

**COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF VERNON
FEBRUARY 16, 2021
5:30PM**

PRESENT – MAYOR: Candice Hodges; COUNCIL MEMBERS: Joey Brock, Laura Brewer, Jeanie Shipes, Becky Baxley; CITY ATTORNEY: Michelle Jordan; CITY CLERK: Tracy Walker; PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Jason Rhoton

ABSENT – COUNCIL MEMBER: Gwendolyn March; FIRE CHIEF: ShiQuan Green; RECREATION: Timothy Garner

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 Becky Baxley to approve the consent agenda the motion received a second by Jeanie Shipes; motion carries with all in favor

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

MAYOR’S REPORT we have not heard back yet from Fred Fox regarding the CDBG-CV grant; we had a citizen complaint regarding the clay that was used to patch the roads, I have talked with Tray (Hawkins) regarding getting some rocks, Jason is working with vendors to get pricing ironed out Tray has offered to have the County haul any rock that we can get free of charge; Tracy added the Easter Egg hunt to the agenda but I would like to discuss the times at the 3/1 workshop; Tray and I have also discussed the CARES Act, Tray stated that Kevan (Parker of Wheeler Emergency Management Consulting) was supposed to be in contact with the clerk as there is still some question regarding the Fire Dept funding

ATTORNEY’S REPORT I have submitted paperwork to the County’s attorney regarding animal control and code enforcement; I am also working with WCSB regarding the deed to Shady Grove

CLERK’S REPORT I have received conflicting information from the Supervisor of Elections office that I am trying to get straight regarding the absentee ballots (which we don’t even have yet); Michelle Jordan asked if we would have time to mail out the absentee ballots, Carol Griffin seems to think so, but we were supposed to receive the proofs today to approve, we are still waiting on that e-mail, if the ballots are picked up, a designee can only pick up two outside of their immediate family per Florida Statutes which are available for anyone to review; we received our official denial letter today regarding our Shady Grove FRDAP application; Holmes Creek ALF has submitted a lengthy public records request, I will email them tomorrow to let them know that it will take me a little while to get the price and timeline to gather the requested information

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT the fire department lights need to be fixed and/or replaced, ShiQuan is looking at prices right now; both the Engine and Tanker need to be serviced by TA; both the Engine and Tanker need tires replaced, ShiQuan has received 2 quotes (Son’s Tires and Southern Tire Mart); he would like to send his new hires to fire school if the City would pay for it, the council asked for this to be discussed further at the next workshop; the cascade trailer 4 bottles need requalifying at \$150.00 each, the Clerk suggested that the chief go ahead and do 1 or 2 at the time so that they will

be completed by April 2021; he received more quotes for gear but they are higher than the previous one given to the Council; the State is now offering a grant for either 5 sets of gear or 5 air packs; ShiQuan is checking on the air sample kits; they need an electrician to check out the building for faulty wiring; the department news radios for new members and pagers for all members, ShiQuan will price these and bring back to the Council

RECREATION REPORT N/A Timmy is attending a basketball game

PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT as you are all aware, I made the decision to temporarily suspended the service that we provide to Odom and Davis Plumbing for a minimum of two weeks or until we can get the plant back under control

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Melanie Baxley adjust administrative non-payment and administrative re-instatement fees from her bill – Ms. Baxley was not present, so her issue was not discussed. Dale Long presented a quote for no more than \$5000.00 on behalf of Automation Control Service, LLC to get the auto-dialer operational for the plant, the Council asked for further discussion at the next Workshop. Council President, Joey Brock verified that there was no further public participation, then moved forward with new business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **MOTION TO APPROVE** hiring Taylor Davis full-time motion was made by Becky Baxley and received a second from Jeanie Shipes, following a brief discussion, motion carries with all in favor
2. **MOTION TO APPROVE** Jimmy Cook to perform 2021 backflow testing motion was made by Laura Brewer and received a second from Becky Baxley, motion carries with all in favor
3. **MOTION TO APPROVE** recreation department Spring clinic – lunch for players 3/13/21 motion was made by Becky Baxley and received a second from Laura Brewer, motion carries with all in favor
4. **MOTION TO APPROVE** Easter Egg Hunt 3/27/21 at the Sportsplex motion was made by Becky Baxley and received a second from Jeanie Shipes, following a brief discussion, motion carries with all in favor
5. **MOTION TO APPROVE** Resolution 21-170, Washington County's LMS Council President, Joey Brock read the resolution, motion was made by Becky Baxley and received a second from Jeanie Shipes, motion carries with all in favor
6. **MOTION TO APPROVE** qualifying City Elections City Clerk, Tracy Walker, listed the qualified candidates as follows: Mayor: Candice Hodges, Council: Tony Lagman, Chad Jackson, Gwendolyn March, Becky Baxley, Joey Brock, Mary Porteus, and Gary Owens; motion was made by Becky Baxley and received a second from Jeanie Shipes, motion carries with all in favor

ADJOURNMENT with no further business to discuss, motion made at 6:09 by Becky Baxley and received a second from Laura Brewer, 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.

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