

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 3, 2018

Mayor Harmon Carter called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Council Member Darrell Hedden led the group in prayer.

Mayor Carter led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Council Members Darrell Hedden, Allison Beasley, Carol Eagle, and Sandra Garrett. Council Member Jeremy Williams and Elizabeth Milam were absent.

Audience attendees included James & Diann Smith, Robin Brooks, Danny Akines, Mike Shinn, Donna Oates, and Steve McFatridge.

Council Member Sandra Garrett made the motion to accept the March City Council Minutes, which was seconded by Council Member Darrell Hedden and passed unanimously.

Council Member Sandra Garrett made the motion to accept the March Financial Report, which was seconded by Council Member Carol Eagle and passed unanimously.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS** – all Committee Reports will be included in the minutes **Fire Department-Report Included**

- Chief Danny Akines informed that they had a very busy month, 35 runs.
- He also stated that the Firefighter Memorial went well and Dennis McFatridge was very pleased and thankful to all that came to honor Sherry McFatridge.

## Park Commission-Report Included

- Park Commissioner Diann Smith stated that the Park Commission meeting was held on March 15.
- Mayor Harmon Carter, Mrs. Smith, and the council discussed a complaint about the dumpsters at the ball park being unsightly. Mrs. Smith stated that the Park Commission, Street Superintendent James Smith, and she have discussed options to appease the complaint. After a lengthy

- discussion, no action was taken at the time since the dumpsters are only at the park for 3 months of the year, but they would continue to research options.
- Mrs. Smith also reported that there was major damage done to the women's restroom at the park building. The main door and lock were damaged, along with one of the stalls inside. Current repairs will be over \$800. Since the damage, James Smith has gotten an estimate for security cameras of \$3,000+. He will secure more estimates and research other security options.

### Planning Commission

Planning Commissioner Jim Ferguson had no report.

### Police Department - Report Included.

 Police Chief Steve McFatridge reported that the PD had 2 handheld radios go out. He was able to have one fixed, and has already ordered a replacement for the other for \$1,940.80. He stated that he would use his savings to cover the cost.

#### Animal Control

 Animal Control Officer Mike Shinn reported that there were currently no dogs on hand.

### Street Department-Report Included

- Street Superintendent James Smith reported that they have been doing a lot of work at the park. They have put up 2 scoreboards, done field work, and restored bleachers.
- He also stated that a culvert has been replaced on Huck Finn.

# Water Department - Report Included.

Water Superintendent Chris Liles was absent.

#### Old Business

#### **New Business**

Counselor Margaret Dobson read Ordinance 2018-01. Council Member Darrell Hedden made a motion to amend the ordinance by removing the words "will be issued" from Section D which was seconded by Council Member Sandra Garrett and passed unanimously. Council Member Darrell Hedden made a motion to accept the ordinance as amended which was seconded by Council Member Sandra Garrett and passed unanimously. Council Member Darrell Hedden made a motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance a 2<sup>nd</sup> time, title only which was seconded by Sandra Garrett and passed unanimously. Counselor Dobson read Ordinance 2018-01 in title only. Council member Darrell Hedden made a motion to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading which was seconded by Council Member Sandra Garrett

and passed unanimously. Council Member Darrell Hedden made a motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance a 3<sup>rd</sup> time in title only which was seconded by Council Member Sandra Garrett and passed unanimously. Counselor Dobson read Ordinance 2018-01 in title only. Council Member Darrell Hedden made a motion to accept the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading which was seconded by Council Member Sandra Garrett and passed unanimously.

- Donna Oates with the Redfield Community Center informed council about the James Kight Day Cookout scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Redfield Community Center.
- Robin Brooks asked if the fireworks ordinance could be reworked.
  Counselor Margaret Dobson stated that she believed it had been done already, but would look into the issue and if it had not been amended, she would make sure it is addressed.
- Mrs. Brooks also stated that the property across the street from hers has become an eyesore again and needs to be addressed. Mayor Harmon Carter stated that he would talk to the property owner and try to get the situation resolved.
- Council Member Darrell Hedden asked that the council explore the idea of raising the city sales tax to 2% to be used for all general services in the city. He stated that if the council decides to move forward, he has an ordinance written that, if read by the June meeting, could move it forward to being on the ballot in November for the citizens to vote on.

Council Member Sandra Garrett made the motion to pay invoices, seconded by Council Member Carol Eagle and passed unanimously.

Council Member Sandra Garrett made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Carol Eagle and passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm. Respectfully Submitted,

Certified,

Dane Fults, Recorder/Treasurer

Harmon Carter, Mayor

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