

WORKSHOP

CITY OF VERNON

AUGUST 5, 2019

6:30 PM

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

Invocation – by Travis Hall

Pledge of allegiance – by all

1. **GRANTS David Fox of Fred Fox Enterprises** – Mr. David Fox provided handouts and presented an overview of the CDGB grant process; Mr. Fox inquired if we had any ideas for projects the City Clerk stated that the City has been look at radio read meters, the Mayor inquired about paving some of the roads; Mr. Fox stated that both of these projects could be included in one grant.
2. **BAD DEBTS Annette Miranda of DPS Recovery** – Ms. Annette Mirada provided packets for each member and described how their company does not charge municipalities for their service, the customers must pay the 30% charge for services; this item will be added to the next agenda
3. **FOOTBALL FIELD METER** – the WC School Board agreed to our quote if we refund the entire amount paid for the month of May and adjust all of May, June, and July totals; I do not feel comfortable with this offer, my suggestion is to bill only 16,000 gallons for May (same as last year) then base rate for June, and base rate for the few days in July, charge the meter replacement, and then issue refund of that difference which will be on the next agenda
4. **PROFESSIONAL SATELITES Travis Hall** – Travis plans to move his equipment to the storage closet to keep employees from having to open City Hall when the system goes down, the equipment needs to be kept in this building as it holds our server and security gateway in his cabinet, we can issue a key and access code to the security system
5. **ERIC RYAN CORPORATION OFFER** – approximately \$1000.00 refund and a savings of \$300.00/year, they are offering this for 20% - add to the next agenda
6. **IRS & AUDIT UPDATES** – City Clerk has received nothing from the IRS; Leslie Tucker is willing to help for \$125.00 per hour with 8 hours to start and find out how long it will take to get it prepped for the audit, try calling around to see if we can find someone else
7. **COMMUNITY CENTER REPAIRS** – our adjusting firm (insurance) sent out some engineers who have reached out to the building inspector for some guidance; Mr. Goulding asked that the burned-out lights be changed out, Joey asked that a work order be written up

8. **CEMETERY UPDATES** – City Clerk is working on quotes on the boundary survey, Joey asked Tracy to check on some additional property surrounding the cemetery, a letter was submitted and the response was they would be willing to give the property to the CEMETERY if Vernon Hicks was recognized by a placing a plaque, Michelle Jordan has been notified and is ordering a title search of the property
9. **HEALTH INSURANCE OPTIONS** – employee’s insurance will be raised by \$50.00 month per person, I asked for another quote which dropped by \$9.00 per month per person, I checked with B&B and have quotes for Blue Cross with a \$1200.00 per month savings
10. **SECURITY SYSTEM OPTIONS** – this will be an up-front cost of \$1200.00 then \$42.99 per month and offers far more options and services; add to the agenda
11. **ADVALOREM/BUDGET** – we need to set a budget workshop for 8/13 at 6:30
12. **CYBER THREATS/RANSOMWEAR** – the City Clerk has been attending webinars, the City Hall needs 3 new computers as they all have Windows 7 as the operating system which will soon no longer be supported
13. **GUNFIRE** – the City Clerk received a call regarding gunfire late Saturday night and inquired about an ordinance not allowing gunfire after dark
14. **CODE ENFORCEMENT/ANIMAL CONTROL** – are we going to entertain their offer to take over animal control, the council asked that it remain as is

Public Works Report – cutting grass, Jeanie mentioned that the tennis court needs some attention, Joey asked Bulldog to get a copy of his job description and read over it; Joey asked what the City wanted to do with the old City truck, Bulldog commented that he doesn’t believe we have the title, Joey reminded him that only employees are to be at the WWTP, Laura stated that his desk needs to be cleaned up

F/D Report – everything is going well

Jimmy Cook – WWTP permit expires next year, an engineer must submit paperwork 180 days before that expires

Recreation Report – Joey reported that he went to the Sportsplex late last month and took the dragger home as the gates were not locked and the key was left in the machine, when the dragger was purchased, the rec director was told to lock the gates and secure the equipment, an inventory must be performed and each person must be held accountable for all equipment that they use during the season; a Rec Board Meeting will be held Thursday 8/8 at 7pm at the Sportsplex, our next Workshop will be held on 9/3/19, all rec board members are asked to attend; Timmy inquired about 2 background checks including our very own Rec Director not having been done

City Clerk Report – FRWA saved us \$2000.00 on the water permit again this year

With no further business to discuss, the Workshop was adjourned at 8:03 PM