

**COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF VERNON
NOVEMBER 16, 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 Rhoton; FIRE CHIEF: Michael Owens**

Invocation – by Tracy Walker

Pledge of allegiance – recited by all

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

- APPROVE BANK RECONCILIATIONS (Oct)
- APPROVE CHANGES IN DEPOSITS AND ADJUSTMENTS (Oct)
- APPROVE MINUTES (Sept 16th-Special Meeting & Oct)

MAYOR'S REPORT I received an email today regarding a mandatory webinar for the City regarding Hurricane Sally; several vendors have contacted me regarding the bazaar; I attended the Fire Department meeting 2 Tuesdays ago; 12\12 is our parade and bazaar

ATTORNEY'S REPORT the survey of the track will be underway shortly

CLERK'S REPORT DPS (collection agency) is working hard at getting money for the City; Timmy and volunteers have been working hard at the Sportsplex; we need power to the scoreboard at field 2 at the Sportsplex and internet at Shady Grove; Full Circle Teaching (King's Dowry) they believe some of their water was stolen; Action Fire Safety is in the process of inspecting our fire extinguishers, but we do have an issue at the Sportsplex the tank needs a gas shut off valve, they are working on a price for that; Ten-8 has submitted a quote to fix the tanker \$646.96, added to the agenda as #6

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT the inspection for the tanker has been postponed to 12/18/-12/19; we have only had minor calls

RECREATION REPORT presented by the City Clerk - Shaina reached out to Timmy asking if a vendor can rent the concession stand for \$300.00 on top of the 20% of sales, the Council discussed charging a cleaning deposit as well, this was added to the agenda as #7; Timmy and the Clerk both understood that the deputy will be paid out of the gate fees up front and then the City will receive their percentage; Timmy has over \$16,000.00 in his budget for signs and scoreboards and would like to use \$6000.00 of that for a John Deere Mule, added to the agenda as #5

PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT everything is going well; we need the auto-dialer operational (has not been connected since Gerald was here) before we can get our permit renewed

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Rhonda Dickinson : ROTC put flags out at the cemetery ; every grave has been pressure washed; the cemetery committee is researching ground penetrating radar to look for unmarked graves and getting estimates

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **MOTION TO APPROVE \$59.16 (credit)** adjustment to account 402 – broken meter (replaced) MTA by Becky Baxley with a second from Gwendolyn March; the motion passes with all in favor

2. **MOTION TO APPROVE \$192.95 (credit)** adjustment to account 928 – verified leak MTA by Gwendolyn March with a second from Laura Brewer; the motion passes with all in favor
3. **MOTION TO APPROVE \$304.98 (credit)** adjustment to account 507 – verified leak MTA by Laura Brewer with a second from Becky Baxley; the motion passes with all in favor
4. **MOTION TO APPROVE ShiQuan Green as new fire chief of Vernon Volunteer Fire Department** MTA by Laura Brewer with a second from Becky Baxley; the motion passes with all in favor
5. **MOTION TO APPROVE** purchase of mule for Recreation Dept for \$6,000.00 MTA by Becky Baxley with a second from Laura Brewer; following a brief discussion, the motion passes with all in favor
6. **MOTION TO APPROVE** repairs to tanker of \$646.96 to Ten-8 MTA by Becky Baxley with a second from Gwendolyn March; the motion passes with all in favor
7. **MOTION TO APPROVE** renting the concession stand for \$300.00 along with a \$50.00 cleaning deposit MTA by Becky Baxley with a second from Laura Brewer; the motion passes with all in favor

Laura Brewer mentioned that last year, she and Jeanie Shipes spent their own money for the goody bags for the children, the Council agreed that the City would spend up to \$500.00 this year; Candice asked about decorating the square, Jason stated that he would get all of the decorations out in order for Jeanie, Laura, and Candice to decorate.

Joey recognized the fire fighters that were present, The Goulding Agency took pictures.

Becky Baxley recognized and showed her appreciation to Sheriff Kevin Crews for coming out.

Candice also recognized the fire department and thanked Mike for his years of service and thanked him for remaining on the fire department

ADJOURNMENT With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made at 6:10 pm by Becky Baxley, with a second from Jeanie Shipes; with 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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