

**FOREMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 15, 2018**

The Foreman City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 15, 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 and Pledge of Allegiance were presented.

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

The minutes of the September meeting were presented for review. With no additions, deletions, or corrections the minutes were approved with Bill Harp's motion to approve and Alana Cody seconding the motion. Motion carried.

The Financial report for the month of September was presented for review and discussion. After a brief discussion, Perry Young made a motion to approve the Financial Report with Bill Harp seconding the motion. Motion carried.

Citizens wishing to address the Council

None.

Department Reports

Administration: Mayor Adams reported that she had received the donation of the building that had been discussed on Schuman Street just down from City Hall. All paperwork has been completed. A brief discussion was held concerning the poor state of the building.

The Mayor also reported she had temporarily hired someone to assist in the water and street department and to help with the mowing for a while. Discussion followed.

The Mayor also reported that the Pumpkin Patch event was scheduled for October 24th. The Little River Chamber of Commerce, various community volunteers, and many mothers were assisting to make the event both educational and fun for the school children.

Law Enforcement: Deputy Sanders presented the Sheriff's report for September. The deputies traveled 4,000 miles patrolling during the month, responded to 37 calls including 2 disturbance calls, 2 medical calls, 3 animal complaints, and 1 suspicious person call. Deputies made 2 felony arrests, 4 misdemeanor arrests, served 4 warrants, and issued 35 warnings and 10 citations. Deputies located a total of 10 open doors during security checks.

Fire Department: No report.

Parks Department: Tommy McDonald presented a lengthy report regarding the meeting of October 8th and projects and ideas with the park. A good discussion followed. Tommy also reported on some 70 foot steel poles for sale from the Arkansas Federal Surplus Property. There was a lengthy discussion. Tommy was asked to obtain additional information. No action was taken.

Street Department: Eddie Smith reported the truck signs were ordered and No Jake Breaking signs have been posted.

Water Department: No report.

Unfinished Business:

A report from the committee on the problem with loose dogs was submitted and discussed. Mayor Adams reported she continued to receive calls and complaints regarding loose dogs. Numerous ideas were discussed as well as problems with this issue. After a lengthy time it was suggested that a letter to all citizens be drafted with information on the problems caused by the loose animals and citing the Ordinance and possible consequences for continuing to let the animals run loose. These letters will be delivered to every citizen if possible and passed out and posted in public places. The council members stated we will continue to work on this problem until a satisfactory solution is found.

Mayor Adams reported briefly on the meeting with the engineering firm regarding the unsafe buildings and the ideas for the city property. There were no concrete solutions found but several ideas were discussed. No action taken.

New Business: The Mayor announced that a public meeting was requested for October 18th at 12:00p.m. in the Community Center by the Economic Director for Little River County. The meeting is to present the survey results for Foreman of the ACCESS Survey recently conducted for Little River County. Lunch will be provided for all.

Mayor Adams requested approval to purchase a new printer for the Water Department. She reported the present printer was close to 13 or 14 years old and leaving black marks all over the billing, etc. Cost for the printer was less than \$1,000. All members agreed a new printer was needed.


The Mayor requested the council approve an additional holiday observance for employees beginning next year. The holiday, Columbus Day, observed in October, is observed by banks, the postal service, and schools take this day as a "fall break". After a brief discussion, Tommy McDonald made a motion to approve a resolution for the addition of the Columbus Day holiday, Perry Young seconded the motion. Motion carried. The holiday will be added to the approved holiday list for employees effective 2019.

Executive Session

No Executive Session.

Regular Session

With no further business Helen Dixon made a motion to adjourn, Bill Harp seconded the motion. The next regular council meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 19, 2018 at 4:00p.m. The meeting was adjourned.



Judy Adams, Mayor

Attest: 

Theresa Woods, Deputy Recorder/Treasurer