

**SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF VERNON
August 10, 2020
6:00 PM**

Present – Mayor: Candice Hodges; Council members: Joey Brock, Gwendolyn March, Laura Brewer, Jeanie Shipes, and Becky Baxley; City Clerk: Tracy Walker; Recreation Department: Timothy Garner, McKenzie Faison, Christina Parrish

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Recreation Department** – Joey opened the meeting by stating the City has not played games all year, the recreation department has had 2 tournaments, I have suggested closing the recreation department until the COVID pandemic is over because this is just hurting our kids; Joey suggested only keeping up the fields, Becky questioned who would keep up the fields, Joey stated that Timmy is in charge of that right, Becky stated that Timmy is on a contract and he is supposed to provide all equipment although I do not have a problem with him using the City's equipment; Candice stated that there are more sports that can be played right now including basketball and possibly soccer; Becky asked about basketball signups per Timmy they are basically waiting for the council to make the call to move forward, we will have to renegotiate our contract with the school to use their gym as we are still working on our gym which has 3 leaks in the roof; Tray stated that they did a rolled roof on the Ag Center in Chipley and he would get us the contact information for that company; the Mayor also reminded the Council that we are a very small community and if we don't have anything for these kids to do, they will just get into trouble; during discussions of the mowing issues, Shaina Prevatt suggested that a tractor with a bushhog was needed; no one really wants to see the rec dept shut down; McKenzie was asked if no concessions are going on if she would help with the fields to which she basically said no, she also asked to be kept in the loop as she feels that she is not seen as a rec director because she only has 1/3 of the contract; Timothy explained that the Sportsplex has not been maintained and no one knows where the sprinkler heads are and they have not been maintained, they need to be dug up, Jason expressed that he knew where all the sprinkler heads are and which breaker controls it. Joey asked for everyone to continue on as is for now and have another Recreation Workshop after providing the Timothy's contract and McKenzie's job description; Tracy is to schedule a workshop for 2 weeks and let the council know that date.

Tray Hawkins asked the council for a moment because the county is moving towards county-wide broadband and would need access to a couple of our towers and would like the City to enter into an MOU with the county to use our infrastructure for this service; the MOU should be out in the next week or two.

ADJOURNMENT – with no further business to discuss, Gwendolyn March made a motion to adjourn, second by Laura Brewer and the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

NOTE: THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS TO DISCUSS THE LISTED ITEMS ONLY.

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