

**FOREMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 17, 2018**

The Foreman City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 17, 2018, in the Foreman Community Center at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor Judy Adams. An opening prayer was presented by Donald Gauldin followed by the Pledge of Allegiance with all members.

The roll was called and the following were present: Alana Cody, Bill Harp, Tommy McDonald, Donald Gauldin, and Perry Young. A quorum was declared.

The minutes of the August meeting were presented and reviewed. With no additions or corrections to the minutes, Donald Gauldin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Tommy McDonald seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Financial report for the month of August was presented for review and discussion. After discussion Tommy McDonald made the motion to approve the Financial Report with Donald Gauldin seconding the motion. Motion carried.

Citizens wishing to address the Council

None.

Department Reports

Administration: Mayor Adams reported the “No Jake Braking” signs have been placed at the four (4) points of entrance to the city at the N, S, E, and W entrances. She also reported the weather sirens have been checked again and new batteries were installed. The sirens should be in good working order for a while.

There was a lengthy discussion of problems with large transport trucks driving on city streets to park them on private property. Due to the weight of the trucks they are wearing away the asphalt on the streets. After some discussion it was suggested that we need to post signs designating “No Large Trucks” or “No 18 Wheelers” on these streets to stop driving on these streets. It was noted that there are places for overnight parking around the city. Once the signs are posted the deputies can then issue tickets for violating the notice.

The Mayor discussed the loss of most of the city’s First Responders at the present time. She stated that she had two Fire Department volunteers that have expressed a desire to go through the training. She suggested that the City provide funding for the training with the stipulation they must be able to complete the course. All council members agreed.

Law Enforcement: The report from the Sheriff’s Office was reviewed. Deputies traveled 3,800 miles patrolling within the city. There were (58) calls for service which included (11) disturbance calls, (2) burglary calls, (2) medical calls, (1) accident calls, (3) animal complaints, (3) alarm calls, and (2) suspicious person calls. Deputies made 3 felony arrest, 6 misdemeanor arrests, served 2 warrants, and issued 35 warnings and 14 citations. Deputies located a total of 8 open doors to the schools and businesses during security checks. Fines for the month of August totaled \$2,670.00. It was reported that during nights and week-ends there are problems with four wheelers and other non-road vehicles being driven around the city streets.

Fire Department: A Fire Department report was presented for review by Justin Roden, Fire Chief for the past months of July, August, and portion of September. The fire department responded to 3 MVA’s, 2 structure fires, 2 wildland fires, and held 1 training event in July. In August the fire department responded to 4 wildland fires, one which burned over 100 acres in Gum Flats, 3 MVA’s, 1 motor vehicle fire, 1 structure fire, and 1 gas leak. In September they responded to 1 MVA and 1 grass fire so far this month. Shortly after school started they conducted an inspection of the schools for fire safety. The department has been busy with maintaining equipment as needed and servicing all vehicles as required. Upcoming events include activities for Fire Safety Month in

October with the schools and the annual fish fry fundraiser scheduled for November 3rd at the Fire Station. Two new members have been added to the volunteer fire team.

Parks Department: No report.

Street Department: No report.

Water Department: No report.

Unfinished Business:

Mayor Adams reminded the council members of the Memorial Fundraiser for Jay R. Kent scheduled for Sunday, September 23, 2018 at the Community Center.

New Business: Insurance for the recently acquired Regions building was discussed. Mayor Adams reported on the cost and type of insurance selected. Discussion followed. No further action was taken.

Mayor Adams reported on the Access-Community Survey being conducted throughout Little River County and its purpose and information which might be available for the City of Foreman.

There was a lengthy discussion on the problem of dogs running loose in the city. Mayor Adams stated that the city has on the books an Ordinance addressing dogs should be on a leash or penned up not running loose, but citizens are letting their dogs run loose and may have no collar so therefore no owner can be found. After discussion the Mayor appointed a committee to address this issue made up of Alana Cody, Bill Harp, Tommy McDonald, and Janet Hefner. All suggestions or solutions are welcomed the Mayor stated. The committee will report back at the next meeting.

The Mayor also announced the city will sponsor a Pumpkin Patch Event for Kindergarten and Preschoolers of Foreman schools on Wednesday, October 24th. This event will be held at the old Region's Bank building. Numerous activities are made scheduled for that day. Little River Chamber of Commerce will be assisting with this event.

Executive Session

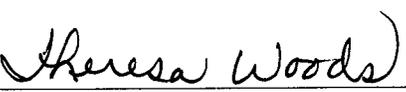
No Executive Session.

Regular Session

With no further business Helen Dixon made a motion to adjourn, Perry Young seconded. The meeting was adjourned. The next regular council meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 15th at 4:00p.m.



Judy Adams, Mayor

Attest: 

Theresa Woods, Deputy Recorder/Treasurer