

**FOREMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 18, 2019**

The Foreman City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 18, 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 Perry Young were present. A quorum was declared. Janet Hefner, Recorder/Treasurer and Theresa Woods, Deputy Recorder/Treasurer was also present.

The minutes of the October meeting were reviewed. Alana Cody made the motion to accept the minutes and Judy Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Financial report for the month of October was reviewed. A motion was made by Alana Cody to accept the October Financial Report and was seconded by Perry Young. Motion carried.

Citizens wishing to address the Council

None

Department Reports

Administration:

Mayor Harp reported he emailed the State Attorney General's office with a request for a ruling on the City's use of Industrial Development Funds as requested by the Legislative Audit with no response. He sent a second request on November 15, 2019 to the Attorney General's personal email and has not received a response as of this time either. The council members requested Mayor Harp to follow up with a direct phone call to the Attorney General in order to get a ruling on the use of the Industrial Development Funds for the City.

The Christmas event's flyer was presented to the council members. The flyer contains all the schedule of events and information on the Christmas parade. All events will be held on December 7, 2019 beginning with the Breakfast with Santa at 9am on the 7th.

Mayor Harp notified the council the old Region's Bank Community Room has been rented to Denise Carver for the purpose of teaching Yoga classes. Mrs. Carver will pay \$200 per month rental fee and pay part of the utility costs of the building.

Law Enforcement: The monthly patrol reports from the Sheriff's Dept. for October were reviewed. The deputies drove approximately 4,100 miles and responded to (131) calls for service including (8) disturbance calls, (1) suspicious person call, (4) medical calls, (9) animal complaint, (1) accident, and (3) theft calls. Deputies made (15) misdemeanor arrests, (1) felony arrest, served (4) warrants, (12) civil processes, and issued (20) warnings and (14) citations. Deputies also located (5) open doors while conducting security checks. Fines collected in the amount of \$1,135.70 for the month of October.

Fire Department:

Fire reports for September and October were received from Fire Chief Justin Roden. The fire department responded to (1) gas leak, (2) structure fires, (2) wildland fires, and (3) motor vehicle fires. The fire department had (3) training events and (3) meetings. October is Fire Safety month and the fire department went to Shannon Way's pre-school and Oscar Hamilton Elementary and did a presentation on fire safety to the children.

Chief Roden is working with Arkansas Forestry Commission to obtain a new wildland fire fighting truck and a 15kw generator. The truck will be outfitted with a cafs foam suppression system that can be used to combat any type of fire that is encountered. The truck will also be used in high water rescue.

Parks Department:

Park Commissioner Tommy McDonald reported to the council about attending the Arkansas Parks and Tourism meeting on October 29th. The purpose of the meeting was to present the grant proposal for building a concession stand/restrooms and lighting for the ball field. Arkansas Parks and Tourism has received the city's grant application and this is the second phase of the grant process.

Street Department: Nothing to report.

Water Department: Eddie Smith reported that RDA had just contacted him regarding a 12" line break to the water lines and was issuing a "Precautionary Boil Water Order Notice". Eddie received word from the Arkansas Department of Health that the City of Foreman would also need to issue a "Precautionary Boil Water Order Notice".

Sanitation Department: Eddie Smith told the council that we needed to hire a backup truck driver with a CDL for the Trash Truck.

Unfinished Business:

Mayor Harp said they are still working on patching the pot holes in the streets. So far the new material appears to holding up good.

Mayor Harp said the Department of Transportation cancelled the scheduled meeting to be held on November 6th. The meeting will be rescheduled sometime next year to look at the city streets and see if we qualify for a grant for street repair assistance through the Arkansas Highway Grant Program.

Mayor Harp reported that Randall Baker removed (5) five trees and removed the debris at the roadside park at a cost of \$2,000. All were in agreement that Mr. Baker did a good job.

The Mayor informed the council of a 3% RDAwater increase that RDA was imposing and would be effective on bills due February 10, 2020 for the City. Ordinance No. 334 was presented listing the new rates as established from the RDA rate increase for approval. After review and reading proposals, Judy Adams moved to approve Ordinance No. 334 under an emergency clause. Perry Young seconded the motion to approve. Motion carried. The Ordinance will go into effect on the January 2020 billing cycle.

New Business:

Mayor Harp reported to the council that the Case backhoe is in the shop again. The county has loaned us a backhoe until ours is repaired.

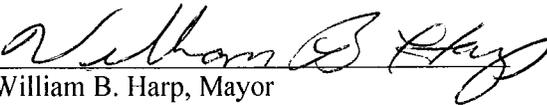
Executive Session: None

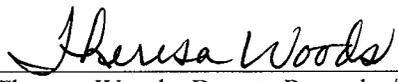
Regular Session

Announcements

The Mayor announced the next council meeting for December, will be held on Monday, December 16, 2019.

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


William B. Harp, Mayor

Attest: 
Theresa Woods, Deputy Recorder/Treasurer