

**COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF VERNON
JANUARY 19, 2021
5:30PM**

**PRESENT – MAYOR: Candice Hodges; COUNCIL MEMBERS: Joseph Brock, Gwendolyn March, Laura Brewer, Jeanie Shipes, Rebecca Baxley; CITY ATTORNEY: Michelle Jordan; CITY CLERK: Tracy Walker; PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Jason Rhoton; RECREATION: Timothy Garner
ABSENT – FIRE CHIEF: ShiQuan Green**

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT, JOSEPH BROCK, AT 5:33

Invocation – by Tracy Walker

Pledge of allegiance – recited by all

CONSENT AGENDA motion was made by Gwendolyn March to approve the consent agenda the motion received a second by Rebecca Baxley; motion carries with all in favor

- APPROVE MONTHLY SUMMARY/BANK RECONCILIATIONS (Dec)
- APPROVE CHANGES IN DEPOSITS AND ADJUSTMENTS (Dec)
- APPROVE MINUTES (N/A)
- APPROVE ADJUSTMENT \$50.00 AND LESS (N/A)

MAYOR'S REPORT January has been much less busy; I spoke with Tray Hawkins again today about the CARES Act Funding, the Clerk emailed the requested paperwork to Tray Hawkins; the City must request the funding from the County and that must be approved by Tray Hawkins, I will let him fill you in with all of those details; Tray Hawkins then addressed the Council and let them know that he doesn't care how the money is spent, the County used first responders to offset the CARES Act funding, whatever we spent for our first responders, we got back because you are able to claim 100% for first responders expenses; once the monies have been turned over to the City, I don't need to know or want to know how the City disperses it; I will need the difference in what the WCBCC pays for the fire department and the amount that the City had to make up for their budget; Kevan Parker is scheduled to call you (Tracy) tomorrow and he is also calling Tiffany with the WCSO to verify the amounts turned in for their funding; Candice has an upcoming Mayor's conference call regarding mental health; I am still looking at the Fire Department grants to see if we can get some equipment ShiQuan is also looking at a grant for 5 sets of gear next year, Tray stated that the CARES Act could help with their gear as well; I spoke with Brian Riviere regarding the deed and contract, Michelle Jordan verified that she has been in contact with the Attorney for the School Board and have not heard back yet, so I assume that they are discussing this amongst themselves

ATTORNEY'S REPORT I was going to update you on the fact that I have not heard back on this yet

CLERK'S REPORT I received an email from our Engineer, Dale Long, regarding another grant for water meter replacement, I forwarded this information to Bob Mearns with FRWA and he will begin the application process on Thursday, we could possibly use CARES Act Funding to match the 50% if needed; Tray Hawkins mentioned the there is a CDBG-CV grant out now that might help with this funding as well

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT per Tracy Walker, ShiQuan did turn in the quarterly report and that has been submitted to the County, the final draft of his SOG is in your packet for approval and is number 3 on the agenda; they have had 1 call since the last meeting, they are cleaning out the bays at the station, as stated before, he is working on the grant and more quotes for gear, they have a training meeting scheduled for 1/26 at 7 pm at the station

RECREATION REPORT we have 46 basketball players signed up and 12 cheerleaders, practice has officially started, the Middle School has started using the Sportsplex for practice, I have requested three quotes from Musco Lighting to fix

the lights in our gym; registrations for baseball should start this week; Candice inquired about opening the gym to the public, Timothy stated that there are only 3 lights working in the gym right now, Joseph stated that we could always get porta potties delivered to avoid the bathroom issues; when speaking of the repairs that need to be completed on the gym, Tray stated that the CDBG-CV funding could help with that and then the gym could be used a COVID testing and/or vaccination site

PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT the lift station on Spoolmill Rd went down, Jimmy helped me find someone to fix it and that saved us a lot of money, 2/2 we are having our FEMA inspection on the roads, so I am getting ready for that

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Council President, Joseph Brock, verified that there was no public participation and moved on to new business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **MOTION TO APPROVE \$372.12 (credit-sewer/late fees)** adjustment to account 621 – sewer not connected to system motion was made by Laura Brewer and received a second from Jeanie Shipes, following a brief discussion, motion carries with all in favor
2. **MOTION TO APPROVE \$465.15 (credit-sewer/late fees)** adjustment to account 571 – sewer not connected to system motion was made by Rebecca Baxley and received a second from Laura Brewer, motion carries with all in favor
3. **MOTION TO APPROVE** Vernon Fire Rescue SOGs regarding Emergency and Non-Emergency Driving motion was made by Gwendolyn March and received a second from Rebecca Baxley, motion carries with all in favor
4. **MOTION TO APPROVE** Holston IT / Garner IT quote for IT security motion was made by Laura Brewer and received a second from Rebecca Baxley, following a discussion, motion carries with all in favor
5. **MOTION TO APPROVE** Jimmy Cook's updated contract motion was made by Laura Brewer and received a second from Rebecca Baxley, following a brief discussion, motion carries with all in favor
6. **MOTION TO APPROVE** attorney drafting ordinances and interlocal agreement with WCBCC for code enforcement and animal control motion was made by Gwendolyn march and received a second from Rebecca Baxley, following a brief discussion, motion carries with all in favor
7. **MOTION TO APPROVE** Resolution 21-169, City elections special meeting Council President, Joey Brock read the resolution, motion was made by Rebecca Baxley and received a second from Laura Brewer, following a brief discussion, motion carries with all in favor
8. **MOTION TO APPROVE** qualification period for elections 1/28/ 8 am - 2/9 5 pm motion was made by Rebecca Baxley and received a second from Laura Brewer, motion carries with all in favor

Jimmy Cook asked if the backflow testing could be added to the workshop to be discussed.

Rebecca voiced her concerns for the carpet in the Council Chambers; Joseph asked Josh Boyett to come and take a look at it.

ADJOURNMENT with no further business to discuss, motion made at 6:19 by Rebecca Baxley and received a second from Gwendolyn March, the meeting was adjourned with all in favor

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.