

**COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF VERNON
MARCH 19, 2020
5:30PM**

INVOCATION given by Tracy Walker

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE given by all

CONSENT AGENDA MTA given by Gwendolyn March, with a second from Jeanie Shipes, after a brief discussion, the motion carries with all in favor

- APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS
- APPROVE CHANGES IN DEPOSITS (OCTOBER – JANUARY)
- APPROVE ADJUSTMENTS (OCTOBER – JANUARY)

MAYOR'S REPORT Laura Brewer appreciates everyone

ATTORNEY'S REPORT Michelle Jordan spoke with some previous council members who recalled discussing and approving the former clerk's payment for insurance payments; recommended putting off any public meetings if possible

CLERK'S REPORT Tracy received the 7/4 fireworks contract which is set at \$11,000.00; if we could not go ahead with this celebration, they will hold the money until the next celebration could be held; I included a lot of information on the Coronavirus

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT Mike Owens is attending a coronavirus meeting tonight, but they need some maintenance performed on their trucks which will be \$2,400.00

RECREATION REPORT Shaina asked about the baseball season, when will the season begin; the council wants to wait and see, Joey asked about all of the purchases that have been made what all could be saved; Becky inquired about donating food to the schools for children's lunches before it expires; Shaina then asked about the USAF tournaments who is now offering \$1,000.00 to use the fields, the Council still wants to wait and see what happens with this virus; Timothy inquired about re-cooping losses; Dixie's franchise fees are due but they have not been pushing the issue because of the coronavirus, the fees have been extended to 5/1

PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT Ricky Clark stated we are fixing the breakers at wells 1 & 2 and check the circuit boards

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Tray Hawkins cemetery driveway: the County is waiting on bids for the paving of Church St. and Court Ave.; the driveway going to the cemetery can be paved for around \$20,000.00 we would like to do this with the assistance of the City of Vernon paying for half

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **SWEAR IN NEW COUNCIL MEMBER AND MAYOR** – new members were sworn in by City Clerk, Tracy Walker
2. **MOTION TO APPROVE \$(243.77)** adjustment to account 325 – verified leak (4 months) MTA made by Becky Baxley, with a second from Gwendolyn March, following a brief discussion, the motion passes with all in favor
3. **MOTION TO APPROVE \$(157.54)** adjustment to account 244 – vacation status 1 ½ months MTA made by Gwendolyn March, with a second from Jeanie Shipes, the motion passes with all in favor
4. **MOTION TO APPROVE \$(135.91)** adjustment to account 59 – misread meter MTA made by Gwendolyn March, with a second from Becky Baxley, the motion passes with all in favor

5. **MOTION TO APPROVE** ~~\$(82.04)~~ adjustment to account 340 – meter issue MTA made by Gwendolyn March, with a second from Jeanie Shipes, following a brief discussion, the motion passes with all in favor
6. **MOTION TO APPROVE** awarding J & S Services the contract to completely enclose the Sportsplex pole barn for \$3,500.00 MTA made by Gwendolyn March, with a second from Jeanie Shipes, following a brief discussion, the motion passes with all in favor
7. **MOTION TO APPROVE** Municipal Engineering Service, Inc. contract MTA made by Gwendolyn March, with a second from Becky Baxley, following a brief discussion, the motion passes with all in favor
8. **MOTION TO APPROVE** \$6,250.00 payment to Municipal Engineering Services, Inc. for Operation and Maintenance Performance Report and Other Pertinent attachments as required for WWTP permit renewal MTA made by Becky Baxley, with a second from Gwendolyn March, the motion passes with all in favor
9. **MOTION TO APPROVE** \$6,000.00 payment to Municipal Engineering Services, Inc. for Capacity Analysis Report and Biosolids Storage Plan for WWTP permit renewal MTA made by Gwendolyn March, with a second from Becky Baxley, the motion passes with all in favor
10. **MOTION TO APPROVE** \$2,400.00 payment for maintenance on fire trucks MTA made by Gwendolyn March with a second from Jeanie Shipes, motion passes with all in favor
11. **MOTION TO APPROVE** paying up to \$10,000.00 to pave Cemetery Drive MTA made by Gwendolyn March with a second by Becky Baxley, motion passes with all in favor

Tray expressed that we are eligible for CAT B through FEMA for any expenses related to the Coronavirus, we can reach out to the WCOCC for any PPE needs that we have. Paul Goulding relayed that when the survey of the cemetery is complete, he will have the drone ready for aerial photos. Joey inquired about the status of the spray field; he requested a work order be turned in as a tree is on the fence that needs to be removed. Mr. White has a key and has someone scheduled to spray tomorrow; he is moving forward. Becky has been questioned about events at the Community Center – the Council agreed to shut it down now. Becky asked Paul Goulding to issue a news release stating the Community Center is closed until further notice. We will wait and see before making any decisions regarding the Easter Egg Hunt.

ADJOURNMENT with no further business to discuss, Gwendolyn March made the motion to adjourn, with a second from Becky Baxley, the meeting was adjourned at 6:14

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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