

**COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
CITY OF VERNON
SEPTEMBER 6, 2022**

PRESENT: **COUNCIL MEMBERS** – Becky Baxley, Chad Jackson, Mary Porteus, Gwen March, Joey Brock
 CITY ATTORNEY - Michelle Jordan
 MAYOR – Gary Owens
 CITY CLERK – Karen White
 PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR - Jason Rhoton
 RECREATION DIRECTOR – Tim Gardner

Council President Becky Baxley called the Regular Council Workshop to order.

INVOCATION – Chad Jackson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Recited By All

#1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FROM MCDANIEL, CPA

Council President Becky Baxley stated this would need to be addressed at a Regular Council Meeting. Asked City Clerk to contact them and ask them to come and go over the statements with the Council.

#2 DIRECTIONAL SIGN FOR CITY HALL

Council Member Gwen March stated she asked for these because at the election, no one could find City Hall. There is no signs or directional sign pointing toward the City Hall. Discussion was made about size and placement of signs. Council asked that City Clerk Karen White ask the Deputy Clerk Rose Capezera to check on this and get back with the Council.

#3 FORM RANKING COMMITTEE TO RANK PORPOSEALSFOR THE ENGINEER AND ADMINISTRATION FOR FY 2021 CBBG DISASTER RECOVERY GRANT

DEO states there must be another advertisement and the applicants will have to have a ranking report done on them.

#4 PUBLIC WORKS – CHAD TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

The panel box, and safety switch went out on the fan blower at the plant. It caught on fire the other day, to have this replaced will be \$2180.00 for installation. This price does not include any wiring that might have to be replaced. Council President stated this would be something that would have to be voted on at the next meeting. They are to be out tomorrow to install the fluent pump at the plant, that price will be \$88,050.00. The pump for Lazybone will be \$6,192.00. There are some issues at Well #3, someone will be out tomorrow to check it out. If it is the motor, it will be covered,

however, if it is the pump there may be more issues. All the signs at the plant must be in Spanish as well as English and now they are all in English. Chad will get a price on this and get back with Council. There has been a complaint that the owners of 3459 Roche Ave have fence off part of their land and put a horse there, and it was stated that it was against the City Ordinance No. 10-196. Council discussed and decided for each to drive by and look over the area. Complaint was from someone who does not live inside the City Limits. The City office has not received any phone calls with complaints. Council President asked City Clerk to pull the ordinance for review.

#5 KAREN BEING APPROVED TO JOIN THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CLERKS

Council agreed for the City Clerk be allowed to join 'The Florida League of Clerks'. That will give her team support from other City Clerks should she have questions or need clarification on things.

#6 MICHELLE ADDRESS LETTER RECEIVED FROM KAREN

Council members received letter from City Clerk Karen White. Attorney Michelle Jordan stated she requested the Clerk to print out the correspondences since there were allegations of unprofessional conduct. Council President asked that any discussion involving Rose Capezzeria be not mentioned since she is not present to defend herself. Council member Chad Jackson stated he thought that there should be an employee meeting called to address these issues. Employee meeting set to be before the Budget workshop on September 13, 2022.

#7 INSURANCE

Council President suggested that the issue be moved to the Agenda of the Council meeting since nothing can be done about it at the Workshop.

Recreation Director Tim Gardner gave update on all the ball games coming up and the amount of \$3400 funds brought in over the weekend's tournaments.

Council President asked motion for adjournment

1st Motion by Chad Jackson

2nd Motion by: Mary Porteus

Discussion: None

All in Favor? YES NO

OPPOSED NONE

Motion Carried YES NO

Meeting adjourned.

These minutes are certified true and accurate on this 21st day of Nov, 2022 by



Rebecca Baxley, Council President

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