

**COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF VERNON
JUNE 15, 2020
5:30PM**

PRESENT – MAYOR: Candice Hodges; COUNCIL MEMBERS: Joey Brock, Gwendolyn March, Laura Brewer, Jeanie Shipes, Becky Baxley; CITY ATTORNEY: Michelle Jordan; CITY CLERK: Tracy Walker; PUBLIC WORKS: Jason Rhoton; REC DEPT: McKenzie Faison, Shaina Prevatt, Timothy Garner

ABSENT – FIRE CHIEF: Mike Owens

INVOCATION given by Tracy Walker

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE recited by all

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

- APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS (May)
- APPROVE CHANGES IN DEPOSITS AND ADJUSTMENTS (May)
- APPROVE ADJUSTMENT <\$50.00

MAYOR’S REPORT CANDICE: this month has not been nearly as busy as previous months; we have had citizens calling in about issues that have been worked out

ATTORNEY’S REPORT MICHELLE: updated the council on the DOT issues, they are looking for paperwork, WSP has been in contact with me looking for the same thing regarding the concerns of the City; the second opinion is in your packet regarding the Michelle Cook issue, the City could file an ethics complaint against her

CLERK’S REPORT TRACY: I spoke with Theresa on Friday regarding our audit, she should be sending the preliminary findings this week; I have not heard anything else about our glass; I am still waiting on another quote for the building demo; the “original” Council Chambers will be ready for use once the A/C has been fixed; the office will be closed on Friday 7/3/2020 for Independence Day

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT N/A

RECREATION REPORT MCKENZIE: most of the coaches have turned in their equipment, we are having a tournament this weekend and still need volunteers we will be there at 6 and expect to leave around midnight, we need help basically everywhere, **SHAINA:** our field guy cannot be there so we will need to hire that out again like we did last year, paying them directly from concession cash **TIMOTHY:** football clinic is coming up on 6/27, we are still looking for registrations for football/cheer, Jason is still working on the lawnmower, but the trailer is in bad shape, I am not comfortable moving the equipment, Joey asked about the hole, Timmy will fill it in with Joey’s tractor

PUBLIC WORKS’ REPORT JASON: the generator is in and up and running, I have received 3 phone calls regarding the grass at Wayside Park, does it belong to the County, Joey stated Tray said that it does belong to the County, we received a sample bag of PERMAPATCH to try; Candice thanked Jason for getting in touch with Anderson Columbia regarding the business driveways along 79; Tamara thanked Jason for trying to keep Church Street decent

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: TAMARA TAYLOR/TONY HALL/CHRISTINA WELLS (BACKFLOW PREVENTERS)

Tamara is having issues with her backflow constantly having to be replaced, she stated that out of 11 years in business, this is the 4th backflow that they have needed to replace, hers is up against her building and only turns water off to her kitchen sink **Tony:** our backflow was damaged in the move during construction and I don’t think we should have to pay for another one, he asked Jimmy to meet him tomorrow and show him where the backflow failed; Gwendolyn asked Jason to check both backflows; we will address both of these issues at the next workshop

OLD BUSINESS NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **MOTION TO APPROVE** ~~\$(217.63)~~ adjustment to account 1176 – no stationary zero on meter MTA made by Becky Baxley with a second from Jeanie Shipes, motion passes with all in favor
2. **MOTION TO APPROVE** ~~\$(411.48)~~ adjustment to account 637 – verified leak MTA made by Becky Baxley with a second from Laura Brewer, motion passes with all in favor
3. **MOTION TO APPROVE** Resolution 20-163 MTA made by Becky Baxley with a second from Gwendolyn March, motion passes with all in favor
4. **MOTION TO APPROVE** repairing the A/C unit in the old council chambers for \$1,529.63 MTA by Becky Baxley with a second by Laura Brewer, motion passes with all in favor
5. **MOTION TO APPROVE** purchasing a commercial grade shredder for \$549.97 MTA by Laura Brewer with a second from Jeanie Shipes, motion passes with all in favor
6. **MOTION TO APPROVE** destroying old files MTA by Gwendolyn March with a second from Becky Baxley, following a brief discussion, the motion passes with all in favor
7. **MOTION TO APPROVE** payment of \$3500-\$4000 to Bobby Hutchins for cemetery survey MTA by Becky Baxley with a second from Laura Brewer, the motion passes with all in favor

Rhonda: can the dead tree at City Hall be removed, Jason stated that he would take care of it

Michelle: today is my 7th anniversary of working here and I appreciate the City of Vernon

ADJOURNMENT with no further business to discuss, Becky Baxley made the motion to adjourn with a second from Laura Brewer, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46

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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