

FOREMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
July 18, 2022

The Foreman City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 18, 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 Jacqueline Wiseman, Joyce Green, Mike McKee, and Perry Young. Alana Cody and Tommy McDonald were not present. Treasurer Theresa Woods, Water Superintendent Eddie Smith and Mayor Bill Harp were also present. Roger Quilty stated we had a quorum. Alana Cody arrived at 4:50.

Regular Session:

The minutes for the regular meeting of May 16, 2022 were presented for review, revision and approval. Mike McKee made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Jacqueline Wiseman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial reports for both May and June 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

Billy Wayne Brown presented a complaint to the Council that the owner of Lot 16 at the corner of 4th Avenue and N. Madden St. (aka Highway 41) is placing his junk and trash onto Mr. Brown's adjoining lot (Lot 15 on 4th Avenue). After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Harp stated he would accept the complaint and have the City Attorney draw up papers to have him clean up the property. Mr. Brown also asked if the holes could be patched on 4th Ave. at his driveway.

Judge Mike Cranford spoke to the Council regarding resealing of the walking track at the Recreation Park. Judge Cranford said he spoke with Tommy McDonald and was asked to bring this to the council since Mr. McDonald would not be present. Judge Cranford stated there was a 100% matching grant available through Rural Services for up to \$15,000. He said the city would have to match whatever the grant was applied and approved for. Judge Cranford stated he would help raise the funds for the city's matching portion. Mayor Harp read the resolution Judge Cranford presented in order to make application for the grant. Mike McKee made the motion to accept the resolution. Joyce Green seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Roger and Debi Quilty presented information regarding the Wreaths Across America program which places wreaths on the graves of veterans around the world. The Quilty's are the Area

Coordinators for the Foreman area and would like support from the City in eventually getting wreaths at every cemetery in the area.

Mayor Harp said Chris Wolcott, a candidate for House of Representative, District Four, had requested time to speak to the Council, but he did not show up. Theresa Woods said he had the Community Center rented on the following Monday for a Meet and Greet.

Department Reports

Administration

Mayor Harp said he found a rebuilt motor for the 2010 truck about a month ago. At that time the cost for the motor and labor was about \$5,000. He was asked if there was a guarantee on the motor and he said it had a four year warranty. Mayor Harp said he got the quote from Mr. Hanna at the shop next to the Pawn Express on Second St. He said they tried to find new or used motors but could not find them. Mayor Harp asked for a motion to purchase the rebuilt motor for the 2010 Chevrolet pickup. There was discussion on the need for maintenance records for the trucks and equipment at the shop. Perry Young said we needed to have it, so he made the motion to purchase the rebuilt motor. Jacqueline Wiseman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor presented a resolution to add Juneteenth (June 19th) to the list of holidays for all the full-time city employees. He said he has checked around the state and everyone has passed this resolution. He read Resolution No. 2022-003 to the council and asked for a motion. Perry Young made the motion. Jacqueline Wiseman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Harp then read Resolution No. 2022-004 to apply for an ANRC Grant Wastewater Rehab. He said it was his understanding this is to rehab the manholes that we are leaking groundwater into the sewer system. The motion was made to approve the resolution by Mike McKee. Alana Cody seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Harp spoke about the Rocky Comfort Pecan Festival coming on October 29th, from 9a.m. to midnight. The Foreman Community Foundation goal is to help the owners of the buildings on Schuman Street to paint and fix up the fronts of their buildings. Mayor Harp said he needs to get the Sheriff's Department to close off Schuman Street and a portion of 1st Avenue by the gazebo on that Saturday. Mayor Harp said there will be a Pet Parade on Schuman Street from the Clinic down to Prince of Peace Church and then back up, a car show at Central Perk Coffee Shop, a tractor show, food vendors, barbeque contest, other vendors lining Schuman Street, a stage on 1st Avenue by the gazebo for music and dancing, corn hole games, a maze for children, etc. Mike McKee said he thought we would be able to draw from at least a 20-30 mile radius. Mayor Harp said he had already talked to one of the owners of a building (Jerry Dawson) and he said he would supply the paint and lumber to make it look like there is a door and window. A motion was made by Joyce Green to close off a portions of Schuman St. and 1st Ave. Jacqueline Wiseman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Law Enforcement

The Monthly LRC Sheriff report was presented and reviewed by the Council. Mayor Harp said we received more fine money from the Sheriff's Department than usual.

