

COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF VERNON  
JULY 16, 2018 6:00PM

Present: Mayor, Tina Sloan; Council members, Gary Owens, Gwen March, Joey Brock, and Kalan Miller; Attorney, Michelle Jordan; City Clerk, Tracy Walker; Deputy Clerk, Christina Barnett; Public Works Director, Ronald Wood; and Fire Chief, Mike Owens.

INVOCATION given by Tray Hawkins

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE given by all

CONSENT AGENDA MTA by Joey Brock, second by Gwen March, the motion passes with all in favor

- APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS
- APPROVE MINUTES
- APPROVE CHANGES IN DEPOSITS AND ADJUSTMENTS FOR JUNE
- APPROVE ADJUSTMENTS \$50.00 AND LESS

MAYOR'S REPORT July 4<sup>th</sup> went well, smaller turn out than last year; Abigail Church would be looking for donations and/or help with backpack give aways (back to school) – added to agenda; VFW is moving forward.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT Wayside Park – Vernon owns 200 x 200 parcel only which is not involved in the recent trespassing controversy; she needs additional information regarding the land exchange with Mr. Harris (not present at this time); she is requesting some direction from the council for a demand letter to Grimsley, Cavin for our 2016 audit – added to agenda

CLERK'S REPORT we have received some calls questioning smoking on City property to include vehicles/buildings, per Gary this is not allowed, also the process to become Fire Chief, the council explained that they appoint the chief after City elections, there is no application process they can request it and/or other firemen can; Ms. Rhonda Dickinson been trimming trees and bushes around the City and has asked about paying someone \$20.00 to cut the poison from the hedges at City Hall; we have not received money from the Fire Dept for the 7/4 donations/collections, per Mike Owens, we will have it tomorrow.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

RECREATION REPORT

PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT invoice from Aeor-Mod is on agenda, they have provided a new quote which is included in the packet; the plant is running well, Jimmy has not tested it yet.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: **Mr. Joe Taylor** spoke briefly about the ½ cent sales tax referendum to be used for technology and facilities, he provided an OPPAGA study. **Ms. Rhonda Dickinson** has been cleaning up the City including the square, the City Hall, and along the bridge; the Masonic Lodge has fallen on hard times and their water was disconnected last month, she is requesting the D/C and reconnect fees be reversed, Gary Owens stated that he would take care of it. DEP sent a letter to the Garden Club stating that their tests came back still contaminated so they will be doing more groundwater sampling before coming up with a remedial action plan, they also need information on 2 Vernon supply wells. **Mr. Jim Harris** provided the council with an invoice for the survey to his property, stated that he would like the use of the Community Center for the class of 1961 reunions, and also have access to the parking lot area for loading timber when he has trees cut – added to agenda. **Mr. Tray Hawkins** asked if the City would give the County permission to put up a fence along the City's southern property line at the Wayside Park – added to agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. PUBLIC HEARING – (Second Reading) Ordinance 18-220 – Revised City Charter – MTA by Joey Brock, second by Gwen March, roll vote passed with all in favor.
2. MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution 2018-146 – Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement – MTA by Joey Brock, second by Gwen March, motion passed with all in favor.

3. MOTION TO APPROVE contract with Waste Management – MTA by Joey Brock, second by Gwen March, after a brief discussion, motion passed with all in favor.
4. MOTION TO APPROVE adjustment to acct 203 for \$558.72 – MTA by Gwen March, second by Joey Brock, motion passed with all in favor.
5. MOTION TO APPROVE A/C repairs (air handler) to Sheriff’s Dept/hallway-estimate \$1000.00 – MTA by Joey Brock, motion passed with all in favor.
6. MOTION TO APPROVE naming Tracy Walker as the Master Administrator/Primary Contact for Intuit QuickBooks – MTA by Joey Brock, second by Gwen March, motion passed with all in favor.
7. MOTION TO APPROVE payment to Aero-mod \$6126.42 for travel/repairs to WWTP belt press – MTA by Joey Brock, second by Gwen March, motion passed with all in favor.
8. MOTION TO APPROVE adjustment to acct 1119 for \$73.89 – MTA by Gwen March, second by Joey Brock, motion passed with all in favor.
9. MOTION TO APPROVE \$500.00 donation to Abigail Church – MTA by Joey Brock, second by Gwen March, motion passed with all in favor.
10. MOTION TO APPROVE attorney demand letter to auditing firm – MTA by Gwen March, second by Joey Brock, motion passed with all in favor.
11. MOTION TO APPROVE paying \$500.00 survey fee and 5 uses of the Community Center for the class of 1961 – died for lack of motion, after a brief discussion the decision was made to discuss further at the next Workshop.
12. MOTION TO APPROVE giving the County permission to add fence on the City property up to easement at Wayside Park – MTA by Gwen March, second by Joey Brock, motion passed with all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn made by Gwen March, second by Joey Brock, with all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 6:36.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Walker, City Clerk

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