

**COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF VERNON
JULY 20, 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:** Timothy Garner

ABSENT – FIRE CHIEF: Mike Owens

INVOCATION given by Tracy Walker

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE recited by all

CONSENT AGENDA MTA given by Becky Baxley with a second from Laura Brewer, the motion passes with all in favor

- APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS (May-June)
- APPROVE MEETING MINUTES (May-June)
- APPROVE CHANGES IN DEPOSITS AND ADJUSTMENTS (June)

MAYOR’S REPORT more webinar dates for FEMA and contracts for the COVID pandemic, I have also had several businesses reaching out for CARES Act funding, and one has closed because they had to be tested

ATTORNEY’S REPORT I submitted the sample business act grant application, the city clerk forwarded that onto the council

CLERK’S REPORT we have CDBG coming up and I am looking for some funding for the radio read meters; we might want to look into ZOOM meetings in the future; we have only had one person to turn in a bid on the cemetery mowing but they are not insured Joey stated that whoever is chosen must have insurance, I turned in some work on the SCOP grant work to be done on Church and Court that Jason received from a meeting he had about 2 weeks ago; Timothy Garner’s contract has been provided for review

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT per City Clerk the fire department needs approval for 2 radios for the fire trucks at about \$900.00 each (this was added to the agenda as number 8), this is in his budget; Becky asked if the clerk was in contact with the chief because Mike has not been to a meeting in quite some time, and then asked if the inventory had been turned in by the fire department the clerk responded that he had not turned in an inventory yet

RECREATION REPORT at this point we do not have enough to make a football/cheer team but PYFA has pushed the starting date back to August 3rd

PUBLIC WORKS’ REPORT we’ve been mowing grass, Moss Hill, the Cemetery are complete and City Hall is almost finished; Joey asked how many working lawn mowers the city has which is 3-one of which he gave to the recreation department; Gwendolyn asked about the tractor on Moss Hill, the City Clerk replied that she had been in contact with Asplundh and they are trying to figure out if it belongs to the Alabama or Florida office

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Ernest Armstrong stated the newspaper wrote 8-9 months ago that no one should take a bath in the Vernon City water and I have been trying to get them to flush out my lines, they are flushing it out on Farris Circle, my sewer is also stopped up on the City side because mine is at the end of the line; they were supposed to put a fire hydrant there 30 years ago; Jason stated the line has been flushed and he is NOT on

the end of the line; I was there this morning and the clog is in his yard, we are going to put a clean out on the City's side.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **MOTION TO APPROVE** awarding building demo to AW Excavations, Inc for \$18,400 MTA by Laura Brewer with a second from Jeanie Shipes, following a brief discussion, the motion passes with all in favor
2. **MOTION TO APPROVE** removing old drop box and replacing it with a secure through the wall vault (\$130-\$217) with installation (\$350) by Dunrite Construction, LLC (Trevor Marshall) MTA by Laura Brewer with a second from Becky Baxley, the motion passes with all in favor
3. **MOTION TO APPROVE** \$(91.45) adjustment to account 468 – extra can belongs to neighbor MTA by Gwendolyn March with a second from Becky Baxley, following a brief discussion, the motion passes with all in favor
4. **MOTION TO APPROVE** customer letters for outstanding balances MTA by Gwendolyn March with a second from Laura Brewer, the motion passes with all in favor
5. **MOTION TO APPROVE** separate Recreation Workshops the second Monday of the month beginning in August MTA by Becky Baxley with a second from Laura Brewer, following a brief discussion, the motion died in lieu of a special meeting at a date and time TBD
6. **MOTION TO APPROVE** adding Christina Parrish to the Recreation Board MTA by Gwendolyn March with a second from Laura Brewer, following a brief discussion, the motion passes with all in favor
7. **MOTION TO APPROVE** Paul Brewer's request for water with the condition of paying off his existing balance by the end of the year (approved by DPS Recovery) MTA by Becky Baxley with a second from Jeanie Shipes, the motion passes with all in favor
8. **MOTION TO APPROVE** purchasing 2 radios for \$900/ea for fire department MTA by Gwendolyn March with a second from Becky Baxley, the motion passes with all in favor

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 6:01

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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