

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

PRESENT – MAYOR: Candice Hodges; **COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Rebecca Baxley, Gwendolyn March, Joey Brock, Chad Jackson; **CITY ATTORNEY:** Michelle Jordan; **CITY CLERK:** Tracy Walker; **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:** Jason Rhoton; **NOT PRESENT – COUNCIL MEMBER:** Laura Brewer; **FIRE CHIEF:** ShiQuan Green; **RECREATION DIRECTOR:** Timothy Garner

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT, Rebecca Baxley at 5:32PM

Invocation - by Tracy Walker

Pledge of allegiance – recited by all

CONSENT AGENDA Motion was made by Joey Brock to approve the consent agenda the motion received a second by Chad Jackson; motion carries with all in favor.

- APPROVE CHANGES IN DEPOSITS AND ADJUSTMENTS (MAR)
- APPROVE MINUTES (MAR)
- APPROVE REVENUE & EXPENDITURES (JAN-MAR)
- APPROVE ADJUSTMENT \$50.00 AND LESS

MAYOR’S REPORT- I will be making the courtesy calls in the morning, to the ones on the list. I have called for a special rec meeting, there have been some complaints and I want to give them the opportunity to speak on the complaints; they cannot attend Monday night meetings due to ball games. The special meeting will be on Wednesday at 5:30pm. I have asked Tracy to re-advertise for bids on the lawn care for the cemetery, to give a more specific list of things we need them to do. Requesting to put signs on City property for her business, all agreed it was okay.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT- On animal control and code enforcement interlocal agreements I have the form for them narrowed down, the question is the cost the City is going to have to pay the County for them to take care of these. My recommendation is for the Mayor, Clerk and President to sit down with the County and discuss the fees for them to take over enforcement. I talked with the County and the School Boards Attorney’s about the deed to the City Hall property, we are still working on what needs to happen and how it should be documented. I got the title work back on the Cemetery it looks like there is an encroachment on the SW corner. The survey they used is from the late 1800’s, the title company wants a corrected deed from the Trustees with the survey legal description on it before they will issue title insurance. Once we get the Trustee’s Deed recorded the next step is to look at the ground penetrating radar to see whether there is anyone buried in the encroachment area. Good news is there is no title issues.

CLERK’S REPORT Pam Brooks re: National Day of Prayer she was wanting to make sure we had electricity at the square in which we do. She also was wanting to know if they could use the community center if it rains, I advised her that Zumba uses it on Thursday but would confer with the Council to use Chambers. The Council concurs that if it were to rain, they could move to the Council Chambers; PSN-late fees I reached out to Bonifay and Chipley they both stated that they received their payments the next day. Lately we have been receiving the PSN payments the next morning, so what we have done is pulled over the PSN payments in the morning and then posted the late fees, so this is no longer an issue; State bids-trucks, everyone was given a copy of the State bids for the trucks, we are just waiting to hear back from the County. Was scheduled to be off next week but no longer needs it off will have to reschedule.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT- Not present: Clerk gave report, the Cascade bottles all passed the hydrostatic test, so the Cascade trailer is back in service. He would like to get stickers for the Cascade trailer that say Vernon Fire Dept. We received a check for the quarterly report, and are waiting for tires to come in at Southern Tire Mart. I will also be looking for a couple of trucks for the Fire Dept through the State contract.

RECREATION REPORT – Not Present Clerk has no report.

PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT – Lift station at Lazybone needs a new pump, we found one at \$3549.95.

According to the Clerk there are funds in the budget for it will; added to the agenda as item # 9. Ms. Miner's yard and house floods every time it rains, she has one drain on the street behind her. We are going to put in another drain to alleviate this problem at a cost of less than \$500. I am needing to know if I still needed to maintain the Cemetery lawn. The council stated to continue to maintain it at this time. Public works needs more rock to patch holes. Advised by Council to reach out to Tray Hawkins, who had stated in several meetings that the County would haul it at no charge. Need to know when we will be planting the trees, and where. The Mayor advises we get up with the families of the two boys that had passed and see what time is best for them. Update from Anderson Columbia states they will be done with Hwy 79 inside the City limits of Vernon in 5 weeks counting last week.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: **Rhonda Dickinson:** The garden club cleaned up the square today. Cemetery plot sales. Council agrees to charge \$ 300.00 per plot, added to the agenda as item # 10. **Travis Hall:** update on security system also will be providing an additional quote to the City Clerk.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **MOTION TO APPROVE \$101.09 (credit)** adjustment to account 1191 – Mar bill estimated incorrectly using previous tenant's usage Motion was made by Gwen March and received a second by Joey Brock, motion carries with all in favor.
2. **MOTION TO APPROVE \$66.79 (debit)** adjustment to account 1228 – Mar did not bill out as rates were set to 99 – NO CHARGE Motion was made by Gwen March and received a second by Joey Brock, motion carries with all in favor.
3. **MOTION TO APPROVE** Municipal Engineering Services, Inc Task Order MES-2 – Miscellaneous Hourly Engineering Services Motion was made by Chad Jackson and received a second by Joey Brock, motion carries with all in favor.
4. **MOTION TO APPROVE** Skylighters contract and Christon Birge for 7/3/21 Celebration Motion was made by Gwen March and received a second by Joey Brock, motion carries with all in favor.
5. **MOTION TO APPROVE** removing Joey Brock as a check signer and adding Becky Baxley at First Federal Bank. Motion was made by Gwen March and received a second by Joey Brock, motion carries with all in favor.
6. **MOTION TO APPROVE** removing all former council members and city clerks as check signers at Regions Bank and adding Becky Baxley and Gwendolyn March. Motion was made by Joey Brock and received a second by Chad Jackson, motion carries with all in favor.
7. **MOTION TO APPROVE** \$751 payments to CARES Act business grants, for each of the 42 applications submitted, totaling of \$31,542. Motion was made by Joey Brock and received a second by Gwen March, motion carries with all in favor.
8. **MOTION TO APPROVE** Resolution 21-169. Motion was made by Chad Jackson and received a second by Joey Brock, motion carries with all in favor.
9. **MOTION TO APPROVE** new pump for Lazybone lift stations at a cost of \$3549.95. Motion was made by Chad Jackson and received a second by Joey Brock, motion carries with all in favor.

10. **MOTION TO APPROVE** cemetery plot price of \$300 Motion was made by Joey Brock and received a second by Gwen March, motion carries with all in favor.

JOEY BROCK – Advises that the sewer tap at the Sports Complex had been ran over by a vehicle last Monday. Mr. Bock called Jason out to fix it the problem to hopefully avoiding it from happening again.

BECKY BAXLEY- Just to clarify about the water shooting up at City square, it has to do with the work they are doing on it. After it rains, the lines are pumping the water out.

ADJOURNMENT With no further business to discuss, the Council President asked for a motion to adjourn; the motion was made by Gwendolyn March and received a second from Joey Brock, with all in favor the meeting was officially adjourned at 6:48 PM

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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