

**WORKSHOP
CITY OF VERNON
FEBRUARY 8, 2021
5:30 PM**

**PRESENT – MAYOR: Candice Hodges; COUNCIL MEMBERS: Joseph Brock, Gwendolyn March, Laura Brewer; Jeanie Shipes, Rebecca Baxley; CITY CLERK: Tracy Walker;
PUBLIC WORKS: Jason Rhoton; RECREATION: Timothy Garner**

ABSENT – CITY ATTORNEY: Michelle Jordan

Council President, Joseph Brock, called the Workshop to order at 5:34

Invocation – by Tracy Walker

Pledge of allegiance – recited by all

- 1. Interviews for full-time street department employee** Taylor Davis, our temporary employee, was the only one present for the interview process, following the interview, the clerk was asked to add hiring Taylor full-time to the next agenda
- 2. Ditch on the east side of McFatter Ave (Dawn's office)-Jason** the Clerk provided photos for the council; Anderson Columbia will not take their work any further than the right of way, and right now water is standing in the culvert this could easily flood the area; the Council asked that Jason get all documentation that he has from DOT/Anderson Columbia and get with the Attorney so she can work on the issues that we are having
- 3. ALF sewer issue – Worley's Plumbing invoice** the Clerk provided the Council with a copy of the invoice from Worley's Plumbing that was submitted to Holmes Creek ALF; Joseph Brock let the Council know that he received a phone call from Sandy Hall regarding this issue and he told her that we would discuss it in the Workshop; Jason asked the Clerk to go back and check to see when the last time the home called in for a sewer back up, when she checked over the last two years, she could not locate a single call regarding a sewer back up at the ALF; Jason stated that the City's manhole is 205 feet, they had to be hitting the wall, no one gave them permission to go on City property, we were not even aware that they were doing it, the Council agreed that since the City was not notified (chain of command) of any issues, the ALF home would be responsible for the plumbing invoice
- 4. Farmer's Market – City Hall Parking Lot on Sundays** the Clerk stated that she received a call from a gentleman that would like to start offering a farmer's market on Sundays in our parking lot; following a brief discussion regarding liability and fees, the Clerk was asked to contact this gentleman and ask him to come to the next workshop to answer our questions
- 5. Cemetery budget** the Clerk still has not had a chance to look at the budget to search for more money, we have been dealing with FEMA, audits, grants, and the election; Joseph Brock has only received 2 quotes for fencing; the Clerk reached out to the grant writers to see if there were any grants available to (help) pay for the ground penetrating radar and was told that we would have to know who is buried out there so that we can mark the graves properly

6. **Next Council Meeting rescheduled to 2/16/21** because Monday, 2/15/21 is President's Day and the office is closed, our meeting will be held on Tuesday, 2/16/21
7. **Community Center painting estimate** the clerk has received one estimate (Ancil Bryant) so far for painting the inside of the Community Center; Trevor Marshall will be coming by to give another estimate – Candice reminded the Council of the CDBG-CV grant that we are looking at in order to revitalize the Community Center and/or the gym

Jimmy Cook reminded the Council that it is time for backflow testing again, and wanted to make sure that if he were to be performing the tests, he would need to start preparing; Candice verified that Jimmy Cook (personally) would be testing South Bridge Styles; the Council verified that the price would remain the same, the Council President asked that this be added to the next agenda; Jimmy also stated that he does not have a copy of the insurance (WWTP) for our files.

Timothy asked if the Council would approve the annual clinic which will be held on 3/13 at the Sportsplex and providing lunch for the kids, the Clerk was asked to add this to the next agenda. Opening day will be held on 4/3.

Jeanie asked that we place a net at the basketball courts behind City Hall; Jason has the nets and will take care of it.

Joseph Brock got a second quote from Michael Birge to pressure wash the Fire Department and the sidewalks for \$475.00, the Council agreed that the Chief had that final say as the price is under \$500.00.

Tracy relayed that Ms. Rhonda Dickinson wanted the Council to know that JROTC will be picking up the wreaths from the cemetery this week and will be placing flags on Memorial Day and Veterans Day. 2/20/21 at 10:30 will be the dedication ceremony at Shady Grove Park of the Historic Monument. Timothy offered to create an event on Facebook for us. The Council asked that the Clerk share the invitation with Mr. Goulding so that it can be shared on our website.

Laura Brewer the wounded warriors will be leaving Troy State University on 3/5 and will be coming through either 3/7 or 3/8; the Clerk will make sure that Public Works receives a work order tomorrow. Jeanie Shipes suggested that someone set up a tent and hand out water.

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, THE WORKSHOP WAS CLOSED AT 6:14 PM