

**FOREMAN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 19, 2019**

The Foreman City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, in the Foreman Community Center at 4:00 p.m.

Mike McKee opened the meeting with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Mayor, Bill Harp, called the meeting to order and the roll was called. Council members Judy Adams, Alana Cody, Helen Dixon, Mike McKee, Tommy McDonald, and Perry Young were present. A quorum was declared. Janet Hefner, Recorder/Treasurer and Theresa Woods, Deputy Recorder/Treasurer, were also present.

The minutes of the January 22 regular meeting and January 30 special meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted. Mike McKee made the motion to approve the minutes with Alana Cody seconding. Motion carried.

The Financial report for the month of January was presented. After a brief review and discussion, Judy Adams made a motion to approve and accept the report. Tommy McDonald seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Citizens wishing to address the Council**

Vicki Williamson from Little River Intermodal/Economic Development presented a slideshow presentation of the survey results conducted in 2018. Ms. Williamson indicated the areas where our city can focus on improvement. The citizens taking the survey also indicated needs from education to housing. Mike McKee asked that the council have a hard copy of the presentation for future study. The presentation was then opened for public comment.

**Department Reports**

**Administration:**

Mayor Harp reported the state audit is ongoing.

Mayor Harp presented a quote from Nantze Electric Co., in the amount of \$4,500. The cost to repair the lamp post and globe hit by the vehicle was \$3,000; and \$1,350. to repair another post that has been bumped and is loose. The Sheriff's department has identified the individual that hit the pole and broke the globe. Mayor Harp has sent the quote to Sheriff Walraven so the individual can pay restitution. Judy Adams made a motion to accept the quote to repair both light poles; motion seconded by Tommy McDonald. Motion carried.

Mayor Harp reported the roof is leaking in the Recorder/Treasurer's office again. He has contacted ABC roofing since we have a (7) seven year warranty on the roof. They will come and look at the roof when it quits raining. It was discussed that maybe need to look at a new pitched roof.

**Law Enforcement:** Chief Deputy Sanders presented the monthly patrol report. The deputies responded to (52) calls for service including (5) disturbance calls, (7) medical calls, (1) animal complaint, (4) accidents, and (2) suspicious person calls. Deputies made (13) misdemeanor arrests, (1) felony arrest, served (3) warrants, and issued (66) warnings and (45) citations. Deputies also located (3) open doors while conducting security checks. Fines collected in the amount of \$2,660.03 for the month.

**Fire Department:** No report.

**Parks Department:** Tommy McDonald reported on the Parks & Recreation meeting held on Monday, February 18, 2019. Pat Reed and Johnny Aubrey resigned from the board. The Mayor presented to the council Kyle Carter and Peggy Bloxham as replacements on the Parks and Recreation board. A motion was made by Tommy McDonald and seconded by Mike McKee to accept the Mayor's recommendation to add Kyle Carter and Peggy Bloxham to the Parks and Recreation board. Motion carried. Tommy also said the Parks and Recreation board is actively raising money for the park. They have scheduled a Draw Down at the Little River County Fair Barn on April 19<sup>th</sup>. They have discussed having a "Fun Day" fundraiser also. He reported Southern Sportsmen Foundation has donated a scoreboard for one of the ball fields. Matt McNair from Arkansas Parks and Tourism met with Tommy McDonald and Sarah Elkins, Ash Grove on February 19<sup>th</sup>. He looked at the plans and discussed applying for a grant.

**Street Department:** No report.

**Water Department:** Superintendent Eddie Smith reported that a Public Meeting was held earlier on February 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss improvements that need to be made at the Wastewater facility. Blake Harrell with Southwest Planning and Development (SWAPDD) was present and discussed grant opportunities that he would be helping to secure for the city. Glen Spears with Spears Engineering presented a plan to replace the rock reed filters and design changes to the Wastewater system.

Superintendent Eddie Smith told the council that RDA will be cleaning the tank on Highway 32 on February 20<sup>th</sup>. The tank will be offline for a period of time. Eddie will keep an eye on our tank levels during this maintenance shutdown.

**Unfinished Business:**

Mayor Harp reported the City of Ashdown has not made the changes to their ordinances on animal control.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Ordinance No. 330 regarding the 2019 Budget was presented. Mike McKee made a motion to suspend the rules on the additional readings and to approve the budget by title only as presented. Alana Cody seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Harp reported the new Sanitation truck is in Oklahoma City being assembled. The bank financing on the Sanitation truck is in the final stages. Mayor Harp has gotten (3) three bids on the cans and dumpsters and he will need to get funding for them also.

**New Business:**

Mayor Harp presented the 2018 Water Audit to the council. He stated the audit was excellent. A motion was made by Alana Cody and seconded by Judy Adams to accept the 2018 Water Audit. Motion carried.

Mayor Harp presented the 2018 Bad Debts to be written off. A total of \$1,629.74 of outstanding debt was presented to the council to be written off as Bad Debt. A motion was made by Judy Adams and seconded by Tommy McDonald to accept the Bad Debt list as presented to be written off. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2019-001 (A Resolution by the City of Foreman Authorizing Chief Elected Official To Sign An Application For CDBG Funds) was presented for approval. Mike McKee made a motion and Tommy McDonald seconded the motion to approved Resolution No. 2019-001. Motion carried.

Mayor Harp reported he has spoken with IT in a Box, a company recommended by the Municipal League, about managing our computers and software. The council reviewed the proposals and took no action.

**Executive Session**

Mayor Harp then asked for an Executive Session to discuss personnel. A motion was made by Alana Cody and seconded by Perry Young to adjourn to the Executive Session. Motion carried.

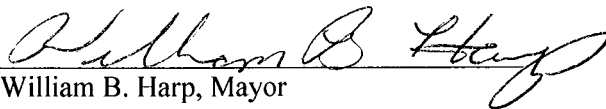
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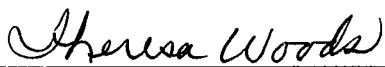
After a brief Executive Session, the meeting returned to its regular session. No action was taken.

**Announcements**

The Mayor announced the next council meeting for March, would be held on Monday, March 18, 2019.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by a motion from Helen Dixon, seconded by Alana Cody. Meeting adjourned.

  
William B. Harp, Mayor

Attest:   
Theresa Woods, Deputy Recorder/Treasurer