

Public Hearings / City of Vernon

AUGUST 2, 2021 / 5:30 PM

MAYOR: Candice Hodges; COUNCIL MEMBERS: Joey Brock, Gwendolyn March, Laura Brewer, Chad Jackson, and Rebecca Baxley; CITY ATTORNEY: Michelle Jordan; CITY CLERK: Tracy Walker; and PUBLIC WORKS: Jason Rhoton were present.

Invocation – by Tracy Walker

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PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance 21-229 Hawkins FLUM Change (FIRST READING)
Council President Rebecca Baxley read Ordinance 21-229 in reference to the property at 3429 Spoolmill Rd. and the FLUM change request. Hearing no one from the public to oppose this Ordinance, the public hearing was closed on the matter of Ordinance 21-229 at 5:33PM

Workshop opened at 5:32pm

Workshop / City of Vernon

8/2/21 @ 5:32

PRESENT – MAYOR: Candice Hodges; **COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Joseph Brock, Gwendolyn March, Laura Brewer, Chad Jackson, Rebecca Baxley; **CITY ATTORNEY:** Michelle Jordan; **CITY CLERK:** Tracy Walker; **PUBLIC WORKS:** Jason Rhoton

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- 1. Laserfiche / Vista Solutions Group proposals** after a brief phone presentation council agreed to add to the 8/16/21 agenda.
- 2. Bob Mearns (FRWA) rate study and revenue plan** after a detailed presentation on how this free service could help our city, the Council agreed to have Mr. Mearns return to the Workshop on 9/6/21 with more information.
- 3. Dale Long Municipal Engineering Services – SCADA system (lift stations)** after a detailed presentation on the cost and how the SCADA system works council asked Mr. Long to come back later for their decision on whether they will be adding this to all Lift Stations.
- 4. Grace Assembly Church (Mary Porteus) – benches inside of track** a brief presentation was made about adding benches and trees to the track area behind City Hall at no cost to the city, council thanked Ms. Porteus for coming and making the offer on behalf of Grace Assembly Church.
- 5. Cemetery Committee (Rhonda Dickinson) \$500.00 request** the cemetery committee is requesting \$500 to remove a tree from the cemetery that is encroaching on a headstone and plot. There is someone lined up to remove the tree from the cemetery they are just needing the okay to have it done. Council asked that this be added to the 8/16 agenda. Also Ms. Dickinson requested an update on the GPR. The Clerk advised Ms. Dickinson that she has received 2 quotes on a GPR and will be on the 8/16 agenda.

6. **Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church (David Vann)** Mr. Vann is requesting a meter adjustment on behalf of Shiloh Baptist Church due to extremely high unexplainable water bill. Council set item to be added to the 8/16 agenda.
7. **Late fees (Linda Wilson)** following a 20 minute of discussion regarding late fees on her last bill, it was found that the late fees had been adjusted on Linda Wilson's water bill and her current bill is correct.
8. **6/28/21 special meeting minutes** Council President Rebecca Baxley is requesting the minutes from the special meeting on 6/28/21 be re-worded or the whole meeting be re-typed verbatim as she was not happy with the phrase the guy's being used; City clerk pointed out that those were the exact words used in the meeting. Mr. Brock said he had not listened to the meeting yet, but if those were the words used in the meeting, that we need to leave them in the minutes. Mr. Brock and Ms. March agreed they would listen to the recording themselves and re-visit the item.
9. **Travel expenses (Jason Rhoton) – vehicle repairs** needing tires for his truck, they will cost over \$500. Ms. Walker contacted the auditor who stated that maintenance of vehicle is generally include in the mileage reimbursement; following a brief discussion this item to be added to the 8/16 agenda.
10. **Budget/Ad Valorem** clerk advises that the dates for the budget workshop needs to be scheduled; following a brief discussion the budget workshop was set for 8/9 at 5:30PM
11. **ARPA funding options – premium pay, technology, infrastructure, businesses, citizens** Ms. Walker let the council know that it looks like the city will be receiving more funds than initially thought to the sum of around \$353,601. The mayor addressed the council on whether they have had any thoughts on how to use the funds that the deadline to have a plan in place is the end of September 2021. Also, the Fire Chief has added to his list of wants; following a brief discussion, the Council decided to discuss it further at the budget workshop.
12. **Community Center (Chad Jackson)** brought up the issue of the hole in the side of the community center, where the car ran into it last year. The Clerk advised Mr. Jackson that she is in the process of working with the engineers to get it repaired. A contract with an Architect is being worked on now. Also discussed was the need for a new roof for the entire community center and gym area. The mayor stated that they were looking at Grants now to repair

the community center and adjacent buildings, in which the Clerk stated she would check with Mr. Fox on what they could find.

13.C/C for Public Works Council President Ms. Baxley is requesting that the public works director and street maintenance crew have their own credit card so they do not have to go by city hall and retrieve theirs; this item will be added to the 8/16 agenda.

14.Lift station on Lazy Bone Dr. (Jason Rhoton) Sheppard Services had to come out and they want to replace the whole control panel to the old pump at a cost of around \$5500; this item is to be placed on the 8/16 agenda

**WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS,
MOTION WAS MADE BY LAURA BREWER TO ADJORN AND SECONDED
BY GREWINDOLYN MARCH THE WORKSHOP WAS ADJOURNED AT
7:14PM**