

**FOREMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
June 20, 2023**

The Foreman City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 4:00 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.

Recorder, Roger Quilty was asked by Mayor Harp to call the roll. Present were Jacqueline Wiseman, Joyce Green, Mike McKee, Perry Young, and Tommy McDonald. Mayor Harp, Treasurer Theresa Woods, and Water Superintendent Eddie Smith were also present. Mr. Quilty stated we had a quorum.

Regular Session

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 15, 2023, were presented for review, revision, and approval. Mr. McKee made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mrs. Wiseman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report for May 2023 was presented for review and approval. Mr. McKee stated it looked like the spending was under control a bit. Mayor Harp said they were doing good except for breakdowns. Mayor Harp reported the generator and alternator on the Kubota lawn mower went out. Mr. McKee made a motion to accept the Financial Report. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Citizens wishing to address the council

Three citizens were scheduled to address the Council but were not present.

Department Reports

Administration

City Hall Generator: Mayor Harp reported the generator at City Hall was up and running.

Clinic Roof

Mayor Harp presented the proposals from Hostetler Roofing to repair the roof at the clinic. Perry Young said he presented the proposals to the hospital board and Mr. Dowell called him and said the hospital wanted to go with the cheapest and wanted the city to pay half of the cost. After a lengthy discussion of the three different proposals, Mr. McKee asked if we could table this item until we could get representatives from the hospital to come and discuss. Mr. McKee made the motion to table the issue until the city and the hospital can get together and work on a solution. Mrs. Wiseman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Law Enforcement

Mayor Harp said he had requested a deputy attend our council meetings. Mayor Harp said he and Mrs. Woods had gone to the Sheriff's office and talked to Sheriff Walraven about the contract. Mr. Young said that we needed to get with the Sheriff about Phillip Caudle's place on Highway 41. Mrs. Woods said he got his letter a long time ago. Mr. Young said the mayor should call the Sheriff in the morning and have him issue a fine against him. Mr. McKee asked if the Health Department could be contacted because of the mosquitos making it a health issue. Mr. McDonald read the conditions of the City Ordinance that must be followed. Mayor Harp said he would work on that tomorrow.

Animal Control

Mayor Harp stated we had two dogs that went to the pound.

Fire Department

No report.

Parks Department

Parks Commissioner Tommy McDonald said baseball season was over. Southern Sportsmen held their annual Outdoor Extravaganza at the park. Mr. McDonald said he sees where they are getting a little money in the Park Fund. He asked the mayor about the walking trail lights. Mayor Harp said he talked to Johnny Aubrey. Mr. McKee said he had talked to Mr. Aubrey today and he said we would have to get with whomever put the system in and get a surge protector. He didn't know if that was the ground causing the issue or a power surge. He said he would have to find out what size surge protection we would need to prevent the circuit breaker from burning out.

Street Department

Mr. Smith said he was getting a lot of complaints because everyone wanted to get their streets done. They didn't understand that ARDOT was doing the recent work in the city. Mr. Young asked if we had gotten the hot mix in yet. Mr. Smith said we didn't need hot mix, we needed cold mix. Mayor Harp said we just got to the last of what we had. He said it was \$4,000 a load.

Water Department

Mr. Smith gave an update on the preparations to begin the work on the ground storage tank. He reported Glen Spears with Spears Engineering has looked at how they may be able to bypass the ground storage tank when they get ready to do the repairs. The ground storage tank will have to be bypassed so water will be pumped to the high tank. Mr. Smith said he will have to contact RDA so they can keep the line pressured up so the high tank will have water.

Mr. Smith said Chris Whitehead from OIC in Little Rock came to look at the transmitter situation. Mayor Harp said the tank already has a surge protector, but it is a cheap one. Mayor Harp said they can install a larger transducer that keeps track of the level. He reported this system will show the level of the tanks, you can switch the pumps on and off, and it can be done

from your phone. Mayor Harp said Glen Spears said we could use ARPA funds to purchase this system. Mr. McKee asked if it was going to stop the overflow from the RDA side. Mayor Harp and Mr. Smith said no, we can't do anything about that. Mr. McKee asked if RDA was going to charge us for the water overflowing from their side. Mayor Harp responded they would charge. Mr. McKee said we need to go sit down with RDA.

Sanitation Department

Mayor Harp said Sanitation is still running good.

