

REDFIELD

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 4, 2018

Audience attendees Perry Veazey, James & Diann Smith, Danny Akines, Cody Perkins, Allison Turner, Donna Oates, Rich DeBill, Kurash Malek, Mac Garner, Tim Lemons, and Ray & Roben Brooks.

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

Daniel Travis led the group in prayer.

Mayor Carter led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Council Members Darrell Hedden, Allison Beasley, Daniel Travis, Sandra Garrett, and Elizabeth Milam. Carol Eagle was absent.

Council Member Elizabeth Milam made the motion to accept the November City Council Minutes, which was seconded by Council Member Sandra Garrett and passed unanimously.

Council Member Sandra Garrett made the motion to accept the November Financial Report, which was seconded by Council Member Allison Beasley and passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – all Committee Reports will be included in the minutes

Fire Department-Report Included

- Chief Danny Akines reported that Jefferson County voted to split unallocated Act 833 funds that were due to Fire Departments that were not meeting guidelines and regulations to those that are. He stated that it may not always be a large increase for Redfield, but there will be increases to Act 833.

Park Commission-Report Included

- Park Commissioner Diann Smith stated that the dedication for the Dollarway Park Sign will be held in the spring.
- She also stated that she was reelected to the State Park Board.

Planning Commission

- Mayor Harmon Carter asked to appoint the Southeast Arkansas Regional Planning Commission as the Plat Officer for the Redfield Planning Commission. Council Member Daniel Travis made the motion which was seconded by Council Member Allison Beasley and passed unanimously.

Police Department – Report Included.

- Police Chief Steve McFatrige reported that K9 Officer Rich DeBill started a 2 week K9 class with Boston.
- He also reported that there were 2 arrests made at the park with the help of the new surveillance cameras.

Animal Control

- Mike Shinn reported there were 4 puppies on site at the end of the month.

Street Department-Report Included

- Street Superintendent James Smith reported that the Bridge Lighting would be on December 8th at 6 pm.

Water Department – Report Included.

- Water Superintendent Perry Veazey stated that they had begun training at the new water treatment plant. The main controller will be back on January 7th at which time they hope to be able to produce water.
- Counselor Margaret Dobson stated that the Water Treatment Plant project is passed the contract finish date. She asked to put Aaron Benzing from Hawkins-Weir on the January Agenda to discuss accessing liquidating damages.

Old Business

- Representatives from Building and Utility discussed the Sunset Valley west project with Council. Allison Turner submitted a letter (included in minutes) to Council expressing concerns about how the City is handling the project and the need to make a ruling so the project could move forward. After a lengthy discussion, Council Member Darrell Hedden made a motion to print a Public Notice in the paper that a Planning Commission Meeting would be held on December 13th at 6 pm to address Sunset Valley West which was seconded by Council Member Daniel Travis and passed unanimously.

New Business

- Council Member Darrell Hedden made a motion to accept submitted budget proposal from the mayor which was seconded by Council Member Elizabeth Milam and passed unanimously.

- Council Member Sandra Garrett made a motion to accept the proposed amounts for the 2018 Christmas Bonuses including a \$200 bonus to Water Superintendent Perry Veazey which was seconded by Council Member Elizabeth Milam and passed unanimously.
- Council Member Elizabeth Milam made a motion to move the January Council Meeting to January 8th which was seconded by Council Member Daniel Travis. Motion passed: 4 for and 1 against.
- Council scheduled the swearing in of the newly elected officials on January 1st at noon.

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

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Certified,

Dane Fults, Recorder/Treasurer

Harmon Carter, Mayor

Sunset Valley West

We started on this project on October 4, 2016. We received several emails from Chris Lyles in December 2016 stating that he had problems with the plans. After much discussion we decided to revise the plans per Chris' emails. We resubmitted revised plans to the City on April 15, 2017. July 7, 2017 we received emails from Chris tell us what was wrong with the plans. Then September 8, 2017 received another email stating that he had problems with the revised plans. Then September 19, 2017 we resubmitted with the changes Chris Lyles requested. Again we received emails from Chris on November 1, 2017 and again we revised the plans and sent on November 19, 2017. We then receive yet another email from Chris that stated he had problems with one line. On November 28, 2017 we sent another revised set of plans for Chris to review.

We were never informed of any problem with drainage issues.

January 11, 2018 gave Chris another revised plan. Chris still had problems!!! All this has been brought to the City Council at least three times.

We sent yet another revised plan to Chris on March 1, 2018. On May 16, 2018 received an email from Chris stating that the health department had not approved the plans. So I contacted the health department spoke with Dennis Taylor and he stated that it had been approved on February 7, 2018. ADH99890.

At this time James Smith informed me that there was a problem with the drainage. I responded that we had never received any paper work or letters or emails stating that we had a problem with the streets and drainage.

I ask Chris for a meeting to get everything straightened out and he told me NO that I

should wait for the new water Superintendent that he had resigned. I went and ask the Mayor and the Mayor stated that he had resigned and he had the letter and they were working on getting someone else.

On May 25, 2018 Mr. Smith sent me a copy that he and Vernon Williams had discussed within an email. Mr. Smith apologized to me at the City Council meeting for assuming that Building & Utility Contractors had received the email. At this time I ask for all documents that we needed to get approved. On October 9, 2018 the Mayor came to the office and told me that everything was looking good with no worries. Then 2 days later James Smith came to the office to discuss this matter. He stated that a special meeting needed to be called with the planning commission to address some drainage items. On October 29, 2018 the Mayor came

and told us that we had to post a Public Notice to reference the special meeting and it needed to be 15 workings days prior to the meeting.

The meeting was setup for November 29, 2018 at 7:00PM. On November 6th I ask the Mayor after a City Council meeting was I supposed to post and pay for ad and he stated NO that the

City Clerk does that. On November 28, 2018 at 5:00PM Mr. Smith called me at the office and stated that we could not have a meeting because it was not posted in the paper.

However they were going to have a regular meeting which they did and 3 planning commission members were present at the meeting. The meeting was over and Mr. Smith walked me outside and I left. When I came back by the same vehicles were still at the meeting and everyone was still inside. I am not sure that they were still having a meeting but I felt like they were.

I am wishing for the City Council to either
APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE BUT MAKE A
RULING!!