

**COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF VERNON
MAY 17, 2021
5:30PM**

PRESENT – MAYOR: Candice Hodges; **COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Rebecca Baxley, Gwendolyn March, Joey Brock, Chad Jackson, Laura Brewer; **CITY ATTORNEY:** Michelle Jordan; **CITY CLERK:** Tracy Walker; **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:** Jason Rhoton; **FIRE CHIEF:** ShiQuan Green.

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 Gwendolyn March to approve the consent agenda the motion received a second by Joy Brock; motion carries with all in favor.

- APPROVE CHANGES IN DEPOSITS AND ADJUSTMENTS (Apr)
- APPROVE MINUTES (Apr)
- APPROVE ADJUSTMENT \$50.00 AND LESS

MAYOR'S REPORT It was brought to my attention that years ago when the new Fire House was built, that it was dedicated to Mr. Boswell. His daughter is in possession of a plaque made for him at that time. Now that he has passed, I thought it was a good idea to have a sign made to put on the Fire Station with this information on it, following a brief discussion it was decided to move forward with this. A couple weeks ago we had the dedication of the two trees for Kuryis Hernandez and Kearri Brown, it was a private ceremony, and the families were very pleased. I have not had a chance to get over to the cemetery to write the names down yet, so that the aerial map can be made.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT I forgot to call DOT about the traffic signal. We were able to clear up some of the title issues with the cemetery. I talked with the School Boards attorney and Mr. Taylor about Shady Grove Park about getting them to release their reversionary interest in it so we can get the park qualified for a FRDAP grant. Mr. Taylor just wanted some time to talk with his Principals to see what they use the fields for. He did not see a problem in them signing the deed over, but they would probably want an interlocal in place about the use and maintenance.

CLERK'S REPORT Mr. James Boswell's funeral arrangements: Tuesday 1PM-2PM for the viewing and the graveside service will be at 2PM; update on meeting with the County Administrator re: Code Enforcement/Animal Control: we will be scheduling a meeting just as soon as we can get a date from the Mayor; City Square groundwater sampling will be going on May 19th through May 20th.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT The tanker is getting fixed tomorrow. There is more wrong than previously stated. There is a problem with the transfer case and the piston, some other issues, some of which are needed now, and Ten-8 will be doing the repairs. I was wondering if you want to have the issues fixed now or wait. Counsel all agreed that he needed to get estimates for repairs and get with the Clerk because we need the truck back on the road as soon as possible. We had a couple fire alarms and we helped out Hinson's Crossroads with a house fire. There will be a training meeting tomorrow at 7PM.

RECREATION REPORT USAF tournament re-scheduled for 6/12; football/cheer clinic scheduled for 6/26

PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT Good news the \$3600 pump was only \$2800. And the only other thing is we will be mowing grass. Ms. Rhonda was advised that the faucet out front of City Hall has been fixed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Tracy Andrews - Gulf Power (FPL) update; Dawn McDonald - WCBOCC Broadband update

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **REVIEW AND AWARD** bids for Cemetery Lawn Maintenance, after looking at the bids Joey Brock made a motion to approve Legendary Lawn Services bid for the cemetery's lawn maintenance the motion received a second by Chad Jackson after a brief discussion the motion carries with all in favor.
2. **MOTION TO APPROVE** purchasing 5 sets of gear for Fire Department, Joey Brock makes a motion to approve with a second by Laura Brewer. After a brief discussion, the motion carries with all in favor.
3. **MOTION TO APPROVE** purchasing a new brush truck for the Fire Department from Asbury Automotive Brandon for approximately \$29,800.00 using CARES Act funding Joey Brock makes a motion to approve with a second by Chad Jackson, the motion carries with all in favor.

CHAD JACKSON-Wants to volunteer to help put up road signs. City attorney advised that there is problem with him volunteering but cannot do any purchasing for the City.

RHONDA DICKINSON-Suggested we hire Jeannie Shipes or someone else maybe 10 hours a month to do some roadside cleaning and weed eating.

GWENDOLYN MARCH-Made the suggestion about getting a digital City sign for the square and maybe having the businesses advertise on it. Mr. Goulding advised that he welcome putting ads for our local businesses on our website. The Clerk will research and get more prices on the type of signs in question.

ADJOURNMENT whit no further business to discuss, Gwendolyn March makes a motion to adjourn which received a second from Chad Jackson; the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 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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