

**COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF VERNON
NOVEMBER 18, 2019
5:30PM**

**PRESENT-MAYOR: LAURA BREWER; COUNCIL MEMBERS: JOEY BROCK, GWENDOLYN MARCH,
JEANIE SHIPES, BECKY BAXLEY; CITY CLERK: TRACY WALKER; PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: JASON
RHOTON; PLANT OPERATOR: JIMMY COOK; FIRE CHIEF: MIKE OWENS; NOT PRESENT: CITY
ATTORNEY: MICHELLE JORDAN; RECREATION DEPARTMENT: TIMOTHY GARNER, SHAINA PREVATT,
MCKENZIE FAISON**

INVOCATION given by Tracy Walker

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE given by all

CONSENT AGENDA motion given by Gwendolyn March with a second from Jeanie Shipes; motion carries with all in favor

- APPROVE ADJUSTMENTS \$50.00 AND LESS

MAYOR'S REPORT – asking about the dirt pile at the track again; Jeanie is still trying to give it away, if anyone wants it they need to come and load it themselves; the Christmas Bazaar will be held the last Saturday in November in the Community Center from 9-1, she will go and order the signs tomorrow

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – Michelle sent the "Farm Lease Agreement" (Spray field) for all to review, the clerk provided those in the Council's packets

CLERK'S REPORT – will the City be having a Christmas party this year, the Christmas parade will be on 12/14/19, we will have a joint party with the Fire Department, which will be held on Friday, 12/13/19, since the Community Center has been rented out we will be having the party at the Fire Department, we need a head count at the 12/2 Workshop; Dee's Restaurant the water softener is not working properly and they have been advised to upgrade to a larger capacity and asked if there was anything that the City could do help out, per Jimmy, we have already helped him by putting a double check instead of an RPZ there is nothing more that we can offer; SCOP contract has been approved by the City, County, and State; Ms. Bowers is complaining of high water bills, she has a septic tank so she is not being charged sewer but is asking for help with her bill because her usage has more than doubled for 3 solid months because her water usage went from 300 to over 2300 gallons the Council agreed that there was nothing that they could do for her, Joey stated to tell her to call him if she still has a problem after I explained it to her; we will have to re-advertise for the ad valorem taxes and budget and a public hearing will have to be set for next Monday 11/25 at 5:30

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – everything is going good; we got our ice machine in and it works great; Joey checked to make sure that the Fire Department is being kept clean and would like to have the Council meet all of the fire fighters

RECREATION REPORT – no one was present to give a report; the City Clerk has three Waste Management dumpsters being delivered: one to the gym, the other to the sports plex, where should the other go, Gwendolyn suggested Shady Grove

PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT – Jason received a call-out for a water leak and had to leave the meeting early

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **MOTION TO APPROVE** \$354.65 adjustment to account 122 – verified leak – motion made by Becky Baxley with a second from Jeanie Shipes; following a brief discussion, the motion carries with all in favor
2. **MOTION TO APPROVE** \$137.03 adjustment to account 704 – misread meter – motion made by Gwendolyn March with a second from Jeanie Shipes; following a brief discussion, the motion carries with all in favor
3. **MOTION TO APPROVE** \$381.13 adjustment to account 531 – keying error – motion made by Becky Baxley with a second from Jeanie Shipes; following a brief discussion, the motion carries with all in favor
4. **MOTION TO APPROVE** \$4207.95 adjustment to account 1171 – system error; prior meter reading deleted – motion made by Becky Baxley with a second from Jeanie Shipes; following a brief discussion, the motion carries with all in favor
5. **MOTION TO APPROVE** PSN Contract (on-line payments) – motion made by Gwendolyn March with a second from Becky Baxley; following a brief discussion, the motion carries with all in favor
6. **MOTION TO APPROVE** purchase of locking mailbox for City Hall – motion made by Becky Baxley with a second from Gwendolyn March; following a brief discussion, the motion carries with all in favor
7. **MOTION TO APPROVE** purchase of used walk behind bush hog for \$1200.00 – motion made by Becky Baxley with a second from Jeanie Shipes; following a brief discussion, the motion carries with all in favor
8. **MOTION TO APPROVE** Cemetery Committee members: Tina Sloan, Larry Pippen, Rhonda Dickinson, Michael Brock, Connie Bland, and Elton Russ (alternate) – motion made by Gwendolyn March with a second from Jeanie Shipes; the motion carries with all in favor
9. **MOTION TO APPROVE** \$1991.00 plus shipping purchase of dryer for WWTP – motion made by Becky Baxley with a second from Jeanie Shipes; following a brief discussion, the motion carries with all in favor

ADJOURNMENT – with no further business to discuss, Gwendolyn March made the motion to adjourn with a second from Jeanie Shipes, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Walker
City Clerk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – ANYONE WHO DESIRES TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL MUST SIGN IN WITH THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO THE MEETING STARTING AND PROVIDE THE TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION. THERE IS A TIME LIMIT OF FIVE (5) MINUTES. NO VERBATIM RECORD BY A CERTIFIED COURT REPORTER IS MADE OF THESE PROCEEDINGS. ACCORDINGLY, ANY PERSON WHO MAY SEEK TO APPEAL ANY DECISION INVOLVING THE MATTERS NOTICED HEREIN WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE AT THESE PROCEEDINGS UPON WHICH ANY APPEAL IS TO BE BASED (SEE SECTION 286.0105, FLORIDA STATUTES SUBMIT ALL REQUESTS VIA EMAIL TO CLERK@VERNONFL.COM. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AND SECTION 286.26, FLORIDA STATUTES, PERSONS NEEDING A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT THE CITY CLERK OFFICE AT 850-535-2444 FORTY-EIGHT (48) HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THIS PROCEEDING.

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