

CITY OF VERNON, WORKSHOP

August 6, 2018, 6:00 PM

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

INVOCATION by Gary Owens

PLEDGE given by all

Public Participation:

Mr. Scott Shaw expressed his concerns regarding sewage running into the creek, Jimmy Cook explained that there is so much inflow and infiltration (I&I) throughout the city due to the extreme rainfall that the system is overwhelmed.

Mr. Paul Goulding spoke briefly re-capping the services that The Goulding Agency is providing for the City of Vernon. He would like to come up with a slogan for the city – “**Why not Vernon**” themed celebration for the completion of the Hwy 79 Project to include engaging the schools. Per DOT, around 8,000 vehicles per day going past Moss Hill Road with only approximately 6,000 going north of the bridge.

Mr. Allen Byrd voiced his concerns over the continuing decline of quality in water; he suggested putting a camera in the lines to see if there are any issues. They are still buying water and changing filters, they had to shut down because of the problems. Gary asked that Bulldog flush that hydrant at least twice a week. Highway 79 looks so trashy because of DOT not cleaning up behind themselves. The water and sewer lines that have been put down due to the Hwy 79 widening project need to have camera work done.

Mr. Jim Harris was not present at this workshop; City Clerk called 3 title companies for quotes \$500-\$650 for title search, title insurance, and closing costs.

Inmate labor can be provided if we have a van for transportation, the class is available; we could get 6-7 inmates, Scott Shaw suggested no more than 3 inmates for 1 staff member; Ms. Gwen inquired about a used Tri-County van

Amendment 1 property tax cuts will only affect 12% of the population and will have a \$644 million dollar loss of revenue for the state also taking away Home Rule as the legislature is pushing this through the system with no say from the municipalities Resolution added to agenda for next week. Mrs. Rhonda Dickinson asked if the city could tell citizens how to vote; we explained that we cannot influence voters in that way, only encourage them to get the facts before they vote.

WCBCC 8/14/18 9:00 LMS meeting

Health insurance premiums dropped 2.8 percent – the question was raised about having the employees pay a portion of their premiums; will that help the City more than it hurts the employees, there is not a lot of incentive to work here

Employee handbook needs to be reviewed as this is just a draft

Meter read issues – Tina and Gary met and will speak with Ronald to try and cut them down

Quote for A/C Community Center \$8925 from P&P Heating and Cooling; must go out for bid

Per the State we have lost nearly \$23K because the 2016 audit was not completed by 6/30/18, this money cannot be recovered

DOT Church/Court Street paving schedule to begin 5/2019

DEP \$2000.00 invoice was waived FRWA worked on that for us

Dept of Health would like for the City to attend a meeting 8/15/18 at 9:00 NFCH

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Walker, City Clerk

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