

**FOREMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
August 20, 2018**

The Foreman City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 20, 2018, in the Foreman Community Center at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor followed by an opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll was called and the following were present: Bill Harp, Helen Dixon, Duck Gauldin, and Perry Young. Members not present were Alana Cody and Tommy McDonald. Others present were Janet Hefner, Rodney Long, Brianna Segraves, Peggy Bloxham, Eddie Smith, and Judy Adams, Mayor. A quorum was declared.

The minutes of the July meeting were presented for review approval. Perry Young made a motion to approve the minute as presented with Duck Gauldin seconding. Motion carried.

The Financial report for July was presented for review and discussion. After review Duck Gauldin made a motion to approve with Bill Harp seconding the motion. Motion carried.

Citizens wishing to address the Council

Rodney Long spoke for the citizens group, Brianna Segraves and Peggy Bloxham. These citizens have been working with the Parks and Recreational commission trying to establish another ballfield at the park. Rodney explained they had previously raised \$10,244 and wanted to put this money toward building a new ballfield which would be usable for T-ball up to 12 year old or ladies softball teams. To date three bids were received for the fence supplies. The lowest bid was \$13,170 for the supplies for the ballfield fences. An additional amount of \$2,925 was needed to be able to finish the fence. Local citizens were providing the labor. Mr. Long explained that the Parks and Recreation Division of Arkansas had approved the new field and the group had followed original plans for the location. Mr. Long asked if the city would be able to assist with the balance of \$2,925 for the fence supplies and its completion. If the field could be completed, it could be usable by fall. The council discussed the proposals and agreed the additional field would be an asset to the park and the community in the future. Duck Gauldin made a motion to approve the requested amount of \$2,925 from IDC funds to promote our community and the park and Bill Harp seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Department Reports

Administration: Mayor Adams reported that the Regions Bank building purchase was complete and the deed has been filed. She also reported that the property or lots on Schuman Street have been donated and the deed has been filed also. Discussion followed regarding future possibilities for the properties. A thank you note for the donated lots has been sent. Mayor also reported on the IRS appeal.

Law Enforcement: The report from the Sheriff's Office was reviewed. Deputies traveled 3,260 miles during the month. There were (45) calls for service which included (3) disturbance calls, (2) theft call, (3) medical calls, (3) accident calls, (6) animal complaints, and (1) suspicious person calls. Deputies made 1 felony arrest, 7 misdemeanor arrests, served 4 warrants, and issued 20 warnings and 11 citations. Fines for the month totaled \$2,583.99. There was discussion of trucks jake braking as they are coming into Foreman from all directions of the city. The signs which were posted on the highways stating "NO JAKE BRAKING" have disappeared, the Mayor stated. Four new signs will be purchased and placed along the highways again.

Fire Department: No report.

Parks Department: No report.

Street Department: No report.

Water Department: No report.

Unfinished Business:

The Mayor reported she has located a structural engineering firm, Design Build Consultants out of Texarkana. She has discussed some of the issues of Foreman with them that she and the council have been looking at regarding the structural safety of some of the buildings and other issues as discussed for future plans and development. She reported their charges for consulting are hourly. After discussion the council members requested the Mayor proceed with the engineering firm for consultation on the problems as have been discussed.

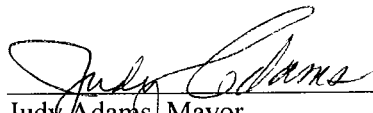
New Business: There was no new business.

Executive Session

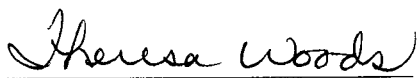
No Executive Session.

Regular Session

Helen Dixon made a motion to adjourn with Perry Young seconding the motion. Motion carried. The next regular council meeting was announced to be on Monday, September 17 at 4:00p.m. The meeting adjourned.



Judy Adams, Mayor

Attest: 

Theresa Woods, Deputy Recorder/Treasurer