

**COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF VERNON  
JULY 19, 2021  
5:31PM**

**PRESENT- MAYOR: Candice Hodges; COUNCIL MEMBERS: Rebecca Baxley, Joey Brock, Gwendolyn March, Chad Jackson; CITY CLERK: Tracy Walker; PUBLIC WORKS: Chad Taylor; FIRE CHIEF: ShiQuan Green**

**Invocation** – by James Cook

**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 Gwendolyn March; motion carries with all in favor.

Discussion by council president Rebecca Baxley, does not want to approve the minutes for June 2021. Has issue with minutes for special meeting June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021, item # 4. Wants to discuss further at the next workshop dated 8/02/21. Motion was made by Gwendolyn March to table minutes until next workshop, seconded by Chad Jackson, motion passes with all in favor.

- APPROVE REVENUE/EXPENSES (OCTOBER-MAY)
- APPROVE CHANGES IN DEPOSITS AND ADJUSTMENTS (JUNE)
- APPROVE MINUTES (JUNE)
- APPROVE ADJUSTMENT \$50.00 AND LESS

**MAYOR'S REPORT-** Federal relief money (ARPA) will be coming in, and we will need to discuss at the next workshop what we will be doing with these funds. Tracy will provide each council member with a packet describing what the funds can be used for. The CDBG grant was approved for Church Street. We need to look forward for the next CDBG grant to improve Cook Circle and purchase a new grinder for the plant. We also need to think about well rehabilitation.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT** Not Present

**CLERK'S REPORT** 8/12/21 9-12 DEO onboarding training for CDBG approved for \$650K; Alpha Foundation update; Haddock property update; FEMA deposits last week totaling \$81,771.66 / 3 outstanding projects left for Sally totaling \$11,777.68; Ashley Pyrotechnics and I will be speaking about packages after the new year; FY 2020 Rev/Exp report to compare with FY 2021

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT** Ebro signed their old brush truck over to us, needs possibly a new battery, it will hold us until we get our new one. Worked a structure fire this morning on Holly Hill Rd. We will be having our meeting next Tuesday at 7PM

**RECREATION REPORT** \$50K FRDAP grant approved for the Sportsplex

**PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT** – Cutting grass and keeping the water flowing. One of the pumps at Spoolmill Rd. is down has possibly by a power surge and it needs to be replaced. Shepperd came out cost will be approximately \$4000 to replace. We are checking to see if Insurance will cover the repair.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Angela Bradley of Emerald Coast Regional Planning Council – Regional Rural Transportation Project

**Kimberly Powell of Legendary Lawn Maintenance** – presentation for mowing City properties

**Linda McDonald Wilson** – Water Bill adjustment. Council went with the suggestion of the city clerk to prorate Ms. Wilson’s bill based on last month’s gallons used, which was 250 gallons/day. And if it is high again next month that she needs to call a plumber to find out where the water is going.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **MOTION TO APPROVE \$164.88 (sewer) credit adjustment to acct 463 (water hose left running)**  
Motion was made by Joey Brock and received a second by Gwen March, motion carries with all in favor.
2. **MOTION TO APPROVE \$1,646.03 (sewer and late fees) credit adjustment septic on property**  
Motion was made by Gwen March and received a second by Joey Brock, motion carries with all in favor.
3. **MOTION TO APPROVE Ancil Bryant’s bid to paint the Community Center for \$8700.00** Motion was made by Chad Jackson and received a second by Gwen March, motion carries with all in favor. Also discussed was the need to have public works pressure wash the outside of the building.
4. **MOTION TO APPROVE City of Vernon purchasing policy and procedure and Resolution 21-170**  
Motion was made by Joey Brock and received a second by Chad Jackson, motion carries with all in favor.
5. **MOTION TO APPROVE Washington County’s broadband tower proposal** Motion was made by Chad Jackson and received a second by Gwen March, motion carries with all in favor.
6. **MOTION TO APPROVE Alpha Foundations deposit to move forward with project.** Motion was made by Chad Jackson and received a second by Gwen March, motion carries with all in favor.
7. **MOTION TO APPROVE \$4000 for Sheppard for pump repair.** Motion was made by Gwen March and received a second by Joey Brock, motion carries with all in favor.
8. **MOTION TO APPROVE bill adjustment for Linda McDonald Wilson to 8500 gallons.** Motion was made by Gwen March and received a second by Joey Brock, motion carries with all in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT** Motion was made by Gwen March and received a second by Joey Brock, motion carries with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6.33PM

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](mailto: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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