

## WORKSHOP

### CITY OF VERNON

April 1, 2019

6:32 PM

**PRESENT-MAYOR: LAURA BREWER; COUNCIL MEMBERS: GARY OWENS, GWEN MARCH, JOEY BROCK, JEANIE SHIPES, BECKY BAXLEY; CITY CLERK: TRACY WALKER; PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: RONALD WOOD; PLANT OPERATOR: JIMMY COOK; FIRE CHIEF: MIKE OWENS**

**Public Participation** Rhonda Dickinson presented the council with plans for the gazebo to be placed on the square; the garden club is currently trying to decide between shingles and a metal roof, Joey Brock suggested metal as it will last longer

1. **Mr. Jim Harris re: Sportsplex property** – Mr. Harris reviewed with Council his need for ingress and egress to his property through the 40' culvert on the Sportsplex property vs. the 15' culvert at the EMS property; our lease expires in 2 years, if he is not granted a lifetime right-of-way, he will not swap properties and either place a fence along his property or charge the City \$1500.00/year to lease; this item will be added to the next agenda
2. **Website/E-mails** – the City Clerk provided several quotes for an ADA compliant website and secure emails; this item will be added to the next agenda
3. **Plans for 3336 Jackson Ave** – the City Clerk provided information regarding the plans to demolish two buildings and construct a 60X60 building; this item will be added to the next agenda
4. **Incident on the shoulder of the road at 3002 Main Street** – our insurance was notified and has already denied this claim
5. **Code enforcement** – the Mayor, Council President, and City Clerk met with the county regarding all municipalities coming together under one blanket; Michelle asked that the council vote for her to move ahead with drafting ordinances that mirror the counties so that we can move ahead; this item will be added to the next agenda

**Mayor Report** – she comes in each day if anyone needs anything, the Easter Egg Hunt is coming along quite well; she is requesting \$5.00 from each council member to be placed in a prize egg for the older kids to hunt, the pageant will be held 6/15/19 but the stage needs to be painted – get a quote and add to the agenda

**Joey Brock** – asked about the progress on the cemetery, the City Clerk will check on that; Rec Board concerns were briefly discussed, the Mayor and Council President attended the first Rec Board meeting, Gary requested that a member of the Rec Board attend all of our meetings; the Sportsplex fields need to be dedicated, he has done quite a bit a research and been around to local fields and would like signs and a ceremony dedicating the fields, he has five people in

mind: the Community Center should be named after Laura Brewer, and the fields dedicated to Charles Brock, Hayward Brock, Thomas “Snake” Reynolds, and Ed Glover, he has prices on the signs at \$225.00 each, Surplus and Salvage will donate the lumber for the signs – this will be added to the next agenda as well

**Ronald Wood** – the tank was flushed last week so fire hydrants were opened to alleviate the pressure throughout the town; Public Works cleaned the debris from Wayside Park – what will become of the pavilion; do we need to tear it down, we have filed a claim with FEMA to rebuild it, they put caution tape around it to keep people out

**With no further business to discuss, the Workshop was adjourned at 7:15 PM**