

**FOREMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 21, 2019**

The Foreman City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 21, 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 September 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 September was discussed. It was noted that the expenses for the Street Dept. are running high. The cost of weed-control chemicals, fuel, equipment repair, and mowing expenses were the items that drove up the cost. After a brief review and discussion, Judy Adams made a motion to approve and accept the report. Perry Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Citizens wishing to address the Council

None

Department Reports

Administration:

Mayor Harp stated we received the final report from the State Audit. Theresa Woods reported she contacted Marti Steele with the Legislative Audit to clarify the final audit. Theresa discussed with Ms. Steele the finding using Industrial Development Funds to pay for the IRS penalties and taxes and the \$4,187.00 expended from the IDC fund for Recreation Park ball fields. The recommendation made in the final audit was for the City to consult with legal counsel to determine whether these expenditures complied with Industrial Fund restrictions. Ms. Steele recommended the City discuss this with our city attorney, Municipal League, and/or Attorney General to issue an opinion. The Mayor says he will follow up on this. A motion was made by Mike McKee and seconded by Perry Young recommending the Mayor work toward getting an Attorney General opinion on this issue. Motion carried.

Mayor Harp said he had spoken with Fire Chief Justin Roden about the contamination issue with the hoses and suits used at the chemical spill at Ash Grove. Chief Roden said the suits were not contaminated and only a small section of the hose was contaminated.

Law Enforcement: The monthly patrol reports from the Sheriff's Dept. for September were reviewed. The deputies drove approximately 4,317 miles and responded to (111) calls for service including (20) disturbance calls, (4) suspicious person calls, (9) medical calls, (4) animal complaint, (1) accident, and (1) theft calls. Deputies made (5) misdemeanor arrests, (2) felony arrest, served (4) warrants, and issued (22) warnings and (16) citations. Deputies also located (4) open doors while conducting security checks. Fines collected in the amount of \$4,014.37 for the month of September.

Fire Department: The Mayor reported that the State Forestry Commission was donating a smaller (500 gallon) tanker truck to the fire department. The current tanker truck is heavy and cannot be used when weather or land is wet. Also, they are giving the department a 1500 watt generator that is large enough to supply power to the fire department building in the event of a power outage.

Parks Department:

Park Commissioner Tommy McDonald told the council he will be going to the Arkansas Parks and Tourism meeting on October 29th 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: Nothing to report

Sanitation Department: Nothing to report

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 will be in Foreman on November 6th to look at the city streets to see if we qualify for a grant for street repair assistance through the Arkansas Highway Grant Program.

The Mayor informed the council of the 3% RDAwater increase to be effective on bills due February 10, 2020 for the City. The City has received written notification from RDA which was included in the council packets. Mayor Harp asked the council to review the proposed rate increase information for the City included in the council packets and be prepared to make a recommendation at the November 18th meeting.

Mayor Harp reported to the council that Glen Spears with Spears Engineering, Eddie Smith, and himself traveled to Ola, AR to visit their renovated wastewater system. This is the same system recommended for implementation for the city by Engineer, Glen Spears.

New Business:

Mayor Harp said there are three (3) dead trees at the Roadside Park at the junction of Highway 41 and 32. Mayor Harp will talk with Randell Baker on the cost to remove the trees and stumps. The trees could be dangerous for vehicles or humans.

Executive Session

Judy Adams asked for an Executive Session to discuss personnel. A motion was made by Perry Young and seconded by Judy Adams to adjourn to the Executive Session. Motion carried.

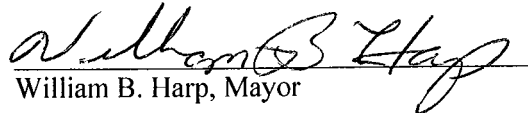
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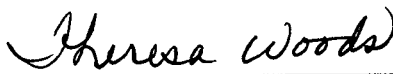
After a brief Executive Session, the meeting returned to its regular session. No action was taken by the council members.

Announcements

The Mayor announced the next council meeting for November, will be held on Monday, November 18, 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