Animal Control

Water Superintendent Eddie Smith said there were no dogs picked up this month.

Fire Department

Mayor Harp said he had a call from the Fire Chief a couple of weeks ago regarding a Burn Ban but the county would not enforce it. Mayor Harp stated the county has specific rules they follow through the Forestry Department to initiate a burn ban. The Mayor read an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to initiate a Burn Ban within the city limits of Foreman. Due to the drought conditions that exist at this time, Mayor Harp said he would like the ordinance approved under the emergency clause. Mike McKee made the motion to pass the ordinance, under the emergency clause, giving the Mayor authority to call a burn ban within the city limits of Foreman. Joyce Green seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mike McKee made a motion to suspend the rules of reading the ordinance a second and third time, and read by title only. Joyce Green seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mayor Harp read the ordinance by title only the second reading. Mike McKee made a motion to accept the second reading and Joyce Green seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mayor Harp read the third reading by title only. A motion was made by Alana Cody and was seconded by Joyce Green. Motion carried.

Parks Department

Tommy McDonald was not present to give a report.

Street Department

Water Superintendent Eddie Smith said he didn't have anything to report.

Water Department

Water Superintendent Eddie Smith said he didn't have anything but a Sanitary Survey coming up on Thursday. Mike McKee said there are about seven hydrants out of service across the area. McKee said he was concerned we are not protecting the people as far as fire protection. Treasurer Theresa Woods stated she talked to Fire Chief Justin Roden about the fire department buying fire hydrants that need replaced using ACT 833 monies. The Fire Department, from what she understands is responsible for maintaining the hydrants. Mike McKee said the dead hydrants need to be marked as such, for the Fire Department and the residents.

Sanitation Department

The Mayor said the department is all right.

Unfinished Business

Mayor Harp stated the Stephens St. repair has not been completed.

Mayor Harp said the training classes for Code Red has not been scheduled at this time.

Mayor Harp said he still had not heard from the Arkansas Municipal League on the Code Enforcement. The council suggested he continue to get in contact with them.

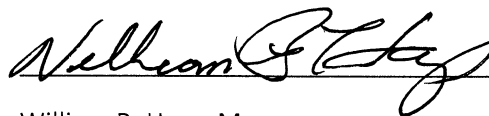
Mayor Harp said he talked to Judge Cranford about getting a bid from the county on the repair of E. Dollarhide St. by the new high school. Judge Cranford had his Road Foreman look at the street. Mayor Harp said it would cost about \$50,000 to have it bladed and put about four inches of pavement in there.

New Business

Mayor Harp told the council that for years the city employees have only had four days a year for sick leave as stated in the Employee Handbook. If an employee was sick more than four days a year, they would have to use vacation days. The Mayor said they are working on updating the handbook, but he felt the sick leave policy needed to be updated now. Mayor Harp read Resolution No. 2022-005 amending the sick leave policy of the full-time city employees. The employees will be able to accrue four (4) hours of sick leave per pay period. They may carry over unused sick leave to the following year of no more than 120 hours. Employees will not be compensated for unused sick leave upon termination. The motion was made to accept the resolution by Jackie Wiseman. It was seconded by Joyce Green. Motion carried.

Perry Young asked about the fiber optic internet coming to Foreman. Mayor Harp said he talked to Butch Ross with Walnut Hill, who said that the State is revising everything regarding their applications. He said they have to re-apply for the grants. Mayor Harp also spoke to Dion Cooper with REA, and Four State Fiber would like to service the city.

With no further business, Jacqueline Wiseman moved the meeting adjourn until the next meeting on August 22, 2022. Mike McKee seconded the motion. Motion carried.



William B. Harp, Mayor

Attest: 
Roger Qulity, Recorder/Treasurer