

**WORKSHOP
CITY OF VERNON
DECEMBER 2, 2019
5:30 PM**

**PRESENT-MAYOR: LAURA BREWER; COUNCIL MEMBERS: JOEY BROCK,
GWENDOLYN MARCH, JEANIE SHIPES, BECKY BAXLEY; CITY ATTORNEY:
MICHELLE JORDAN; CITY CLERK: TRACY WALKER; RECREATION DEPARTMENT:
TIMOTHY GARNER; FIRE DEPARTMENT: MIKE OWENS**

Invocation – by Tracy Walker

Pledge of allegiance – by all

Mike (F/D) – everything is going well; we received approval to fix the tanker, as soon as the parts come in, it will be repaired; we still need a head count for the Christmas party

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Annette Weeks - the Haunted Hallway did really well this year, I have 2 checks here, one for the Recreation Department \$1225.00 and the other for Project Graduation \$2500.00, we would like to do this again next year but possibly offer scholarships in exchange for the work that the kids put in, we actually met our goal of \$5,000.00 this year

Timmy (Rec) – basketball is in full swing at the middle school, we are still working on the floors at our gym, Laura asked where the piano is as Ms. Morris is looking for it, then stated that she would like to decorate for Christmas, Joey asked about the contracts which was included in the packets, Michelle stated that she needed some feedback from the Council, and Shaina sent Joey a message regarding their paychecks which is to be answered in the contract; the directors would like a two-year contract and they would like to be paid once a month, the last pay-period of the month; if the City will require additional liability insurance for the contractors, they could chose to increase the pay to help offset that expense; all signs at the Sportsplex need to be replaced; Joey asked Timmy to go ahead and price out all of the signs, including any that are needed at Shady Grove, because they have to be replaced

Jimmy – any updates on the Farm (Spray Field) Lease Agreement; Michelle stated that it was ready for approval at the next meeting 12/16/19

1. **Open/Review RFP** – packets from the 2 engineers were opened and distributed to the Council to review at their leisure, FRWA will be here tomorrow to help score the packets and give their input
2. **Interviews** – the interviews will take place at a special meeting on 12/9/19; Wausau does their interviewing process at a meeting with all interviewees one at a time, we

cannot have a private meeting for the interview process, in the past the interviews were not performed at a public meeting, Michelle suggested a prepared list of questions that no one will deviate from

3. **Christmas Party** – head count was taken for the Christmas party 12/13 @ 6 pm at the Fire Dept
4. **Haddock Property (City Square) update** – State has all information and it could take a couple of months for them to review and offer addendums
5. **FDLE update** – the FDLE first judicial court has accepted and will assign a prosecutor
6. **Recreation Contract Review** – discussed above in Timmy's review/report
7. **Shady Grove Historical Marker Update** – the Historical Society is trying to raise money for the marker which has now been approved
8. **City Hall Historical Marker Update (Roof)** – we must have asphalt shingles in order to be listed as a historical site
9. **S-10** – this is a salvage project, are we going to keep the vehicle or surrender it to the insurance; the City Clerk was asked to contact the insurance company to see what they will offer if we surrender
10. **Audit** – Mr. Hamilton has returned the paperwork to the auditors and they should be complete mid-January; in the meantime, the State wants to know what we are doing about the 2018 audit because it was due in June; should I have Mr. Hamilton review 2018 as well, YES; who will perform the 2018 audit; the City Clerk will have to look at finding a new firm for that audit

Tracy – there is an ongoing litigation issue (Mr. Hawkins) depositions will be held here, so I will be unavailable for part of the day on 12/16 and all day 12/18/19

Becky – we need to be more versed in the rules of order that we follow because I am having a really hard time with everyone talking over one another, and with you (Joey) being the president, you need to keep everyone in line

Joey – does anyone have any other suggestions for the final ballfield dedication: Becky verified Joey's recommendation of Mack Alford, HT Waller is the only other person that I can think of and I think that we really need to do something for Mr. Jerry Tyre; what is the status of the cemetery issue, the Council asked that we survey the current cemetery – Joey stated that he would contact Bobby (Hutchinson) to see if he will give us a price

With no further business to discuss, the Workshop was adjourned at 7:11 PM