

**FOREMAN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 19, 2020**

The Foreman City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 19, 2020, via ZOOM virtual meeting 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, Jacqueline Wiseman, Tommy McDonald, and Mike McKee were present. Council member Perry Young was absent. Janet Hefner, Recorder/Treasurer and Theresa Woods, Deputy Recorder/Treasurer were also present. Thad Bishop, Attorney, was not present. A quorum was declared.

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Mayor Harp asked if there were any discussion, questions, additions, or deletions to the minutes as presented. With no corrections to the minutes, Jacqueline Wiseman made a motion to approve the minutes, with Mike McKee seconding the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was reviewed. With no discussion, Judy Adams made a motion to approve the reports and Tommy McDonald seconded. Motion carried.

**Citizens wishing to address the Council**

None

**Department Reports**

**Administration:**

Mayor Harp reported that Ray Shoals had attended a series of classes for animal control and the use of the dart gun for the city Animal Control. The policies for the city's Animal Control will mainly follow the guidelines as established by the City of Ashdown.

Theresa continues to work on the CARES Act application and expenses with the deadline being November 16 to get the applications submitted to the Department of Finance and Administration. The city has been allotted \$40,053.64 for allowable COVID-19 reimbursable expenses.

**Law Enforcement:** The monthly patrol report from the Sheriff's Dept. for September was reviewed. The Law Enforcement report was presented for review. The deputies drove approximately 4,800 miles and responded to (90) calls for service including (2) disturbance calls, (5) suspicious person calls, (2) theft calls, (1) accident, (2) medical calls, and (1) animal complaint. Deputies made (1) felony arrest, (4) misdemeanor arrests, issued (20) warnings and (7) citations. Deputies also located (2) open doors while conducting security checks and collected \$1,108.60 in fines for the city for the month of September.

**Fire Department:** No report.

**Parks Department:** Tommy McDonald stated the plans for the park additions are advancing. After a brief review of the projected cost estimates from Jimmy Anderson Construction, Tommy requested the council approve allowing the Mayor and himself to take the necessary steps forward to enter into an agreement with the contractor. After additional review of the category estimates to ensure all areas of the construction were included complete, Jacqueline Wiseman made a motion to approve the Mayor and council member and Park Director, Tommy McDonald the authority to enter into the agreement and

provide necessary signatures for proceeding. Alana Cody seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council members also requested that contract copies, all emails and other estimates by Jimmy Anderson Construction Company be provided to each council member as occurred by the process. Tommy agreed members would continue to be informed of the progress.

**Street Department:** Supervisor Eddie Smith reported that more asphalt has been ordered and received and street repairs will continue.

**Water Department:** Systems are running good with one hydrant being replaced. R.D.A. has received one notice of failure to meet Health Department guidelines and notices were mailed out by the City of Foreman office to all the city's customers.

**Sanitation Department:** No issues to report. Department is running smoothly.

**Animal Control:** Mayor Harp reported that (2) dogs have been taken to Ashdown.

**Unfinished Business:**

A) Street repairs remain plentiful, repairing is continuing.

B) Sewer manhole reseal has not begun and remains to be an issue. Reseal needs to be scheduled.

C) The plans for the Foreman Clinic building has not been completed for council approval at this time. Plans are in the working stages. Once the plans are completed and presented for council approval, work can begin.

**New Business:**

A) Theresa asked for input or discussion on Christmas activities for the city in December due to COVID-19. Some discussion followed. It was suggested that each council member think on the matter and present ideas that might be possible regarding the parade, Breakfast with Santa, and visits with Santa after the parade. The deadline for these activities are fast approaching and decisions need to be made.

**Executive Session:** None

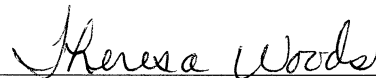
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**Announcements**

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

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

  
William B. Harp, Mayor

Attest:   
Theresa Woods, Deputy Recorder/Treasurer