Planning and Zoning

Mr. Quilty told the board there were copies of the Planning & Zoning minutes from the last couple of meetings in the council packets. Mrs. Sandy McDonald was present and was asked to bring the new city map up to the table to show the council the areas that have been "re-zoned." The areas are R-1 for Single Family Residence; R-2 for Multiple Family Residence (apartments), both R-1 and R-2 are in cream color; C-1 for Commercial – red highlights; C-2 for Downtown Preservation Area (the area along Schuman Street from 1st Avenue to 3rd Avenue) – yellow highlights, and the heavy black lines are the city limits. The blue colors on the map are either City or exempt properties. Mrs. McDonald explained the Planning & Zoning committee are recommending there be no residential properties in a commercial zone, nor a commercial business in a residential area, with the exemption of the current two-story buildings in the Downtown Preservation Area will be allowed to have lofted apartments. She said they are also suggesting no mobile homes in the Downtown Preservation Area. Mr. Quilty said they are recommending residential buildings be at least 750 square feet and the lot size be at least 6,500 square feet. A second family dwelling on the same lot requires a minimum lot size of 8,500 square feet. Manufactured and mobile homes must be on a pad, tied down, underpinned, no older than 10 years, and the front facing the closest adjacent street or state highway. Mr. Quilty stated they needed to meet with City Attorney Bishop to put together the ordinances to cover all the zoning requirements. Mr. McKee asked to describe a pad and Mr. Quilty said concrete. There was a brief discussion that the cost of concrete would be exorbitant so it was decided a gravel pad would suffice. Mrs. McDonald stated she had checked with Ashdown on their requirement for mobile homes and they do not allow mobile homes unless they are in a mobile home park. She also mentioned no other city recognized camping trailers as a house. She said that was the reason for the 750 square foot minimum to eliminate storage buildings and campers as a primary residence. Mayor Harp asked if the committee had been able to talk to Jim Von Tungeln, Urban Planner, Arkansas Municipal League. Mr. Quilty said they had not, and he thought he was coming to Foreman. Mr. McKee asked if any provisions were being put in place for multiple family use and if changes could be made. Mrs. McDonald explained the appeals process and how exceptions can be made.

Unfinished Business

ARDOT has finished the work on Bell Street and First Avenue. Mayor Harp said he needs to get the final figures to chip and seal Murphy, Smith, and Pecan Streets from the county. Mayor Harp said he needed to get the information over to the County Road department so they can figure out

how many tons of gravel and tar will be needed. Mayor Harp said the city will have to pay for the diesel for them to haul it over to us.

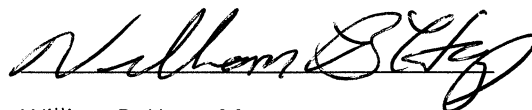
Mr. McKee brought up the fact that those areas need fire protection more than smooth roads. He said they have been trying to figure out what is going on and how to get them replaced. He said on Pecan and Smith there are seven fire plugs, two are working. Mr. McKee said some of them need rebuilt, some of them need replaced, and some have been disconnected but never reconnected. Mrs. Wiseman asked if this was the responsibility of the Fire Department. He said it is not the responsibility of the Fire Department to fix, repair, or replace them. Mr. Smith said these hydrants are on the list to be replaced with the new water line replacements.

Mr. Young said he got a call from the representatives from Family Dollar/Dollar Tree interested in building a store in Foreman. Mr. Young said Family Dollar/Dollar Tree have not been able to contact the family they have the agreement with to purchase their land to for the new stores. Mr. Young recommended the city offer to sell the land adjoining Dollar General. Mayor Harp said he had talked to them, but they did not believe there was enough frontage on the highway. Mayor Harp said he also gave them the information about the Lansdell building on Schuman St., but they have not been able to talk to anyone about it.

New Business

Mr. Quilty stated there will be a meeting in the Community Center next Tuesday, the 27th at 6:00 PM conducted by Vickie Williamson, LRC Economic Development Director. She will be handing out information regarding things to be prepared for when the eclipse comes in April 2024. He said they are encouraging everyone to come to the meeting because there are a number of things that will be happening that this town has never seen before.

With no further business, Jacqueline Wiseman made the motion to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, July 17, 2023. Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion carried.



William B. Harp, Mayor

Attest:



Roger Quilty, City Recorder