

**COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF VERNON
DECEMBER 16, 2019
5:30PM**

Present – Mayor: Laura Brewer, Council Members: Joey Brock, Gwendolyn March, Jeanie Shipes, Becky Baxley, City Clerk: Tracy Walker, Fire Chief: Mike Owens; Absent – Attorney: Michelle Jordan, Public Works Director: Jason Rhoton

INVOCATION given by Tracy Walker

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE given by all

CONSENT AGENDA – with a MTA by Gwendolyn March and a second from Jeanie Shipes, motion passes with all in favor

- APPROVE ADJUSTMENTS \$50.00 AND LESS

MAYOR’S REPORT Santa Claus went well this weekend, we had about 60 kids; people have been taking dirt from the pile at the track

ATTORNEY’S REPORT Michelle is on stand-by in case we need to call her

CLERK’S REPORT I provided everyone a copy of the letter that I received from Mr. Harris, Joey asked that everyone look over it and be familiar with it for the next workshop

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT everything is going good, thank you for showing up to the Christmas party it was fun

RECREATION REPORT

PUBLIC WORKS’ REPORT (given by City Clerk, Tracy Walker) Jason had 2 massive water leaks and a clog to deal with this afternoon and the Hillcrest Circle (previous issue) meter had to be pulled because another lock has been broken, Joey requested that Jason keep an eye out to make sure that they do not start “using” someone else’s water and let him know of any changes

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Shaina Prevatt will not be signing the contract as they would have to provide their own equipment to do their jobs, cannot participate in travel or other activities within 50 miles of the City of Vernon, Becky reminded everyone that the attorney was to leave that part out of the contract; Shaina will continue to volunteer for the Recreation Department on the Board, but will not be a contract or straight employee. McKenzie is still willing to do her part as long as she can be an employee of the City of Vernon. Joey called for a special meeting on Monday (12/23) night at 5:30 for the Recreation Department. I have been told that if I step down from rec in any way, shape, or form our travel ball will loose the fields that we practice on. When questioned if she heard this from the council she confirmed she has, then she was asked about who told her, she replied, “Mr. Joey Brock”, his response was it was a misunderstanding. Matt Whitfield confirmed that he heard the same thing, that the City could take the fields away. According to Shaina, she was asked by Joey if Matt Whitfield and Tony Hall’s children were on her travel ball team, when she confirmed this, he stated that she would not have his vote. Timothy Garner then reviewed his conversation with Joey Brock regarding travel ball which was that if Shaina and McKenzie both stepped down and then started spring ball, they would not be able to use the fields that have been designated for recreation. Becky apologized and stated that not one council member can speak for or make decisions on behalf of the entire council.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **MOTION TO APPROVE** \$129.47 adjustment to account 364 – verified leak MTA by Becky Baxley with a second from Jeanie Shipes, motion passes with all in favor
2. **MOTION TO APPROVE** \$155.33 adjustment to account 1224 – misread meter MTA by Gwendolyn March and second from Becky Baxley, motion passes with all in favor
3. **MOTION TO APPROVE** \$109.71 adjustment to account 452 – unexplained usage in September (reported to the former Deputy Clerk) MTA by Becky Baxley and second from Jeanie Shipes, following a brief discussion, motion passes with all in favor
4. **MOTION TO APPROVE** \$243.10 adjustment to account 122 – verified leak MTA by Becky Baxley and second from Jeanie Shipes, following a brief discussion motion passes with all in favor
5. **MOTION TO APPROVE** \$73.16 adjustment to account 5 – customer has been charged for 2 garbage cans for 4 months, only has one MTA by Gwendolyn March and second from Jeanie Shipes, following a brief discussion, motion passes with all in favor
6. **MOTION TO APPROVE** Ricky Clark Full-Time Street Maintenance MTA by Becky Baxley and second from Gwendolyn March, motion passes with all in favor
7. **MOTION TO APPROVE** Chad Taylor Part-Time Street Maintenance MTA by Gwendolyn March and second from Becky Baxley, motion passes with all in favor
8. **MOTION TO APPROVE** Annette Owens / LaConia Boylston / Michelle Cross Full-Time Deputy Clerk Becky Baxley gave MTA Annette Owens, with no second, the motion dies; MTA Michelle Cross by Gwendolyn March and second from Jeanie Shipes, following a brief discussion, motion passes with a 3 to 1 vote
9. **MOTION TO APPROVE** Recreation Director's contracts the motion was tabled so that Timothy Garner could review the contract and the option to become an employee; this was changed to: **MOTION TO APPROVE** hiring McKenzie Faison on the rec dept as Concessions Director MTA by Becky Baxley and a second from Jeanie Shipes, following a brief discussion, motion passes with all in favor
10. **MOTION TO APPROVE** RFQ submitted by Municipal Engineering Services, Inc. MTA by Gwendolyn March and second from Becky Baxley, following a brief discussion, motion passes with all in favor
11. **MOTION TO APPROVE** Farm Lease (Sprayfield) Agreement MTA by Gwendolyn March and second from Jeanie Shipes, following a brief discussion, this item was tabled until Mr. White reviews the contract, Becky requested a special meeting be set in order to approve it which was set for Monday (12/23/19) at 5:30
12. **MOTION TO APPROVE (added)** allowing all children to continue to practice on the Sportsplex fields free of charge MTA by Gwendolyn March and second from Jeanie Shipes, motion passes with all in favor

ADJOURNMENT with no additional business to discuss, motion to adjourn made by Gwendolyn March, with a second from Jeanie Shipes, the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (FIVE (5) MINUTE TIME LIMIT). – 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.

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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