

REDFIELD

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 5, 2018

Audience attendees Diann & James Smith, Danny Akins, Nathan Travis, Daniel Travis, Steve McFtridge, Jimmy Jackson, Jim Ferguson, Mike Shinn, Donna Oates, Roben Brooks, Allison Turner, And Sandra Brown.

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

Chris Liles 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, Sandra Garrett, and Elizabeth Milam.

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

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

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

- Chief Danny Akines reported that the county will longer repair emergency sirens and that all future repairs needed for the 2 in city limits will have to be maintained by the city.

Park Commission-Report Included

- Park Commissioner Diann Smith reported the RAA requested to extend the user agreement till the end of July. Park Commission voted to extend.
- The RAA will also be using the concession stand during the 4th of July activities at the park.
- They have gotten 2 quotes for security cameras: \$3,175 & \$3,023. No action was taken.

- She stated that they have a letter of support and a petition from citizens to turn in for the \$25,000 non-matching grant for the dog park at the Dollarway Park.
- Recorder/Treasurer Dane Fults reported that the Dollarway sign has been received. He also stated that the sign has been paid for out of the Dollarway Park Trust and the account has been closed with the remaining balance being transferred to the Park Checking account.
- The Park Commission has been approached about the possibility of placing a veteran's memorial on city property. After a discussion with the council, Council Member Darrell Hedden stated that he would work on an ordinance to regulate procedure for using city property for monuments, statues, etc.

Planning Commission

- Planning Commissioner Jim Ferguson reported that they had 2 subdivisions to review at the meeting.
- He stated that Park Lakes Phase 2 would consist of 18 lots and the Planning Commission approved the preliminary plat.
- He also stated that Larry Reynolds from South East Arkansas Regional Planning Commission suggested that going forward, all preliminary plat should be approved after utilities are approved.
- Mr. Ferguson stated that Sunset West was approved over a year ago, but during the utility review, changes were made and had to be reviewed again. Because of the changes made, no action was taken and Mr. Ferguson has been trying to contact the developments engineer.

Police Department – Report Included.

- Police Chief Steve McFatridge stated that he attended the last school board meeting where school safety was addressed. He stated that there will now be 2 officers at the high school along with a gun detecting dog and that all elementary schools will have an officer on site, whether it be an SRO or an off duty officer.

Animal Control

- Animal Control Officer Mike Shinn reported there were 3 dogs on site at the end of the month.

Street Department-Report Included

- Street Superintendent James Smith reported that while the bridge was closed the last 2 days, they were able to place the new culvert and repair the road afterwards.

Water Department – Report Included.

- Water Superintendent Chris Liles had nothing to report.

Old Business

- Counselor Margaret Dobson read 2nd reading of Ordinance 2018-02. Jim Ferguson pointed out that the wording "1 am New Year's Eve" should be changed to "1 am New Year's Day". Council Member Allison Beasley made a motion to accept the 2nd reading which was seconded by Council Member Elizabeth Milam. Council Member Darrell Hedden made a motion to accept the 2nd motion as amended which was seconded by Council Member Elizabeth Milam and passed unanimously. Fire Chief Danny Akines and Police Chief Steve McFatridge expressed their desire for the council to pass the Ordinance now and not wait until next month. Council Member Carol Eagle made a motion to wave the 3rd reading and pass the ordinance which was seconded by Council Member Allison Beasley and failed 3-2. 3rd reading of the ordinance will be at the July Meeting.
- Code Enforcer Nathan Travis and the council discussed the Nuisance ordinance. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that a committee made up of Council Members Eagle, Milam, and Beasley along with Mayor Carter and Code Enforcer Travis would research the issue more.
- Council discussed potentially adding a sales tax increase to the November ballot. Council Member Darrell Hedden stated that he will draw up an ordinance to review in July.

New Business

- Counselor Margaret Dobson read the lease agreement for the donation of the land from the White Hall School District. Counselor Dobson then read Resolution 2018-04. Council Member Darrell Hedden made the motion to accept the resolution which was seconded by Council Member Sandra Garrett and passed unanimously.
- Council Member Sandra Garrett made a motion to appoint Daniel Travis to the vacant Council seat which was seconded by Council Member Carol Eagle and passed unanimously.
- Donna Oates asked who would be keeping up the ditches between River Rd. and the new sidewalk. Counselor Margaret Dobson stated that we have a constitutional basis for our decision to take care of the ditch between the sidewalk and the street and not do that for every other ditch in the community. She continued to say that our basis for the decision is that we have invested city, government, and grant money into the sidewalks and we have a vested interest in making sure it is clean on our side so it is usable and safe for passage of students and citizens.

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

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

Meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Certified,

Dane Fults, Recorder/Treasurer

Harmon Carter, Mayor