

**FOREMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 19, 2022**

The Foreman City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 19, 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, Tommy McDonald and Perry Young. Roger Quilty stated we had a quorum.

Regular Session:

The minutes for the regular meeting of August 15, 2022 were presented for review, revision and approval. Perry Young made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mike McKee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial reports for August 2022 were presented for review and approval. Mike McKee had questions about the \$10,000 Supplies expenditures for the Water and Sewer Department on pages 19 and 20 of the report. There was a discussion about the current cost of materials used to fix water leaks and broken lines. Mayor Harp said that the price of the materials has gone through the roof. Mike McKee said that RDA's expenses are going up just like ours. Mike McKee made the motion the financial reports be accepted. Jacqueline Wiseman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Citizens wishing to address the council

None

Department Reports

Administration

Mayor Harp spoke of the clean-up and painting of the downtown area by the Foreman Community Foundation. He mentioned there are a few things at the museum that needed repaired. Mayor Harp said the outdoor tables and benches needed to be repaired, water leak needs fixed, and ground maintenance around the building. The city will have another Clean-up Weekend before the Rocky Comfort Pecan Festival on October 29th. He said there are still a lot of things to do before the festival but they are working on it.

There was also a discussion on the upcoming solar eclipse in southwest Arkansas in 2024 and there are a lot of plans that need to be made before that time.

Law Enforcement

Mayor Harp said he wrote a letter to Lee Bromsey due to a complaint from Bret Rankin about being bitten by Mr. Bromsey's dog. Mayor Harp reported he sent out city ordinances with the letter. Mayor Harp said Mrs. Bromsey came to talk to him about the complaint and showed him videos of Mr. Rankin being in the Bromsey's backyard when he was bitten.

Animal Control

Mayor Harp said the City of Ashdown has an opening for Animal Control and they are interviewing.

Fire Department

The Fire Department is getting ready to paint the water truck they got from the Forestry Department. The paint job is necessary because it was a military vehicle. Mike McKee said they have a federal inspector coming to check the truck out.

Park Department

Tommy McDonald reported he went out to the Recreation Park when they were spraying/sealing the walking track.

Street Department

Mayor Harp spoke about the paving of E. Dollarhide at the high school and having Eddie Smith do repair the base failure. Mayor Harp talked with Judge Mike Cranford about the city employees being able to properly repair the base failure since they have little to no knowledge or experience in this area. Judge Cranford said Eddie Smith and LRC Road Superintendent "Doodle" Knighten were going to get together on that. Perry Young said "Doodle" Knighten knew how to do it.

Mike McKee asked where we were at with the repairing of some of the streets with the Infrastructure money. Mayor Harp said one of the problems is they have a limited number of people that can do it. Jacqueline Wiseman asked if they knew what streets they were going to start on. Mayor Harp replied there isn't a street in town that doesn't need some work on it.

Water Department

Mayor Harp said Eddie and the crew was out there right now working on a water leak.

Sanitation Department

Mayor Harp reported the department was running fine.

Unfinished Business

Mayor Harp asked if Stephens Street had been repaired yet. Recorder Roger Quilty said that it had not been done yet.

Mayor Harp said no training has happened on Code Red. He stated another county was going to come down and give a seminar here at City Hall for all that want to do it.

New Business

Mayor Harp told the council they had discussed Code Enforcement at the last meeting and he had asked the council to present any recommendations of someone who would like sit on the Planning and Development Commission. Tommy McDonald asked if that wasn't a function of the City Council. Mayor Harp said we could have one person from the Council. Mike McKee stated that Keith Pullen has agreed to sit on the panel. Other names were brought up but they have not been talked to yet. Roger Quilty was asked to chair the panel. He said he would speak with his wife about it due the number of other programs they were involved with.

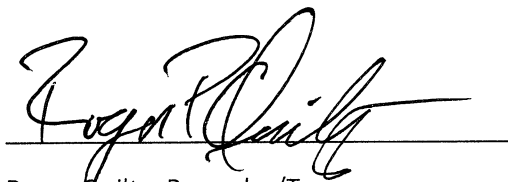
Mike McKee asked if the council was going to address the new Employee Handbook. Mike McKee made the motion to table this item until the next meeting. Jacqueline Wiseman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

With no further business, Jacqueline Wiseman moved the meeting adjourn until the next meeting on October 17, 2022. Joyce Green seconded the motion. Motion carried.



William B. Harp, Mayor

Attest:



Roger Quilty, Recorder/Treasurer