

**FOREMAN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 18, 2020**

The Foreman City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 18, 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. Tommy McDonald was absent and noting councilperson Helen Dixon passing away in January. A quorum was declared. Janet Hefner, Recorder/Treasurer and Theresa Woods, Deputy Recorder/Treasurer was also present.

The minutes of the January 15<sup>th</sup> Regular Session and the January 27<sup>th</sup> Special meeting were reviewed. Perry Young made the motion to accept the January minutes from both meetings as presented and Alana Cody seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Financial report for the month of January was reviewed. A motion was made by Judy Adams to approve the January Financial Report and was seconded by Mike McKee. Motion carried.

**Citizens wishing to address the Council**

None

**Department Reports**

**Administration:**

Mayor Harp reported to the council he had received a response from the Municipal League lawyer, Lanny Richmond, on his interpretation on how and what the sales tax IDC funds could be used. A copy of the response was included in the council members' packet. The lawyer stated there were many gray areas in the interpretation of the Ordinance. The lawyer concluded the money should be used for development of industry and/or businesses into the city with intention to help the city grow. After a brief discussion it was decided to table in order further review the options.

**Law Enforcement:** The monthly patrol report from the Sheriff's Dept. for January was reviewed. The deputies drove approximately 4,700 miles and responded to (120) calls for service including (5) disturbance calls, (1) suspicious person call, (8) medical calls, and (4) accident calls. Deputies made (3) misdemeanor arrests, (1) felony arrest, and issued (31) warnings and (18) citations. Deputies also located (2) open doors while conducting security checks. Fines collected in the amount of \$2,290.00 for the month January were issued.

Chief Deputy Sanders reported that a recent citation written for 18 wheelers driving on posted streets within the city was dismissed in Little River County Court by Prosecutor Al Smith. The council instructed Mayor Harp to contact the Ninth Judicial District West Prosecuting Attorney Bryan Chesshir for more clarification on Mr. Smith dismissing the ticket since all steps were taken per the city ordinance.

**Fire Department:**

Fire reports for January 15, 2020 through February 14, 2020 were received from Fire Chief, Justin Roden. The fire department responded to (1) structure fire and a tractor accident.

According to the report the new digital radios are in and have been installed.

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:** No Report

**Street Department:** Mayor Harp reported to the council that David Wilkinson, citizen and previous mayor, was selling his Bad Boy diesel mower. The mower has very low usage hours and is in excellent condition and feels it would be a good investment for the city since the XMark mower is over (10) years old and it is getting harder to get parts. Mr. Wilkinson quoted the mayor a price of \$7,500. A motion was made by Judy Adams and seconded by Perry Young to purchase the Bad Boy mower from David Wilkinson for the price of \$7,500. Motion carried.

**Water Department:** Mayor Harp presented to the council the 2019 Water Audit. The audit showed no deficiencies other than the Segregation of Duties which is always on the report due to the fact of having a small office with limited employees. A motion was made by Mike McKee and seconded by Alana Cody to accept the 2019 Water Audit. Motion carried.

Mayor Harp presented the Bad Debt list of customers to be written off as of December 31, 2019. The total bad debt was \$2,281.81. He explained that the city will still continue to try to collect payments from the individuals. A motion was made by Judy Adams and seconded by Alana Cody to accept the submitted Bad Debt as presented. Motion carried.

**Sanitation Department:** Mayor Harp presented Ordinance 337 which would amend the previous Ordinance 314 regarding Sanitation rates. He told the council that the previous commercial rates varied from business to business in regard to the price the business paid for a dumpster. If approved, Ordinance 337 would establish the rate structure on the commercial customers to be based on the size of the container and the frequency of the pick-up. A motion was by Alana Cody and seconded to Mike McKee to adopt Ordinance 337 under the emergency clause to be effective on the March 2020 billing cycle. Motion carried after the reading of the ordinance.

**Unfinished Business:**

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

The mayor reported the new computers have been ordered and should be delivered soon.

Mayor Harp discussed a problem that exists with the sewer manholes and lines. He stated the contractor on the last sewer extension project did not put seals in the manholes and water is filling the manholes and lines over in the Dollarhide Street area. Mayor Harp has bought a product that was recommended by Spears Engineering that will seal the manholes even if the manholes have water in them. The cost per (5) gallon bucket is \$92. The council told the mayor to make sure our people have the proper safety gear and equipment to go down in the manholes. Judy Adams asked if the manholes were some of the ones that revealed this problem on the Smoke Test done a few years back. The Mayor advised the council that they were.

**New Business:**

Perry Young discussed the need to fill the Ward 1 Position 1 council seat with the passing of Helen Dixon in January. He suggested, in honor of Ms. Helen, appointing her daughter, Jacqueline Wiseman, to fill her remaining term which expires December 31, 2020. A motion was made by Perry Young and seconded by Judy Adams to appoint Jacqueline Wiseman to fulfill the remaining term of Ms. Helen Dixon, Ward 1 Position 1, council seat. Motion carried.

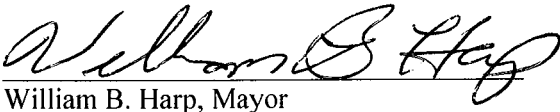
**Executive Session:** None

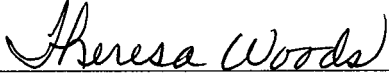
**Regular Session:**

**Announcements**

The Mayor announced the next council meeting for March, will be held on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 4pm.

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

  
William B. Harp, Mayor

Attest:   
Theresa Woods, Deputy Recorder/Treasurer