) that City Hall can remotely monitor wirelessly-Gary asked for an estimate on this as well.

DEO sent us a bill for \$1375.00 to 2 weeks of unemployment I submitted a protest and am currently awaiting response

I asked the auditors about the \$100.00 security deposit that was not returned to the customer should be sent to the State as unclaimed property

Haddock property update – FGS is installing monitoring wells at the square; they will be here for 2 weeks

Rena Rountree called to inquire about water service for library; will we continue to absorb that cost or bill the county? Gary asked to add this to the 5/21/18 agenda

The Clerk will check with DOT and the County about directional signs along 79 for City Hall and Community Center

Clerk – received a call from a lady in Chipley that would like to offer free dance lessons to children 1 hour, 1 night per week this summer and would like to know about using the Community Center. After inquiring about rental for Zumba, the council asked that this also be added to the 5/21/18 agenda

Rhonda Dickinson asked about the garbage at the Mandi Lea Apartments; Mr. Saunders has already been called. After a brief discussion, Gary stated that he would give Mr. Saunders a courtesy call to give him the opportunity to clean it up or the city will dispose of the additional garbage and bill him.

At this point we do not have entertainment for the 7/4/18 celebration; Mr. Goulding will put a recruitment ad on social media. Joey expressed his appreciation to Mr. Goulding for being at the games.

Mike Owens they hosted another boot drive this weekend with a total of \$1569.00 in donations; they are planning to sell more t-shirts at the next couple of games.

Alan Byrd expressed his concerns about the water issue making citizens sick. He stated that they have to buy bottled water for the restaurant (about \$75.00/day); Gary asked Mr. Byrd to keep those receipts. Mr. Byrd wanted to know who designed this; the STATE. Jimmy Cook inquired about adjusting water bills to which Gary promptly agreed to.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Walker, City Clerk

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