

**WORKSHOP  
CITY OF VERNON  
NOVEMBER 2, 2020  
5:30 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; FIRE CHIEF: Mike Owens**

**ABSENT – CITY ATTORNEY: Michelle Jordan**

**Invocation** – by Tracy Walker

**Pledge of allegiance** – recited by all

- 1. PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance 21-228 Church Street** Joey Brock read the title of the ordinance MTA the first reading by Becky Baxley with a second from Laura Brewer, motion passes with all in favor; public hearing was closed at 5:32
- 2. Community Center – Kevin Williams** Mr. Williams did not show up, but Mr. Goulding said that he spoke with Mr. Williams who said that he reserved another venue
- 3. EverTech IT Services Quote** Mr. Everitt reviewed his quote; Council asked the clerk to get some more information and bring it back to the next Workshop
- 4. CARES Act Funding** the Council asked that the clerk submit to Wheeler/the County to review/approve, the balance is to be split between the resident's water bills
- 5. Sportsplex electricity bills review** \$338 is the 12-month average \$565 is the average for the two months of tournaments for the Sportsplex
- 6. 3660 Pioneer Rd – meter swap 10/28/20** Michael P Brock's meter was unreadable and broken so Jason swapped the meter; this account needs an adjustment as his usage was almost 11,000 gallons – Council asked that water/sewer/tax be adjusted off – add to the agenda
- 7. Hunter Park** had a massive leak of nearly 72,000 gallons used and a \$405 bill with no sewage to adjust; Joey asked the City Clerk to call the County and tell them that we will adjust the bill down to \$100.00
- 8. Fire Department** Joey Brock voiced his concerns regarding the appearance of the fire department, the fact that the firefighters have not been brought before council for introductions, an inventory list has not been provided, the quarterly reports are not being turned in on time; someone has come to Joey to ask to be named chief and he will clean it up within a year; Becky asked if the Fire Department has "work days" set up, Mike said no, they have 8 firefighters and 1 candidate; Candice asked if Mike had time to do the things that the Council is asking of him, his answer was that he honestly did not know, he did not ask to be fire chief but he is doing the best he can; Mike stated that if they chose to name another chief it would not hurt his feelings and he would stay on as a volunteer fire fighter; Joey asked that we

add a new fire chief to the agenda; Candice asked when they hold their meetings and if the public could attend; Timmy offered his volunteers to help with mowing the grass and clean up the fire department; Candice asked about the abandoned bus at the fire dept

The City Clerk informed the Council that since she was off Thursday and Friday, she would come in early and open for the elections tomorrow to help cut down on the overtime of the deputy clerk

Joey Brock stated that he watched two trucks go around Jackson Avenue and go over the sidewalk at the light in order to avoid the traffic; he is concerned about our new sidewalks being busted up by this traffic pattern; he asked about placing a guardrail to stop this issue

Joey Brock asked the city clerk to provide a total of all monies spent on the cemetery; he will have an updated price for chain link fencing (4-5 feet tall)

Joey Brock brought up ordinance 44 which is the City's code enforcement ordinance and asked everyone to read over it and be prepared to discuss issues

The City Clerk asked about animal control ordinance or going with the county; Joey asked the city clerk to contact the attorney regarding certifying an employee

Joey Brock asked if council wanted to advertise for a full-time employee for street

Timmy Garner stated that he cannot put anything in the dumpsters at the Sportsplex; the City Clerk will check to see if we can get larger dumpsters

Per Candice Hodges and Laura Brewer we need reflectors at the culverts at the school

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Rhonda Dickinson** ROTC will be participating in Wreaths Across America on Saturday 12/19/20 with a ceremony around noon at the Vernon Cemetery

**WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, THE WORKSHOP WAS CLOSED AT 6:47 PM**