

**Meeting of the Vilonia City Council
April 16, 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 March 2024, Minutes: Motion of approval made by Councilman Jim King, seconded by James Firestone, approved by all, motion passed.

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

Reports of City Departments:

- (A) **Fire Department:** Jimmy Hoofman stated there have 375 runs, MCI training and school shooting training. There will be future MCI training for daycare fire and tornado.
- (B) **Planning Commission:** Todd Beene stated the planning commission will meet April 25, 2024, at 7 PM to approve a mobile food truck called Peach Wave. Mayor Scroggin announced there have been 35 building permits total, 11 building permits this month.
- (C) **Police Department:** Brad McNew stated the department participated in active shooting training. He also stated they have been processing applications for the open position.
- (D) **Sewer Department:** Joe Maxwell stated there will not be a meeting on Thursday. The main break has been repaired.
- (E) **Street Department:** Mayor Scroggin stated the sign damaged is being repaired from the high winds. City Aid Grant was given to the city by the highway department. The highway department will conduct a comprehensive study in the future.
- (F) **Park & Rec:** Mayor Scroggin stated Terry and the crew have been doing a good job and games are going well.

Public Comment:

None

Announcements:

Mayor Scroggins announced two new businesses: Classic Mike's Barbershop and The Gaming Zone

The City of Vilonia has a new app: Connect Vilonia

The position for a new fire chief closed Friday. Applications are being reviewed and interviews will be held soon.

Please refrain from fishing at the city pond until after the fishing derby.

Church street project a payment was received out of the AARP funds for \$187,077.19. The project is near completion.

A new gas stove has been installed in the senior center. In the future a walk-in freezer is needed for the senior center.

A new storm siren system is being considered in the future.

Mike Matos announced the Museum of Veterans announced the Veteran of the Year is Joseph R. Maxwell

(A) Department recognition by Council person Beene: Recognition of Keith Hillman for two awards, from the City of Vilonia and the Vilonia Fire Department.

(B) Chamber of Commerce: On behalf of the Vilonia Chamber of Commerce, Jackie Fowlkes, Vice 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 guest speakers for 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. 4 Ribbon Cuttings Rausch Coleman, Slatton's Collision Center, Botanical Florists, H&H Bookkeeping. We have several more in the coming weeks. 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! Fall Fest is set for: Saturday October 12th 10am-4pm at the Veterans Museum. Booth fees are \$25.00 for members and \$35.00 nonmembers, more details will be posted on our website and social media closer to the event. The Vilonia Chamber will be awarding 3 VHS students with \$500.00 scholarships each. This year's recipients are Ryan & Mason Enis and Angie Davis. Congratulations to them and best of luck. We thank you again for your time.

(C) Fishing Derby May 18, 2024, at the community pond-Weaver Family Park

VCDC: Chad Hearn President of the Vilonia Community Development Corporation stated:

The Vilonia Community Development Corporation will be hosting the Vilonia Community Fishing Derby and 5K on May 18th, 2024. This event will be one of a kind this year, as there will be a formal ribbon cutting of the Weaver Family Park Community Fishing Pond. We will be providing hotdogs, chips, and water and will be giving outdoor prizes throughout the day. All ages are eligible, 16 and up will need a fishing license for fishing derby.

Derby Day Schedule:

5K Registration - 6:15am-6:45am

5K Race - 7:00am-8:00am

Ribbon Cutting - 8:00am-8:30am

Fishing Derby - 8:30am-11:30am

Old Business: NONE

New business: NONE

Date: 5-21-2024

Mayor: 

Recorder: 