

COUNCIL MEETING / CITY OF VERNON OCTOBER 18, 2021 / 5:30PM

PRESENT – MAYOR: Candice Hodges; COUNCIL MEMBERS: Rebecca Baxley, Chad Jackson, Laura Brewer, Gwendolyn March; CITY ATTORNEY Michelle Jordan; CITY CLERK: Tracy Walker; PUBLIC WORKS: Jason Rhoton; FIRE CHIEF ShiQuan Green. NOT PRESENT – COUNCIL MEMBERS: Joey Brock; RECREATION DIRECTOR: Timothy Garner

Council President Baxley called the Meeting to order at 5:32

INVOCATION given by Candice Hodges

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE given by all

CONSENT AGENDA Motion to approve the consent agenda was given by Gwendolyn March and received a second by Chad Jackson; motion carries with all in favor.

- APPROVE MONTHLY SUMMARY / BANK RECONCILIATION (Sept)
- APPROVE CHANGES IN DEPOSITS AND ADJUSTMENTS (Sept)
- APPROVE MINUTES (Sept Meetings/Oct Workshop and Special Meeting)
- APPROVE ADJUSTMENTS <\$50.00

MAYOR'S REPORT Tracy and Michelle have been working on the CDBG-CV, we were approved for the MSCOP, which is for the paving of Yellow Jacket; we are still work on Code Enforcement with the county; the Dalton family has a concrete bench they are donating for the City Square, to be placed between the 2 dedicated trees; Linda Wilson's bill is showing an error; the account was set up improperly adding 2 stationary zeros instead of 1, it has been corrected and a refund check has been added to the agenda as #1.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Vernon Drugs back flow needs to be put underground, it keeps getting backed into, also add to the agenda as #13 for a water bill adjustment.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT no report

CLERK'S REPORT handouts for ARPA funding, FMIT data recovery grant program, for IT security; we received a letter from Mr. Cliff White in reference to being pleased with the spray field and Jason coming to remove the trees off the fence line, he expressed his interest in continuing his lease which will be coming up for renewal soon; there will be some testing on the City Square on the 10/29.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT the department has 2 new officers-Craig Pettis and Lucas Seley, training meeting tomorrow; we are still in need of lawn equipment and more radios.

RECREATION REPORT Basketball registration is open as reported by City Clerk, Tracy Walker.

PUBLIC WORKS' REPORT We have been cleaning the ditches out; the GPR has come in; the road at Pinecrest and Yohn is destroyed by people having to go around Ky Adams vehicles and junk that are blocking part of the road, therefore the neighbor with the rollback and the Waste Management driver are having to go around therefore tearing up the sides of the road and putting water lines at risk. I am wanting to request making Tim Radar a full-time permanent employee if you could add it to the agenda.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: FRWA (Robert Mearns) rev plan update you already have Diamond Maps in use, DEP pays for the REV Plan it is a long-range plan to help manage your income and outgoing monies. Also, an update on the grant to get radio readers it is still active just waiting on DEP to decide.

WC Planning (Dawn McDonald) small scale FLUM amendment update – 3306 Sapp Ave and requested the mayor’s signature on a permit application for Hunter’s Park for broadband tower.

Linda Wilson, Priscilla Brown, Wade Brown, and Clara McDonald – water bill (Linda McDonald-Wilson) Ms. Wilson felt that the city clerk and deputy clerk were rude and need to learn how to “speak better” she also would like Shady Grove cleaned up and stated the meter guy smelt like beer when checking her meter. Ms. Priscilla Brown told the mayor that she was pleased on how the water bill was handled not just for Ms. Wilson but the citizens of Vernon and keep up the good work, and glad to hear the news about Church St. Mr. Brown was not present. Ms. Clara McDonald was glad that we found the error in Linda’s water bill and fixed it.

Rhonda Dickinson Cemetery Committee we are glad to hear that the GPR is here; requested that she and a couple other members of the committee be allowed to join training on the machine; I called Peel Funeral Home to get a price on temporary markers and maybe they could donate some to the city, if we cannot get some donated would the city be willing to give us a budget?

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **MOTION TO APPROVE** Refund for Linda Wilson \$265.49 a motion to approve refund given by Gwendolyn March and received a second from Chad Jackson; the motion passes with all in favor.
2. **MOTION TO APPROVE** Resolution 22-176 adopting Washington County’s LMS a motion to approve resolution was given by Laura Brewer and received a second from Gwendolyn March; following a brief discussion, the motion passes with all in favor.
3. **MOTION TO APPROVE** \$246.79 adj to acct 862, estimated too high a motion to approve was given by Chad Jackson and received a second from Gwendolyn March; following a brief discussion, the motion passes with all in favor.
4. **MOTION TO APPROVE** \$64.28 adj to acct 1228, not placed on vacation status a motion to approve was given by Gwendolyn March and received a second from Chad Jackson; the motion passes with all in favor.
5. **MOTION TO APPROVE** \$135.83 adj to acct 881, uprooted tree caused leak a motion to approve was given by Chad Jackson and received a second from Gwendolyn March; following a brief discussion, the motion passes with all in favor.
6. **MOTION TO APPROVE** FRWA (Robert Mearns) proceeding with Rev Plan following a brief discussion by Mr. Mearns a motion to approve was given by Chad Jackson and received a second from Laura Brewer; following a brief discussion, the motion passes with all in favor.
7. **MOTION TO APPROVE** allowing Washington County Dolphins use of the pageant dressing room (once insurance is provided to City Clerk) free of charge for wrestling practice a motion to approve was given by Gwendolyn March and received a second from Chad Jackson; the motion passes with all in favor.
8. **MOTION TO APPROVE** FLUM change to 3306 Sapp Ave from low/medium density to commercial a motion to approve was given by Gwendolyn March and received a second from Chad Jackson; the motion passes with all in favor.
9. **MOTION TO APPROVE** \$1000.00 donation to VHS Project Graduation, and \$500.00 remaining split; 1/3 from each Candice, Rebecca, and Chad’s salaries a motion to approve was given by Gwendolyn March and received a second from Chad Jackson; the motion passes with all in favor.
10. **MOTION TO APPROVE** adding Public Works and Fire Department’s laptops to IT Security a motion to approve was given by Chad Jackson and received a second from Laura Brewer; following a brief discussion item was tabled to wait for cost estimate.
11. **MOTION TO APPROVE** additional bracing for Council Chambers by Alpha Foundations for \$5,000.00 following a brief discussion, a motion to approve was given by Chad Jackson and received a second from Gwendolyn March; the motion passes with all in favor.

12. **MOTION TO APPROVE** application for Hunter Park Broadband tower a motion to approve was given by Chad Jackson and received a second from Gwendolyn March; following a brief discussion, the motion passes with all in favor.
13. **MOTION TO APPROVE** water bill adjustment for Vernon Drugs following a brief discussion, a motion to approve was given by Gwendolyn March and received a second from Chad Jackson; the motion passes with all in favor.
14. **MOTION TO APPROVE** changing Tim Rader from temporary full time to permanent full time employee a motion was made by Laura Brewer and seconded by Gwendolyn March; following a brief discussion including the request to receive input from the Street Maintenance Crew, the item was tabled until the 10/26/21 special meeting.

Council President Baxley requested that she be allowed to give the rest of the President's Report to Council on Tuesday 10/26/21 at the special meeting.

ADJOURNMENT With no further business to discuss, the Council President asked for a motion to adjourn; the motion was made by Gwendolyn March and received a second from Chad Jackson, with all in favor the meeting was officially adjourned at 7:02PM

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. 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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