

**COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF VERNON
DECEMBER 29, 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; ABSENT – FIRE CHIEF: ShiQuan Green

Invocation – by Tracy Walker

Pledge of allegiance – recited by all

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

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

MAYOR’S REPORT I did the welcome call with Erika Dotson for Veteran’s Day over the phone for safety reasons; Jason, Tracy, and myself had a conference call with FEMA regarding Hurricane Sally; Tracy and I met with FRWA regarding the radio read meters; I contacted the county, via Tray, regarding the CARES Act funding because I am receiving calls from citizens the only thing that I learned is that not all applications submitted, only the ones that have a City license will probably be approved; we (Laura, Jeanie, my boys and myself) decorated for Christmas, the City crew decorated the square; Stacey Redmon was awarded the Carnegie award for saving that boys life, I would like for the City to do something for the family, maybe we could present a plaque

ATTORNEY’S REPORT we could not locate anything regarding the “quite time”, so I cannot follow up with that

CLERK’S REPORT WCSB agreement is now expired, we will add that to the Workshop to discuss further; because the deed states that the school board owns 50% of the property, the park is not eligible for grants; Michelle also suggested that the School Board get involved to take them off the deed and enter an interlocal agreement

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT per City Clerk, ShiQuan provided a quote for new structure gear which is expiring next year; the pump test was performed on the 18th, both trucks passed, but the engine pump primer is not working and needs repairs, ShiQuan is working on getting quotes, the tanker needs reverse light bulbs, I will let ShiQuan know to go ahead and order those; the air packs will have air flow test 1/5-1/7 and they will need to be replaced next year as well, ShiQuan is working on 50/50 grant for this; 2 calls since the last meeting, they had a training meeting and CPR cards were renewed at the last meeting on the 22nd; the department gained a new member, Timothy Garner; and ShiQuan is still working on the inventory list for the Council

RECREATION REPORT numbers are still the same, cheer might not make as we only have 3 on the roster for the basketball season; we received a key to the Middle School and plan to start practice on Monday

PUBLIC WORKS’ REPORT the tanks at the High School were just inspected for DEP; number 7 is a necessity for our permit; we had a situation at the plant and was considering rotating the 3 of us going in on the weekends to check and make sure the plant and we can come in late or take a long lunch to make up, Joey informed everyone that we will be reviewing Jimmy Cook’s expired contract on Monday night at the Workshop so he asked the Council to keep this in the back of their minds for that project

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Paul Brewer request sewer adjustment would like an adjustment on the account at 3357 Yohn Avenue ; Joey verified that he is not listed on the account so we could not discuss the bill and would have to discuss this at the Workshop with Paula Clanton whose name the account is in.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **MOTION TO APPROVE \$87.02 (credit-sewer/late fees)** adjustment to account 325 – verified leak motion to approve this adjustment was made by Becky Baxley and received a second from Laura Brewer; motion passes with all in favor
2. **MOTION TO APPROVE \$50.29 (credit-sewer/late fees)** adjustment to account 571 – verified leak motion to approve this adjustment was made by Becky Baxley and received a second from Laura Brewer; motion passes with all in favor
3. **MOTION TO APPROVE** approximately \$4,900.00 for 2 acres of cemetery ground penetrating radar survey motion to approve was made by Becky Baxley and received a second from Laura Brewer; following a brief discussion, motion was tabled, and the City Clerk will check for funds elsewhere, the Council will discuss this further at the next Workshop
4. **MOTION TO APPROVE** auditing services by Brunson, Wilkerson, Bowden & Associates, PC in the amount \$17,500.00 beginning with the FYE 2020 audit motion to approve was made by Becky Baxley and received a second from Laura Brewer; following a brief discussion, motion passes with all in favor
5. **MOTION TO APPROVE** granting the mayor the authority to sign general grant writing contract with Fred Fox Enterprises for FRDAP grant motion to approve was made by Becky Baxley and received a second from Laura Brewer; motion passes with all in favor
6. **MOTION TO APPROVE** purchasing gas valve for \$930.00 from Action Fire & Safety Equipment plus \$75.00 (installation) from Tri-County Gas for Sportsplex motion to approve was made by Becky Baxley and received a second from Laura Brewer; following a brief discussion, motion passes with all in favor
7. **MOTION TO APPROVE** \$995.00 to purchase flow meter for Well 1 motion to approve was made by Becky Baxley and received a second from Gwendolyn March; motion passes with all in favor

ADJOURNMENT with no further business to discuss, motion to dismiss was made at 6:07 by Becky Baxley and received a second from Jeanie Shipes; 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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