

**FOREMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
August 15, 2022**

The Foreman City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 15, 2022, at 4 p.m. in the Foreman Community Center.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor William B. Harp. Prayer was offered by Joyce Green and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roger Quilty, Recorder, was asked by Mayor Harp to call the roll. Present were Alana Cody, Jacqueline Wiseman, Joyce Green, Mike McKee, and Perry Young. Tommy McDonald and Treasurer Theresa Woods were not present. City Attorney Thad Bishop, Water Superintendent Eddie Smith and Mayor Bill Harp were also present. Roger Quilty stated we had a quorum. Two Little River County Sheriff Deputies were also in attendance.

Regular Session:

The minutes for the regular meeting of July 18th, 2022 were presented for review, revision and approval. Mike McKee made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Judge Cranford had been erroneously listed as Mayor Cranford. Jacqueline Wiseman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial reports for both June and July 2022 were presented for review and approval. Mike McKee made the motion the financial reports be accepted. Jacqueline Wiseman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Citizens wishing to address the council

Joe Dzieglo and his attorney Cari Rochelle were scheduled to speak, but did not appear before the council.

Department Reports

Administration

Mayor Harp said we were turned down again on the Park Grant to seal the walking track because of the LMI (low and moderate-income), but the walking track is going to get sealed.

Mayor Harp reported the certified letter sent to Phillip Caudle regarding his property adjoining the Billy Brown property has not been picked up at the post office. Alana Cody asked what happens if they do not pick up the letter. Mayor Harp said we will have to deliver it personally. She asked what the time period was and Mayor Harp said the letter would be returned to us after 30 days.

Law Enforcement

Joyce Green asked the deputies about the same four doors that are always found open each month and the Deputies said they were usually at the Elementary School. She asked when they checked the doors and they said usually between 10 pm and 7 am.

Animal Control

Eddie Smith said two dogs were taken to Ashdown.

Fire Department

There was no report available. Mayor Harp reported the Burn Ban had been lifted.

Park Department

Mayor Harp repeated that the track will be getting resurfaced.

Street Department

Nothing to report.

Water Department

Water Superintendent Eddie Smith said he had fire hydrants to put back in. Mike McKee asked if they were the hydrants off of Pecan Street. Eddie Smith said yes.

Sanitation Department

Mayor Harp said the department was running good. Mayor Harp told Joyce Green he was asked to bring to her attention if she had any mattresses to be disposed of to call for a Class Four pickup which is the fourth Monday of the month.

Unfinished Business

Mayor Harp asked if they had done the repairs on Stephens Street yet. Recorder Roger Quilty said it had not been done. Mr. Quilty also mentioned about a deep pothole at the corner of Rocky Comfort and S. Madden Street on the south side at the stop sign.

Mayor Harp said the Code Red training has not been completed.

New Business

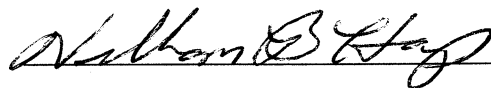
Mayor Harp reported he had an Ordinance to Establish the Planning and Development Commission. He read the ordinance, #345 in its entirety. Mike McKee made the motion to accept the ordinance as read, Alana Cody seconded. Motion passed. Mike McKee made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only. Jacqueline Wiseman seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mayor Harp read the title of the ordinance twice more. Alana Cody made the motion to accept the ordinance. Jacqueline Wiseman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mike McKee said now we just have to find people that are fairly committed. McKee said he knew of two people, but would want to talk to them first. Alana Cody asked if the members had to live within the city limits and Mayor Harp replied yes.

Mayor Harp said we have an opportunity to get E. Dollarhide St. repaired by the new high school. The county road department will come and do the base failure. This will take out the bad parts and put more stable gravel in there, sometimes mixing cement with it, but it has to be solid. The company doing the sealcoat on the park has offered to come in and do this in one day at a cost of \$6,000. Mayor Harp said we would also need to purchase 300 tons of asphalt which will cost approximately \$30,000. Perry Young made the motion to use IDC funds repair E. Dollarhide St. by the new high school. Mayor Harp said he and Attorney Thad Bishop has talked about using the IDC Funds on the asphalt because it is for the school. Jacqueline Wiseman said the school is not a business and those funds are supposed to be used to bring in new business. Mike McKee said we have had the new school built and correcting the street would add to that and could bring new people and new business into the city. Alana Cody seconded the motion. Motion passed. Perry Young suggested posting a 'No Trucks' sign on E. Dollarhide St. once it is repaired. The council discussed in length with the Sheriff Deputies that were present, the problems the city has with 18-wheelers driving on city streets.

Mayor Harp stated each member has been given a copy of the City of Foreman Employee Handbook. He asked they all go through it at their leisure and mark anything they think should be changed. Alana Cody asked if they needed to read it and come back at the next meeting with changes.

Mayor Harp stated he had been approached by the Arkansas Municipal League (AML) regarding the cameras we have at City Hall. He said the cameras and the servers are subject to infiltration by the Chinese and they suggest we replace them. Mayor Harp said the problem is you can't find a replacement that isn't Chinese. The AML has not given any ideas or recommendations of what to use. Mayor Harp said is continuing to read about it, as the information comes in. We have an IT group looking into ways to prevent anyone getting into our server.

With no further business, Jacqueline Wiseman moved the meeting adjourn until the next meeting on September 19, 2022. Perry Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.



William B. Harp, Mayor

Attest:



Roger Quilty, Recorder/Treasurer