

**WORKSHOP
CITY OF VERNON
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020
5:32 PM**

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

Invocation – by Tracy Walker

Pledge of allegiance – recited by all

Public Participation: Christina Barnett – customer stated that although she has done nothing different and has no leaks (her son has been living with her since February, her bill is almost \$400; since your account has never been adjusted, we can do that one time only; the bill will still be \$229.07 after the adjustment; **Rhonda Dickinson** stated that they have been in contact with the FPTC, we need an engineer to draw plans (again) this time to meet the Florida building codes to include hurricane clips and tie-downs, Joey stated that he would call Dana and try to get something worked out with him; **Tammy Johnson, AFLAC representative** made presentation and asked for a time to meet with the employees to establish the account for payroll deductions

1. **Haddock Property well 9/9/2020** – Montrose Environmental will be here starting tomorrow for 10 days working on the well
2. **Audit update** – our auditor was here last week and will be here through at least Wednesday working on the 2019 audit; he will be calling all council members to ask questions
3. **CDBG** – per Candice, we have to have a committee which will meet twice before the paperwork can be turned in on 10/5/2020; Jason Rhoton, Jimmy Cook, Marlene Hintz, Lexie Cook, and Linda Wilson were approved by the council for this Citizen Advisory Task Force
4. **IT Security (Timothy Garner)** – we will discuss this further at the Workshop on Monday night

Joey asked Public Works to continue to mow the cemetery until next year; we will open bids then.

Candice let the Council know that she called DOT due to the traffic issues that we are having in Vernon due to the timing on the light at Hwy 79.

Workshop Closed at 6:06

Public Hearings opened at 6:07

5. **Resolution 20-163 Tentative Ad Valorem Taxes** – Joey read the Resolution, with no public participation, MTA by Gwendolyn March and a second from Jeanie Shipes, motion carries with all in favor
6. **Resolution 20-164 Tentative Budget** – Joey read the Resolution, with no public participation, MTA by Becky Baxley and a second from Jeanie Shipes, motion carries with all in favor
7. **Ordinance 20-225 Water/Sewer Rate Increase** Joey read the Ordinance, with no public participation, public meeting was closed at 6:16
8. **Ordinance 20-226 Council Salary Increase** – Joey read the Ordinance, following a brief discussion of public participation, public meeting was closed at 6:18
9. **Ordinance 20-227 Mayor Salary Increase** – Joey read the Ordinance, with no public participation, public meeting was closed at 6:19

ADJOURNMENT – with no further business to discuss, Becky Baxley made a motion to adjourn, second by Laura Brewer and the meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.