

# COUNCIL MEETING / CITY OF VERNON

## SEPTEMBER 20, 2021 / 5:30PM

**PRESENT – COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Rebecca Baxley, Joey Brock, Gwendolyn March, Chad Jackson; **CITY ATTORNEY:** Michelle Blankenship; **DEPUTY CLERK:** Michelle Cross; **RECREATION:** Timothy Garner. **NOT PRESENT – MAYOR:** Candice Hodges; **COUNCIL MEMBER:** Laura Brewer; **CITY CLERK:** Tracy Walker; **PUBLIC WORKS:** Jason Rhoton.

**INVOCATION** given by Jimmy Cook

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** given by all

**CONSENT AGENDA** motion made by Gwendolyn March, second received from Joey Brock; motion passes with all in favor

- APPROVE MONTHLY SUMMARY / BANK RECONCILIATION (Aug)
- APPROVE CHANGES IN DEPOSITS AND ADJUSTMENTS (Aug)
- APPROVE MINUTES (Aug – Sept Workshop)
- APPROVE ADJUSTMENTS <\$50.00 (N/A)

**MAYOR’S REPORT-** Not Present

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT-** No report

**ATTORNEY’S REPORT-** Nothing currently

**CLERK’S REPORT** Tracy has requested direction on how to proceed with leave for those who have been out with Covid. The shut off list for September has been given to Jason. Ms. Edell Clark came in to send her thanks to the council for removing the dead trees off the city easement in front of her house.

**FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT** Not Present

**RECREATION REPORT** Needing councils input on the use of coaches that have misdemeanor batteries on their background checks; pageant did okay, lost a little bit, but we already have the crowns for next year; the Washington Dolphins will be having their home game on Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> at the high school football field.

**PUBLIC WORKS’ REPORT** Not Present

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Randall Garner IT Security updates – Not Present; Gary Owens Trash and Junk – Wants to know what the city is going to do about cleaning up the city (junk cars, dilapidated houses, and overgrown yards) Attorney Michelle Jordan advised that before there can be code enforcement, council has to have a mechanism in place to enforce it to ensure the violator has their day in court.

**OLD BUSINESS - none**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **RESOLUTION 21-174 FINAL ADVALOREM TAXES** Council President Baxley read Ordinance 21-174; following a brief discussion, Council President Baxley asked for any public input; hearing none, a roll call vote was taken, motion passes with all in favor.

2. **RESOLUTION 21-175 FINAL BUDGET** Council President Baxley read Ordinance 21-175; following a brief discussion, Council President Baxley asked for any public input; hearing none, a roll call vote was taken, motion passes with all in favor.
3. **MOTION TO APPROVE \$278.06 adj to acct 1105 estimated too high**, following a brief discussion, motion made by Gwendolyn March second received from Chad Jackson; motion passes with all in favor.
4. **MOTION TO APPROVE Attorney's hourly increase to \$175.00/hour** motion made by Joey Brock second received from Gwendolyn March; motion passes with all in favor.
5. **MOTION TO APPROVE Homecoming Parade 10/15/21 1pm route and detour** following a brief discussion, motion made by Gwendolyn March second received from Chad Jackson; motion passes with all in favor.
6. **MOTION TO APPROVE GPR purchase of \$13,850 from Power-Tel Utility Products, Inc.**, following a brief discussion, motion made by Chad Jackson, second from Joey Brock; motion passes with all in favor.
7. **MOTION TO APPROVE FMIT quote of \$71,407 for General and Workers' Comp Insurance**, following a brief discussion, motion made by Gwendolyn March, second from Chad Jackson; motion passes with all in favor.
8. **MOTION TO APPROVE \$500.00 to cemetery committee to remove dead tree (Council President Baxley to abstain)** following a brief discussion, motion made by Joey Brock, second from Chad Jackson; motion passes with all in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT** with no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Gwendolyn March and received a second from Chad Jackson; motion passes with all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 6:16 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](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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