

Workshop
City OF Vernon
May 3, 2021
5:30 PM

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

Invocation – by Tracy Walker

Pledge of Allegiance – recited by all

1. **Vista Solutions Group – digital records** gave a presentation on services that they offer to include records management, and document retention control, ETC.
2. **Paul Brewer – request for water on Dalton Street** although Mr. Brewer was not present at the meeting, the clerk did address the issue that Mr. Brewer’s billing was incorrect, and she has discussed the issue with the attorney; Mr. Brewer had agreed to pay the entire \$2137.50 therefore we need to adjust his balance, and DPS will be updated.
3. **Open bids for Cemetery Lawn Maintenance** sealed bids for lawn care at the cemetery were opened and read aloud as follows: C.L.’s Lawn Care with a bid of \$550 per cut, Ashley’s Lawn Care LLC with a bid of \$320 per cut, and Legendary Lawn Maintenance at \$299.60 per cut. The Council questioned the final bid and requested the City Clerk to contact them for clarification and will be further reviewed at the Council Meeting.
4. **Blanket authorization for approval letter (pole barns, mobile homes, sheds, etc.)** No longer will be needing a letter of approval from the city for residents to put up mobile homes, sheds, pole barns ETC instead, I will be advising the county whether water and sewer are available on property as that is all that they require.
5. **Dumpsters for Spring cleaning** as we have had issues in the past with items being left beside the dumpster in the City Hall parking lot, we will put 2 dumpsters here and 1 at Shady Grove; we are looking to put them out the first or second week of June, depending on the availability of Waste Management.
6. **Hwy 79 updates** the potholes on Dawkins should be repaired within the next couple of weeks; the light at Hwy 79 and Moss Hill will remain a caution light, Michelle Jordan

will contact DOT about the dangers of leaving this a caution light for the safety of our community; the light at Hwy 277 and Hwy 79 will be put back to sensor from timer; we will not be getting a LED City sign from DOT, so I have included in the packets a price for a similar sign.

7. **Firecracker Pageant** Laura Brewer will be stepping down from the Firecracker Pageant, her daughter Lori will be taking over.
8. **Update on trucks** the county has been provided 2 quotes for new trucks for public works; they will be voting on it at their next meeting.
9. **Cemetery (family) plots** the Council voted for the burial plot fee to be \$300; per Michelle Jordan all burial plots at the cemetery need to be mapped out and a plot deed issued to the buyer of any plot in the future; in the meantime, if someone needs a burial plot, a blanket deed needs to be drawn up and the \$300 fee charged.
10. **Softball tournament 6/26** the recreation department is looking to host a softball tournament with a tentative date of June 26th.
11. **Fire 1 School** at the request of Fire Chief Green, the city has agreed to pay for Fire 1 school (\$660.00 at Gulf Coast Community College) for our Fire Department volunteers.
12. **Ads for Bid** the ads for bids on replacing the carpet in the council chambers and painting the community center are included in the Council's packets for review, I ask that if you have any suggestions to get back with me by Wednesday.
13. **June 5th City Hall Dedication ceremony 10 AM** the Historical Society has received the Historical Marker and will be Dedicating the Old School as a Historical Building starting at 10AM on the 5th of June.

Michelle Jordan introduced a new member to her team Mr. Jeremy Mutz, a civil litigation attorney.

Jason Rhoton announced the Street Department will have an open position as one of his employees has given a 2 week notice and he will be advertising the position; Council agreed that a part time position should be advertised as well.

Candice Hodges advised the Tree Dedication at Town Square Tomorrow, Tuesday May 4th at 3:00PM, we will be hosting a small Tree Dedication at Town Square for the Brown and Hernandez families.

Joey Brock advised that there is still extensive dump truck traffic on Church street; we need to add another sign where Circle H exits onto Church Street.

**WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, THE WORKSHOP WAS
CLOSED AT 7:01 PM**