

**FOREMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 15, 2023**

The Foreman City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 15, 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.

The Recorder, Roger Quilty, was running late, so Treasurer Theresa Woods was asked by Mayor Harp to call the roll. Present were Alana Cody, Jacqueline Wiseman, Joyce Green, Mike McKee, Perry Young, and Tommy McDonald. Mayor Harp, Treasurer Theresa Woods, and Water Superintendent Eddie Smith were also present. Mrs. Woods stated we had a quorum. Recorder Roger Quilty arrived at 4:04.

Regular Session

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 17, 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 March 2023 was presented for review and approval. Mr. McKee asked about the charge of \$1,155.54. Mayor Harp replied it was for repairs to the 2008 Chevrolet pickup. Mayor Harp said the 2010 Chevrolet pickup is at Baker's shop in town and it was going to be a couple of weeks before they get the parts. Mr. McKee asked how much more money we were going to put into the 2008 pickup. Mayor Harp said the fuse panel was \$400.00 on top of the \$1155.54 already paid. Mrs. Cody asked about the License and Dues charge of \$802.23 under Payroll on page 18. Mayor Harp said it was for sewer license, water license, and Mrs. Woods said that QuickBooks monthly fee was included too. Mr. McKee made a motion to accept the Financial Report. Mrs. Cody seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Citizens wishing to address the council

None.

Department Reports

Administration

Mayor Harp said the generator at City Hall is installed and up and running. He said they tested it out yesterday and everything works.

Mayor Harp said the cost of a new 8-yard dumpster is \$1,640. Mayor Harp said the material to repair the three old ones would cost about \$1,000. There was discussion on who to get to repair the dumpsters. Mr. McKee suggested getting a bid from Kolby Morgan.

Mayor Harp reported we are continually having issues with some monthly utility bills not arriving in a timely manner due to the mail being routed through Shreveport. Mrs. Woods spoke with SWEPCO Electric and was told the city's only option was to make auto-draft payments each month. Mayor Harp said this requires we pass an ordinance to auto-draft the SWEPCO and Summit Utility gas bills. Mayor Harp then read Ordinance #347, An Ordinance to Authorize the City of Foreman, Arkansas to Pay Designated Invoices by Electronic Means, Setting Policies. Mrs. Wiseman moved to accept the ordinance. Mr. Young seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. McKee moved to suspend the rules and read only the title of the Ordinance. Mrs. Cody seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mayor Harp read the title of the ordinance and Mrs. Wiseman moved to accept, Mr. McKee seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mayor Harp read the title again for the third time. Mrs. Wiseman moved to accept; Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Law Enforcement

The report was read and discussed.

Animal Control

Mayor Harp stated we had nothing going on. He asked Mr. Smith, and he agreed.

Fire Department

No report.

Parks Department

Parks Commissioner Tommy McDonald said that ballgames have been going well. Once the rain stops, he will get the grass mowed and some new sod put down. Mr. Young asked how many pallets of sod he was going to get. Mr. McDonald said he would like to get ten pallets, and hoped the prices would stay the same.

Street Department

Mr. Smith said he talked to the Highway Department last week and they are supposed to start on Bell Street and First Avenue street overlay, he believed this coming week. Mr. McKee asked if ARDOT was doing the streets. Mayor Harp said ARDOT has contracted it out. Mayor Harp asked Mr. Smith if we were out of asphalt, and Mr. Smith said they were getting low on asphalt. He asked about gravel and Mr. Smith said it was good. Mrs. Cody asked Mr. Smith if he could get some gravel to put in the hole entering W. Dollarhide off 1st Street. He said he would get to it as quickly as possible.

Water Department

Mr. Smith said things were going good in the water department. He said he talked to Glenn Spears on Wednesday. Mr. Spears said it would be the first of 2024 when they would be putting the bids out on the projects that are to be done. Mayor Harp said Glenn Spears said the sewer pond will not take as long as the rest of the projects. Mr. McKee asked if they were going to be able to fix the fire hydrant that was leaking over on 1st Street. Mr. Smith said he didn't think so

because it is one of the areas they would be replacing the water lines in the grant project, and they would install a new hydrant.

Sanitation Department

Mayor Harp said Sanitation is still running well.

Planning and Zoning

Mr. Quilty said Brett Rankin resigned from the Planning and Zoning Commission on May 4, 2023. Mr. Quilty said they have received the new 2017 maps from the State, and there will be a newer one coming out in June. Mr. Quilty said he and Sandy McDonald met with Mayor Harp. Mayor Harp was able to see what has been accomplished to date by the Planning and Zoning Committee. Mr. Quilty said they will be talking about a replacement for Mr. Rankin at the next meeting on June 1, 2023.

Unfinished Business

Street Repair on Murphy and Pecan Streets

Mayor Harp said he has not had time to go down and get the figures on the streets to determine what the materials are going to cost us. Mayor Harp said the roads would be chip and seal. He said there are a couple of spots they need to go in and fix the base failure.

Mrs. Cody asked Mayor Harp if he had heard about the easement measurements from the ARDOT on the Brown property on Highway 41. Mayor Harp replied he has not heard back from ARDOT on the easement measurements.

New Business

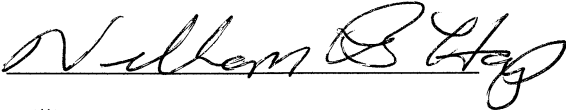
Mayor Harp said the roof is leaking on the Medical Memorial Clinic. Mayor Harp stated he had been up on the roof of the Clinic trying to patch all the leaks and every time he did, it would leak somewhere else. Mayor Harp suggested we hire a professional roofer to look at it. Mayor Harp said he didn't know anyone who worked on flat roofs. Mr. Young said he would talk to the Hospital Board to see if they can help the city monetarily with getting the roof repaired. Mayor Harp said they are doing good business at the clinic and there are people in there all the time.

Mayor Harp stated ARDOT is supposed to come back with a design for the storm drain at the corner of Schuman St. and Tracy Lawrence. He stated ARDOT wants to change the design of the drain so the leaves would go down into the drain, instead of clogging it up.

Mr. McKee asked if we had set up a City-Wide Cleanup date. Mrs. Cody asked for suggestions on when they wanted to have one. Mr. McKee suggested before it gets hot. He also suggested sending out letters requiring residents to clean up their property by the cleanup date. Mayor Harp said five letters were sent out on April 27, 2023.

Mr. McKee said we need to show the residents we want to get out and help.

With no further business, Jacqueline Wiseman made the motion to adjourn until the next meeting on **Tuesday, June 20, 2023**. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion. Motion carried.



William B. Harp, Mayor

Attest: 
Roger Quilty, City Recorder