

**COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF VERNON  
AUGUST 17, 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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** recited by all

**CONSENT AGENDA** MTA consent agenda given by Gwendolyn March with a second from Becky Baxley, the motion passes with all in favor

- APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS (July)
- APPROVE ADJUSTMENTS (July)
- APPROVE ADJUSTMENTS <\$50.00

**MAYOR'S REPORT** I have a CDBG call in tomorrow and a ZOOM meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup>, Sept 4<sup>th</sup> I will be attending another ZOOM Meeting called "Sit Down with the Mayors"; Tracy and I sat down with McKenzie and discussed expectation and went over her write up and pictures so that has been addressed; Tracy is working on getting the IRS debt (2016-2017 payroll taxes) reduced if that is not successful the City received almost \$40,000.00 in insurance money that we were not anticipating and I would suggest using these funds to get us caught up; citizens have asked me to reach out to the Dollar General store to upgrade us; Dannie and Nick Kolmetz came to me about the culvert at their house starting to collapse, according to the attorney if the City has ever maintained it they must continue

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT** N/A

**CLERK'S REPORT** current animal control ordinance has been provided to the council, we need to either revamp the ordinance or look at what the county has to offer could be more beneficial – Joey asked for a copy of the County's animal control ordinance to the council for the next workshop

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT** the fire chief is not here as he broke down, but told the clerk he had nothing to report

**RECREATION REPORT**

**PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT** we are mowing grass and patching roads

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** **Tony Lagman** asked about the dates for City Election he would like to be provided with a copy which the Clerk will provide

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **MOTION TO APPROVE** payment of \$2325.00 to WCBCC to reimburse for paving of Cemetery Rd MTA made by Laura Brewer with a second from Becky Baxley, the motion passes with all in favor
2. **MOTION TO APPROVE** CARES Act funding application 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** authorizing the future use of ZOOM (virtual) meetings MTA made by Becky Baxley with a second from Gwendolyn March, following a brief discussion, the motion passes with all in favor
4. **MOTION TO APPROVE** \$74.75 adjustment to account 1028 – verified leak MTA made by Laura Brewer with a second from Jeanie Shipes, the motion passes with all in favor

**Gwendolyn March** asked about the food bank today; no one called to let us know anything, they just did not show up, if they call again requesting the use of the parking lot that request is to be denied.

**ADJOURNMENT** with no further business to discuss, Gwendolyn March made the motion to adjourn with a second from Laura Brewer, the meeting was adjourned at 5:49

**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](mailto: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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