

**COUNCIL MEETING / CITY OF VERNON  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2021 / 5:34PM**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA** Motion was made by Joey Brock to approve the consent agenda the motion received a second by Chad Jackson, motion carries with all in favor.

- APPROVE MONTHLY SUMMARY(JUN-JUL)/BANK RECONCILIATIONS (JAN-JUL)
- APPROVE CHANGES IN DEPOSITS AND ADJUSTMENTS (JULY)
- APPROVE MINUTES (JULY)
- APPROVE ADJUSTMENT \$50.00 AND LESS – **N/A**

**MAYOR’S REPORT** I had requested for Michelle to call and get estimates on the removal of the big leaning pine tree on Pine Crest St.; we need to get Mr. Long moving further with the Florida Jobs Growth Grant Fund. There will be 2 RV parks going in south of Vernon and the City will need Grants to run water and sewer to them; it is a state program. We are looking to add some housing. Beauty pageant coming up Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> we need to help promote it. We need to check into how the Covid pay is working for the quarantine time, not sure if it has changed this year from last. The BETTA club is wanting to use the Community Center for a dance on October 16<sup>th</sup> at no cost. (Council agreed it is not a problem) The engineers for the tennis courts will be out this week to measure and the school will then be back to re-present their wants.

**ATTORNEY’S REPORT – NOT PRESENT**

**CLERK’S REPORT** – Deputy Clerk reported phone being down to AT&T waiting on repair. Vernon Express worker busted a water line, Jason verified it was on their side. Request a laptop for Jason to help him with Diamond Maps and his ordering will be added to the workshop agenda

**FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT - NOT PRESENT**

**RECREATION REPORT – NOT PRESENT**

**PUBLIC WORKS’ REPORT** – mowing and work orders

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Edell Clark is requesting the City’s help with removal of trees on easement; the Council requested this be placed on the agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **PUBLIC HEARING: 2<sup>ND</sup> READING ORDINANCE 21-229** Council President Baxley read Ordinance 21-229; following a brief discussion, Ms. Baxley asked for any public input. After hearing none, a motion to approve was given by Joey Brock and received a second from Chad Jackson, motion passes with all in favor.

2. **PUBLIC HEARING: RESOLUTION 21-171** Fred Fox Enterprises representative, Patrick Howard, read the resolution; following a brief discussion Ms. Baxley asked for any public input; hearing none, a motion to approve was given by Chad Jackson and received a second from Joey Brock, motion passes with all in favor.
3. **MOTION TO APPROVE \$54.40** (sewer) credit adjustment to acct 463 (verified leak) a motion to approve was given by Joey Brock and received a second from Chad Jackson; the motion passes with all in favor.
4. **MOTION TO APPROVE \$939.85** (water & sewer) credit adjustment to acct 364 (possible meter issue) a motion to approve was given by Chad Jackson and received a second from Joey Brock, motion passes with all in favor.
5. **MOTION TO APPROVE** FRWA compiling Rev Plan (Mr. Mearns was not able to attend) the motion was tabled until workshop scheduled for 09/07/21.
6. **MOTION TO APPROVE \$500.00** to cemetery committee to remove tree tabled until 7/20/21 Ms. Baxley needs to fill out abstain from vote paperwork.
7. **MOTION TO APPROVE** purchase of ground penetrating radar after a request for an updated estimate to be presented at the next workshop on 09/07/21, a motion to approve was given by Joey Brock and received a second from Chad Jackson, motion passes with all in favor.
8. **MOTION TO APPROVE** PGCS recommendation regarding fall at City Hall a motion to approve was given by Joey Brock and received a second from Chad Jackson, motion passes with all in favor.
9. **MOTION TO APPROVE** reimbursing Jason Rhoton (PWD) ~\$591.00 for new tires a motion to approve was given by Chad Jackson and received a second from Joey Brock, motion passes with all in favor.
10. **MOTION TO APPROVE** debit card for PWD and credit card for Street Maintenance a motion to approve was given by Joey Brock and received a second from Chad Jackson, motion passes with all in favor.
11. **MOTION TO APPROVE** authorizing Mayor to sign ARPA funding agreement (approved by City Attorney) a motion to approve was given by Joey Brock and received a second from Chad Jackson, motion passes with all in favor.
12. **MOTION TO APPROVE** authorizing Mayor to sign FRDAP grant agreement (approved by City Attorney) a motion to approve was given by Joey Brock and received a second from Chad Jackson, motion passes with all in favor.
13. **MOTION TO APPROVE** purchase of public records/ record retention software a motion to approve was given by Joey Brock and received a second from Chad Jackson after a brief discussion motion died
14. **MOTION TO APPROVE** culverts ~\$2,650.00 (\$49,511.88 already paid by FEMA) a motion to approve was given by Joey Brock and received a second from Chad Jackson, motion passes with all in favor.
15. **REPORT TO COUNCIL – REBECCA BAXLEY** tabled until the 9/7 workshop

- 16. MOTION TO APPROVE** removal of tree Pine Crest Street by Easy Care Tree Service for \$1100 a motion to approve was given by Joey Brock and received a second from Chad Jackson, motion passes with all in favor.
- 17. MOTION TO APPROVE** removal of trees on Spoolmill Rd. by Easy Care Tree Service at a cost not to exceed \$1499 to the city with any overage being the responsibility of Edell Clark a motion to approve was given by Joey Brock and received a second from Chad Jackson, motion passes with all in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT** with no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was given by Chad Jackson and received a second from Joey Brock, motion passes with all in favor; the meeting adjourned at 6:30PM

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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