

# City of Vernon

March 05, 2018

## Workshop

7:05 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Owens. Other Council members present Gwen March, Kalan Miller, and Joey Brock, Mayor Tina Sloan, Attorney Michelle Jordan, City Clerk Tracy Walker, Deputy Clerk Christina Barnett, Public Works Director Ronald Wood were also present. Council Member Shawn Sanders was not present.

John Weed: Discussion on where we stand with Pompey. The soil that is coming from Pompey Street is unsuitable. Christian Laboratory tested the soil. Optimum is 8.4% moisture or less to be used. The soil coming from Pompey has 14.9% moisture. Anything above 3% of optimum is not usable. We are 1100 feet from the intersection of Pompey and 79. I have gotten some quotes on dirt. \$8.00 to 9.50 a yard. Can we straight bill it to the city? Owens asked how much do we have left for mire dirt? City Clerk get that information for the next meeting. City Clerk will also request the Engineer be at the next meeting. Tray Hawkins asked how much more dirt will we need to complete the project. Weed stated that 5000 yards is what was needed to complete the project but 15 loads of dirt is needed just to complete Pompey Street. Hawkins stated that the pit is approximately 7 miles from Vernon, but they do not have a loader there all the time. You will have 6 loads by morning.

Discussion on borrowing 50k for FRDAP- Sportsplex/ Fred Fox taking back over the management of the grant: Fred Fox gets 10% of the grant. \$5000.00 for doing all the paperwork and grant writing. This item will be put on the Agenda for the next meeting. Contact Fred Fox and Regions to make sure we have everything in place or what we need to get this started.

Attorney Michelle Jordan: discussion on City Charter revisions/election: City needs to set a date for the Charter Referendum and set a qualifying period for elections. Set a date for all the ballots to be entered into the machine. See if we can coordinate with the General Elections for Elections in March or November. This will save the city some money. Approved the change for every other year (EOY) voting for candidates be moved to November. City Clerk will check with Carol Rudd to see if there will be any issues.

Robert Peterson-Review Quote- Empire Pipe & Supply Company- new meters: I have been here before. In 2001, 2014 and now 2018. I have updated the number of meters needed, revised the proposal. Vernon does have some Direct Read Meters that could just be updated by taking off the registry and putting on the Radio Read registry. You have the info in your packet for 10-year warranty with plus a 10-year prorated. The new meter will have leak detection, backflow detection, and data logging. With the

leak detection it will show a leak if the meter continuous movement for at least 3 hours in a 24-hour period, or you can run a test once a week and test the alarm to see if there are any leaks and to also make customers aware of leaks before they have an outrageous water bill. Backflow detection will let you know if there is a backflow happening on the line or if there is any tampering to the meter. The Data Logging holds 5 ½ months' worth of data with graphs and timestamps as well. Ronald Wood stated that we could retrofit the new meters to what we already have. There are grants out there that you could qualify for due to being more energy efficient, saving on water waste due to leaks, man power and payroll needed to read meters.

Update- Haddock property (field notification): They will be there around 10:00a.m. Tuesday March 6<sup>th</sup> until about noon on Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Review FRWA Asset Management Plan: Is this going to be an Ordinance or a Resolution? By doing this as a Resolution, it will be a step in the right direction to get a 3.2-million-dollar debt forgiven.

Hawkins letter from The Pittman Firm, P.A. is just a letter of demand.

Hawkins Complaint has been referred and pictures submitted.

Gary Owens: request that Scott from CDBG and Andrea come to the next meeting for FEMA Update. Gary Owens would like to take a trip to Tallahassee with Scott from CDBG and Tray Hawkins to see what can be done to get some answers from FEMA. Tray Hawkins stated that there is a Brownsville Grant that Vernon may qualify for. Will have Attorney Michelle Jordan and Fred Fox look into it.

Ronald Wood: Pumps at Sewer Plant need redoing That will cost \$5000.00. We need 3 pumps. The quotes I have received so far are \$6000.00 and will take 6 weeks to get here from California. \$3000.00 and 3 weeks to get here.

Time clock issue: I will make sure that everyone clocks in on the time clock at the Sewer Plant. At one time the Clerk and Ronald (Public Works) was on salary but that was stopped because neither one of their positions have the ability to hire or fire. Both positions went back to hourly.

Gary Owens and Tina Sloan: Update on Johnny. Currently, he is not able to return to work. We do not know if it will be 6 weeks or 6 months. He must have a letter of clearance from the Doctor to come back to work. In the meantime how is the search going. Ronald said that he has not found anyone yet. Paul Goulding will run a recruitment letter and post it on the [vernonflorida.net](http://vernonflorida.net) website. Tray Hawkins stated that he has spoken with the Warden and we can get the inmates for a week on week off status to help.

Brent Gibson: needed to know where to clock in or out at. You can clock in at the sewer plant. Get a key from Ronald. I am looking into getting more sponsors. Paul Goulding can also put that on the Vernon page as well. I am also getting quotes for new scoreboards. I have a quote of \$4600.00. This is a top end score board. It has pitch count, places for sponsorship, Wireless pads and tablets that go with it. Registration is way above last year. We have a team for all age levels including 3 T-ball teams and 1 Wee-ball team. Practice starts this Thursday March 8<sup>th</sup>. How much budget does the recreation department have. I need to purchase new bats for 9 teams. Also need 2 sets of catching gear for the girls. For T-ball and Wee-ball I can get the bats from Wal-Mart for about \$30.00 each. The other bats are required to have a certain logo. Those will cost between \$80.00 to \$120.00 each. The players can each buy one, but not all the players can afford them. I would like to get at least one per team. This will be put on the agenda for the next Monday night. Joey Brock stated that the fields are looking great!!!!!! I was

also wondering if we could put election advertisement for like \$100.00 on the water bills; Gary Owens stated there can be NO political ads on or with the water bills.

Michelle Jordan- Attorney: Michelle Cook's unemployment hearing has been continued. We have a meeting on Monday March 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 in the County Annex Room to discuss the Code enforcement for residents and land owner code enforcement.

Mayor Sloan: I will be meeting with TDC Funding for their November budget. They helped Pals Park get a scoreboard.

Jimmy Cook- Waster Water Operations: I have reduced staffing. I need the City to work with me. I have my proposal with me, but not enough copies for all the members to look over. It will consist of the City doing the sampling every other week and I get paid extra in case of an emergency. Per council, this will be put on the Agenda for the next meeting. Joey Brock stated that the spray field looks good. It has been approved to start spraying. What do you have on the spray field now? Jimmy Cook- 6 Cows and 2 donkeys.

John Williamson- Fire Dept: Tanker has a sensor that is messed up. The part will cost \$100.00 and we will do the work ourselves. We have had a couple of brush fires. Other than that it has been quiet and everything is going good.

Tray Hawkins: Who has the deed to the Library? Gary Owens, I think the City does. Tracy Walker, please put that on the agenda for the next meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Walker, City Clerk

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