

**COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF VERNON
OCTOBER 19, 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 DIRECTOR: Jason Rhton; DEPUTY CLERK: Michelle Cross; RECREATION DEPT:
Timothy Garner**

Invocation – by Tracy Walker

Pledge of allegiance – recited by all

CONSENT AGENDA MTA consent agenda by Gwendolyn March with a second from Laura Brewer, motion passes with all in favor

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS (Sept)

- APPROVE CHANGES IN DEPOSITS AND ADJUSTMENTS (Sept)
- APPROVE MINUTES (July-Sept)
- APPROVE ADJUSTMENT \$50.00 AND LESS

MAYOR'S REPORT Brief discussion about receiving a survey audit from accountant. Talked to a few people about the Christmas Bazaar to help with getting some vendors. Trick or treat will be from 5PM to 7PM Saturday October 31st, has not received any response to anyone one about trunk or treat.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT They are sticking to their original stance on the track property, so it will be necessary to go ahead with getting it surveyed due to the legal description. Can we add getting a survey track as number 4?

CLERK'S REPORT At this time we have no certified animal control officer, at which will cost around \$600 dollars to have someone certified. We are losing money on animal control. Either have one certified or go with Washington county for animal control and code enforcement. Had inquiry about renting one of our rooms for a small business, question as to if permissible and what to charge monthly for rent. Mr. L. Pippin came by office with pictures of Church Street and is concerned about condition and large dump trucks constantly using it. Pictures included in your packet. We are seeking to revamp city ordinance to keep large truck off the entire length of Church street. Cares Act applications are closed and need to be approved for the county.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT No Report, not present.

RECREATION REPORT In the middle of basketball registration, doing good with the numbers. The carburetor on the dragger needs work.

PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT Have been pressure washing city hall. On inventory what are you needing? Joey: we are needing a list of all equipment that belongs to the city. Had problem with Anderson Columbia putting concrete in the sewer lines, thinking they were unused. They were not on their survey maps for some unknown reason.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Shaina Prevatt Presented before council, the request to use the sports plex for a USFA softball tournament on Saturday Nov. 21st. Council agreed to the tournament, with stipulations to be 15% of gate revenue, 20% of concessions to go to city. USFA to be responsible for traffic control and hiring vendors for concessions. Recreation to be responsible for trash p/u and fields. Put to vote in motion #5

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **MOTION TO APPROVE \$84.17 (credit)** sewer adjustment to account 286 – leak MTA by Becky Baxley with a second from Jeanie Shipes, the motion passes with all in favor
2. **MOTION TO APPROVE** moving forward with an ordinance extending the restriction of vehicular traffic on Church Street MTA by Becky Baxley with a second from Jeanie Shipes, the motion passes with all in favor
3. **MOTION TO APPROVE** reinstating travel trailer bans in Vernon MTA by Becky Baxley with a second from Jeanie Shipes, following a brief discussion, the motion passes with all in favor
4. **MOTION TO APPROVE SURVEY OF TRACK PROPERTY** MTA By Becky Baxley with a second from Laura Brewer, the motion passed with all in favor
5. **MOTION TO APPROVE USFA SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT** MTA by Becky Baxley with a second by Laura Brewer following a brief discussion, the motion passed with all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made at 6:39 pm by Becky Baxley, with a second from Jeanie Shipes and all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

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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