

**FOREMAN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 15, 2020**

The Foreman City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 15, 2020, 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, Mike McKee, and Perry Young were present. Helen Dixon and Tommy McDonald were absent. A quorum was declared. Janet Hefner, Recorder/Treasurer and Theresa Woods, Deputy Recorder/Treasurer was also present.

The minutes of the November meeting were reviewed. Mike McKee made the motion to accept the minutes and Alana Cody seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Financial report for the months of November and December was reviewed. A motion was made by Judy Adams to accept the November/December Financial Reports and was seconded by Perry Young. Motion carried.

**Citizens wishing to address the Council**

None

**Department Reports**

**Administration:**

Mayor Harp reported to the council there has been in communication with the attorney general's office concerning the IDC payments and use of the IDC funds. The Attorney General's office suggested the mayor contact the Municipal League lawyers concerning this issue. The Municipal League is researching the issue and will contact the mayor when they have a decision.

Mayor Harp reported that Frogco Tire and Service has closed as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of January.

Judy Adams asked why the lights in the drive-thru at the old Regions Bank were on. Mayor Harp said he had been working on some things for the Yoga Studio and must have left them on. He stated he will make sure the unneeded lights are turned off.

**Law Enforcement:** The monthly patrol reports from the Sheriff's Dept. for November and December were reviewed.

**November:** The deputies drove approximately 4,200 miles and responded to (112) calls for service including (9) disturbance calls, (2) suspicious person call, (3) medical calls, (2) animal complaint, and (3) accident calls. Deputies made (2) misdemeanor arrests, served (1) warrant, and issued (24) warnings and (14) citations. Deputies also located (3) open doors while conducting security checks. Fines collected in the amount of \$1,097.26 for the month November.

**December:** The deputies drove approximately 3,900 miles and responded to (94) calls for service including (5) disturbance calls, (2) suspicious person call, (6) medical calls, (2) animal complaint, and (1) accident call. Deputies made (3) misdemeanor arrests, (2) felony arrests, served (4) warrants served, (2) civil processes, and issued (32) warnings and (17) citations. Deputies also located (3) open doors while conducting security checks. Fines collected in the amount of \$1,641.17 for the month December.

**Fire Department:**

Fire reports for October 21, 2019 through January 15, 2020 were received from Fire Chief Justin Roden. The fire department responded to (1) alarm call for carbon monoxide, (1) landing zone setup for Life Net Air, (3) structure fires, (1) wildland fire, (5) motor vehicle accidents, and (1) motor vehicle fire. The fire department had (3) meetings.

The Fire Department is getting quotes for new radios for the fire apparatus and hand held units. The Sheriff's Office will soon be swapping from an analog system to a digital system. The Fire Department will have to upgrade or not have any means of communication with the dispatcher or other agencies.

The Fire Department is currently working with Sarah Elkins at Ash Grove Cement to secure funds to have a LMTV military truck outfitted with a compressed air foam system. The truck is from the Arkansas Forestry Commission and should be delivered any day.

The annual maintenance is being scheduled on the larger trucks; the smaller trucks are serviced in house.

Chief Roden reported the fire department will participate in the annual boot drive for Arkansas Children's Hospital when the weather is a warmer and drier.

**Parks Department:**

Theresa Woods reported that the City has received notification from the Arkansas Parks and Tourism that the city did not receive the 50/50 Matching Grant for this grant cycle. Plans are to reapply next grant cycle.

**Street Department:** Mayor Harp told the council the County has given the City a dump truck like the current truck we have. He plans on using parts from one truck to repair the other truck. Also, Mayor Harp said the County has donated a trailer that will be able to haul the backhoe.

**Water Department:** Eddie Smith reported Spears Engineering is still working on obtaining the funding for the Wastewater Treatment Plant project. Mayor Harp told the council there are approximately (18) manholes that need to be repaired across the city wastewater system.

**Sanitation Department:** No report.

**Unfinished Business:**

Mayor Harp said they are still working on patching the pot holes in the streets as the weather permits.

**New Business:**

Mayor Harp reported to the council of the need to upgrade the computer system in the city offices. The Windows 7 Operating system is no longer being supported. The current computer system has been in operation since 2008. Handouts were provided with bids from Dell for (2) new computers and a printer of \$1,998.66 and \$6,104.42 for the server. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Judy Adams to accept the bid from Dell and upgrade the (2) computers, (1) and the (1) server. Perry Young seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

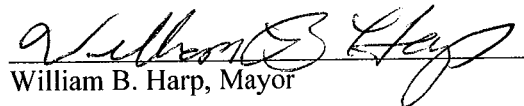
The council was presented the 2019 Actual Budget and 2020 Proposed Budget for review. The council will meet again on January 27 at 5pm in a special meeting for further discussion and final approval.

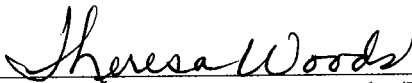
**Regular Session** A motion was made by Perry Young and seconded by Judy Adams to increase salaries of Perry Stevenson by \$ .75 per hour, Coleen Fowler to \$10.25 per hour, and Theresa Woods \$1.00 per hour effective pay period beginning January 31, 2020. Motion Carried.

**Announcements**

The Mayor announced the next council meeting will be a special meeting on January 27 at 5pm to discuss and approve amend the 2019 Budget and 2020 Proposed Budget. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, February 18, 2020 at 4pm.

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

  
William B. Harp, Mayor

Attest:   
Theresa Woods, Deputy Recorder/Treasurer