

**WORKSHOP
CITY OF VERNON
AUGUST 3, 2020
5:30 PM**

PRESENT – MAYOR: Candice Hodges; COUNCIL MEMBERS: Joey Brock, Gwendolyn March, Jeanie Shipes, Becky Baxley; CITY ATTORNEY: Michelle Jordan; CITY CLERK: Tracy Walker; PUBLIC WORKS: Jason Rhoton; RECREATION DEPARTMENT: Timothy Garner

Invocation – by Tracy Walker

Pledge of allegiance – recited by all

Public Participation: Tray Hawkins Robert & Roberts turned in a quote of \$4650 to pave Cemetery Drive and when this was originally discussed, the City agreed to pay one half of the total invoice; Church and Court should be started tomorrow; we would like to continue to be able to offer paying for SCOP agreements in the future **Rhonda Dickinson** the cemetery committee the consensus is that we have a town meeting as soon as we can, the surrounding areas charge between \$250-800 per plot **Ernest Armstrong** (interrupted the meeting, Joey asked him to wait his turn and the council would hear from him) he is upset about his water and sewer lines not being cleaned out and the fact that he cannot hear these proceedings

1. **John Wood (Core & Main) and Dale Long (Municipal Engineering Services, Inc.) upgrades to system/grant information** – Mr. Wood gave a presentation regarding radio read meter upgrades
2. **Hardship policy and procedure implementation (Becky)** – we had an after hours issue that I do not believe the council should have been called on due to some hardships, the City Clerk and Public Works Director should be able to handle these type situation on their own in the future and I would like for the council to give them that authority
3. **Backflows** – after further research and speaking with Jimmy Cook, the City decided to continue to use the current backflows and replace the 2 previously discussed
4. **Shady Grove Park (Joey and Gwendolyn)** – we need to do something, this park was recently vandalized and the bathrooms are atrocious, we need to lock the bathrooms and put up signs letting people know to contact City Hall to use the facilities at both Shady Grove and the Sportsplex
5. **3434 Cook Circle – 1 horse and 2 ponies** – I have provided everyone with a copy of the property appraiser’s site map of this property, a new renter wants to move in with a horse and two ponies on less than 1 acre of land; Joey asked about the ordinances prohibiting farm animals within the city limits, they are still valid therefore this will not be allowed
6. **3130 Moss Hill Rd – (?) horses** – I have provided everyone with a copy of the property appraiser’s site map of this property, a prospective buyer wants to move in with an unknown number of horses; again since the city ordinances prohibiting farm animals in the city limits are still valid therefore this will not be allowed
7. **Salvation Army drive up food give away 8/17** – the second drive thru food give away in the City Hall parking lot has been set for Monday, 8/17

8. **CARES Act funding Applications** – everyone has been provided with the original application as well as the one that I have updated for the City of Vernon, the mayor suggested that all businesses have a Sunbiz account and active City of Vernon occupational license
9. **Budget workshop** – we will schedule the workshop for 8/10/20 at 5:30
10. **ZOOM meetings** – the City Clerk and City Attorney strongly recommend looking into using ZOOM meeting for future virtual meetings this will be added to the next agenda
11. **Haddock Property update** – Montrose will be here beginning August 10th for 10 days straight working on the City Square
12. **Demand letter to former clerk** – the City Clerk was asked to file a claim with the insurance which has partially paid out, she will check on the remainder, the attorney will wait on the response from insurance before proceeding
13. **Recreation** – the City will hold a recreation meeting on 8/11/20 at 6:00

With no further business to discuss, the Workshop was adjourned at 6:46 PM