

**FOREMAN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 18, 2018**

The Foreman City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 18, 2018, in the Foreman Community Center at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order following an opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll was called and the following were present: Alana Cody, Bill Harp, Tommy McDonald, and Perry Young. Members not present were Donald Gauldin and Helen Dixon. A quorum was declared.

The minutes of the May meeting were presented for approval or correction. Alana Cody made the motion to approve the minutes as presented and Perry Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Financial report for May was presented for review and approval. Alana Cody made the motion to approve the report with Bill Harp seconding the motion. Motion carried.

**Citizens wishing to address the Council**

There were none.

**Department Reports**

**Administration:** The Mayor presented a final report of the Clean-up Campaign. There were approximately 45 volunteers to assist with the trash pickup on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Many, many bags of trash were picked up along the streets of Foreman in all directions as well as lots of weed-eating along buildings and grounds. During the week of the clean-up, many residents cleaned up old appliances and other discarded items from their property for trash pickup. Results were very good for the week. A special thank you went to the sponsors, Horatio State Bank of Foreman, Wooden Spoon, Ash Grove Cement, Young's Grocery, and Gauldin's Trash Service. Foreman School students, High School and Jr. High Cheerleaders, Foreman High Football team, and Foreman Livestock 4H Club also participated.

The new New Holland tractor has been delivered and has been put to good use very quickly!

The Mayor presented a follow-up report on the purchasing of the Regions Bank building. The Mayor reported after negotiating with the realtor on the Regions Bank building, she had countered their offer with a price of \$50,000. A counter offer by Regions was made of \$60,000 and the Mayor stated she countered back with a price of \$55,000 and this price was accepted by Regions. The council members were pleased with the negotiations and unanimously approved the purchase price and the use of IDC funds. The Mayor stated the paperwork and the process would begin!

The Mayor announced that the City would be hosting the District Water meeting on Thursday, June 28 at 6:00pm. The meeting will be held in the Community Center. Barbecue ribs and smoked brisket with potato salad and cole slaw will be served. She invited all council members to the meeting.

**Law Enforcement:** For the month of May, deputies traveled 2,764 miles, responded to 48 calls for service. There were (4) disturbance calls, (3) theft calls, (2) burglary calls, (3) medical calls, (4) accident calls, (3) animal complaints, and (2) suspicious person calls. There were (5) misdemeanor arrests, (2) warrants served, and (25) warnings, and (16) citations given. There were (13) open doors during security checks. Fines for the month totaled \$3,130.00. The Mayor and Council members thanked the Sheriff's Department for their services.

**Fire Department:** There was no report.

**Parks Department:** Tommy McDonald gave a report of the park and future plans which are being worked on.

**Street Department:** No report.

**Water Department:** Eddie Smith, Supervisor, reported on possible plans which are being considered for the wastewater plant according to the City's engineer, Glen Spears.

**Unfinished Business:**

The Mayor requested Ordinance 325 be read for the third and final reading. Theresa Woods read the Ordinance.

**New Business**

The Mayor presented Ordinance 328 for adoption. Ordinance 328 would allow the City of Foreman to hire or contract with Jay Ray Kent for various jobs or work after normal working hours. Jay Ray Kent has recently become an employee for the city and had previously performed many jobs for the city with his partner, Gene Chamlee. Mr. Chamlee has recently retired due to health issues. Perry Young made a motion to adopt Ordinance 328 under emergency clause. Bill Harp seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance. Motion carried.

The Legislative Audit for 2017 was presented for review and approval. The Legislative Joint Auditing Committee approved the audit on June 8, 2018. The Mayor was pleased to announce there were no Findings for the City with the audit.

The Mayor was pleased to announce that the City was recently presented with a land donation by Paul Gregory (108 Schuman). Legal Description: Lot Twenty-six (26) in Block Forty-one (41), Town of Foreman, Little River County, Arkansas; SUBJECT TO any and all easements, restrictions and right-of-way of record and any oil, gas, and/or other mineral interests heretofore conveyed or reserved of record. Discussion followed regarding hiring an engineer to advise the city on the properties and concerns. All Council members were in agreement to hire an engineer before any future plans were started.

Mr. Gregory also owns property at 203 Schuman St. which he would like to donate to the City. This particular property is in need of repair or possible demolition. The Council would like the engineer to also look at this property and advise the city of any concerns. The Mayor stated she would begin working on this project as soon as possible.

The Mayor also reported that several new businesses were to be opening or reopening, Subway and the old Sunrise Café on Hwy 41. The businesses should be opening in the near future she thought. Both businesses have been sold to new owners.

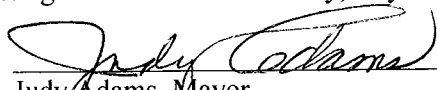
**Executive Session**

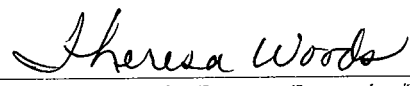
Mayor Adams then asked for an Executive Session to discuss personnel. Alana Cody made a motion to adjourn to the Executive Session. Tommy McDonald seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Regular Session**

After a brief Executive Session, the meeting returned to its regular session. Bill Harp made a motion to move Jay Ray Kent to full-time status with the Street Department with an increase to his pay of .75 cents per hour. Perry Young seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

**Announcements:** The next regular Council Meeting will be held on Monday, July 16th at 4:00 p.m.

  
Judy Adams, Mayor

Attest:   
Theresa Woods, Deputy Recorder/Treasurer