

**Meeting of the Vilonia City Council
March 19, 2024**

Members present: Jim King, Joe Maxwell, Mike Matos, James Firestone, Lacosta Beene, and Steven Craig.

Meeting Prayer: Led by Preston Scroggin

Pledge of Allegiance: By all.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Preston Scroggin.

Established quorum.

Approval February 2024, Minutes: Motion of approval made by Councilman Jim King, seconded by James Firestone, approved by all, motion passed.

Approval of Financial Statement for February 2024: Motion of approval made by Joe Maxwell, seconded by Jim King, approved by all, motion passed.

Reports of City Departments:

Fire Department: Keith Hillman stated the fire department had 275 runs, year to date. For the month of April there will be three classes held, MCI drills, school shooting drills and fire and tornado drills. CPR class was held for coaches with Park & Recreation. ISO meeting and will be a couple of months before results are in. EAST lab donated 200 stuffed animals to give to children.

Planning Commission: No planning commission meeting for the month of March. 7 Building permits were issued. 19 total residential YTD and 1 storage YTD

Mayor Scroggin announced Keith Hillman was appointed by the Governor of Arkansas to the State Fire Protection Board

Police Department: Brad McNew announced the new vehicle is on the road now. Chief McNew introduced Marshall Kelley as a new hire. Maxwell made a motion to approve, King seconded, motion approved by all.

Sewer Department: Joe Maxwell stated he has not spoken to Brandon. The meeting has been moved to March 21, 2024. The new online system is working well. Mayor Scroggin complimented the department on their hard work.

Street Department: Scroggin stated there have been some runoff issues and the Church Street project is still ongoing. The project should be completed in about two months.

Parks and Recreation: Mayor Scroggin announced the registration numbers have been up from last year for baseball and softball. Around \$7000 to \$7500 may be needed to replace chain length fencing due to wear and tear.

Public Comment: A letter has been received from Arkansas State Highway Commission. A study will be conducted on the traffic for highway 107 to Eagle Street. The city has requested they look at the traffic signal by the school district.

Three new businesses for the City of Vilonia: Pizza Hut, Civil Engineering Associates, and The Botanical Florist. Rausch Coleman Homes will be having a ribbon cutting April 5. Rick Maynard is having drainage issues. He will be buying all materials, and the city will use equipment for repairs. Vilonia Senior Citizen Center needs a new stove. DHS is holding a hiring event April 16 between 10 AM to 2 PM at Vilonia City Hall.

Brady Zweifel announced a CEI grant for \$120,000 was awarded in a partnership with Vilonia Schools for sidewalks.

Steven Craig gave thanks to the students who volunteered around city hall. Craig also mentioned the Fishing Derby 5K and ribbon cutting for May 18, 2024.

The City of Vilonia now has an app with GOGOV.

Announcements:

Department recognition by Council person Beene: Vilonia Senior Center is being recognized. The center has lunch daily and there will be a Rook and Domino event. (Not sure of date at this time.)

Chamber of Commerce:

On behalf of the Vilonia Chamber of Commerce, Tanya Hendrix, board president announced the following:

The Monthly luncheons are opened to the public, both members and non-members. This is a great way to network meet others and enjoy a delicious meal and beverage for a low price of \$8.75., at Simple Simon's March guest speaker Harbor Home, April is UACCM, May is Brandon Martinez and June is Renewal Ranch. If anyone would like to be our guest speaker you may contact the Chamber. 2 Ribbon Cuttings for Rausch Coleman is April 5th and May 4th for Game Zoners we welcome them to Vilonia Chamber! Vilonia Antique Car Show is set for: May 18th Vilonia Chamber is sponsoring the 1st Place Trophy Chocolate Festival date is set for: June 4th 5-7pm at the new Valley Event Center. This year we will have a chocolate eating contest along with the best chocolate and best decorated booth. Details will be posted soon! Back to School Bash is set for August once the 2024-2025 school calendar is set: Fall Fest is set for: Saturday October 12th 10am-4pm booth rent is \$35.00 more details will be posted on our website and social media closer to the event.

The City of Vilonia offices will be closed March 29th for Good Friday

Old Business: NONE

New business:

(A) ORDINANCE 2023-8 ESTABLISHING A COMMERCIAL ZONE AND AMENDING THE VILONIA ZONING ORDINANCE 99-6

Craig motioned to pass, no second. Not passed.

(B) PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY

Date: 4/16/2024

Mayor: [Signature]

Recorder: [Signature]

