

**FOREMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
June 17, 2019**

The Foreman City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 17, 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, Tommy McDonald, Mike McKee, and Alana Cody were present. Perry Young was not present. A quorum was declared. Theresa Woods, Deputy Recorder/Treasurer and County Judge Mike Cranford were also present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and amended. Mike McKee made the motion to accept the minutes as amended and Tommy McDonald seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Citizens wishing to address the Council

County Judge Mike Cranford spoke to the council about the upcoming county wide 5/8¢ sales tax election to be held on September 10, 2019. The sale tax initiative would be used to construct a new county jail. According to the State Jail standards, the current jail is inadequate and will be shut down if not brought up to state codes.

Mike McKee brought to the attention of the County Judge the poor quality of water Foreman is receiving from RDA. Judge Cranford said he was aware of the issues. There was discussion of meeting with the RDA water board to address these issues of water violations.

Department Reports

Administration: Mayor Harp asked to table discussion on the purchase of a truck for the water department. Mike McKee asked where the money was coming from for the purchase a new truck. Mayor Harp said he was working on funding.

Law Enforcement: The monthly patrol report from the Sheriff's Dept. for May was presented. The deputies drove approximately 4,103 miles and responded to (111) calls for service including (11) disturbance calls, (9) medical calls, (4) animal complaint, (5) accidents, and (2) suspicious person calls. Deputies made (2) misdemeanor arrests, (7) felony arrest, served (1) warrants, and issued (29) warnings and (9) citations. Deputies also located (2) open doors while conducting security checks. Fines collected in the amount of \$2,820.00 for the month.

The council discussed some issues in the city they feel the Sheriff's department should be handling. The 'No Trucks' signs have been put up but trucks are still driving on the posted streets. Also, there is still a lot of ATV traffic on the city streets. Tommy McDonald said he had asked a deputy to go the Recreation Park and ask people to move their vehicles parked in the designated Handicap Parking area. The deputy told him he needed to call it in before he could get the vehicles removed. Tommy did call it in and the deputy did give the people warning tickets. Judy Adams said during school hours a deputy was sitting in the school zone and cars were speeding through the school zone. The deputy never looked up from looking at his phone. The council asked Mayor Harp to set up a meeting with the sheriff to discuss these issues.

Fire Department: No report.

Parks Department: A public meeting will be held on June 25 to meet the requirements of the Parks and Tourism 50/50 Matching Grant at the Foreman Senior Citizens building.

Tommy said someone has broken one of the pieces of playground equipment at the Recreation Park.

Street Department: Mayor Harp said he was getting some SB2 gravel which is the same gravel the county uses to patch streets and he is looking at getting some asphalt from Batesville, AR. Eddie said we need to cut the shoulders on the roads to keep the water off the streets. Some council members stated they were receiving citizen complaints regarding the many potholes.

Water Department: The Southwest District Water meeting will be held in Foreman in the Community Center on June 27th. A good crowd is expected. Each council member was asked to donate \$20 for door prizes.

Sanitation Department: Tommy McDonald had pictures of old trash bins still being used by the customers. He asked the Mayor to let the residents know they do not need to use these old bins and remove them from their front yard.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: The council asked the Mayor to contact the state to cut back and remove the trees on 5th Avenue and North Madden St. that are growing over the street.

Executive Session: None


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Announcements

The Mayor announced the next council meeting for July, will be held on Monday, July 15, 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