

FOREMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 15, 2024

The Foreman City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 15, 2024, 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.

Roger Quilty, Recorder was asked to call the roll. Present were, Jacqueline Wiseman, Alana Cody, Joyce Green, and Perry Young. Mike McKee and Tommy McDonald were not present. 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 March 18, 2024, were presented for review, revision, and approval. Mrs. Wiseman made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report for March 2024 presented for review, revision, and approval. Mrs. Wiseman asked about the amount of \$5,975.58 on page 8 for supplies. Mrs. Woods said the next page (9) showed that the Fire Department had purchased oil and filters to maintain their vehicles and the \$3,238.40 was for more hoses the fire department purchased. Mrs. Wiseman asked if the city took care of the Fire Department and Mrs. Woods confirmed that we did. Mrs. Wiseman made the motion to accept the financial report as written. Mrs. Cody seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Citizens wishing to speak to the Council

None

Department Reports

Administration

Mayor Harp announced that Dakota Bushey was hired for the Water Department. Mr. Young asked who we lost. The mayor said nobody. We had to hire somebody to get in here to learn Eddie Smith's job. Mr. Young stated that Dakota Bushey had worked for him and that he was a nice, hard worker.

Mayor Harp said he thinks we got the leak fixed at the clinic. He stated it wasn't anything to do with the roof, it was in the elbow in the drain on the roof. So, we stripped it all down to the metal and found that over the years the rubber had contracted, and it wasn't sealing anymore. So, we tightened up the clamps and it was fine. We went on top of the roof and found that the drain itself and seal was shot and we filled it with silicone so that should take care of it for quite a while. Mrs. Cody asked if we had received the money owed by the clinic for the roof repair. The mayor said we had.

Law Enforcement

The monthly report was included in the council packets. No discussion.

Animal Control

Mayor Harp said he had to come out at 12:45 on Friday night to get a dog that got away from us. We know where it's at. It looked like it got loose from someone else walking down the street, because it still had a leash on it. He said he was going to go up and talk to the owner tomorrow and return his leash.

The mayor said two dogs were taken to the pound.

Fire Department

The mayor announced the fire department had ten fire calls and fifteen first responder calls for March.

Parks Department

The eclipse went pretty good. There was one vendor at the park. There was one guy that showed up early on Monday while "Stay off the grass" signs were being put out. Others showed up later. The mayor said he had been told there were about 150 to 200 cars out there. Mr. Quilty said that there was a lot on Facebook about it. One posting had a man from Wiesbaden, Germany who had flown into Dallas on Sunday, rented a car on Monday and just started driving to find a good place to see the eclipse. Then he found Foreman. Things didn't turn out as well as we figured for our businesses. We didn't have the crowd. We had been told they would be here all weekend, but they weren't.

Street Department

Water Superintendent Eddie Smith said they were doing good. They had a few more holes to get filled.

Water Department

They will be redoing the inside and outside of the Ground Storage Tank and paint Foreman on the outside.

Sanitation Department

Sanitation is running good. We had one man down with gout. Mr. Smith said he was back this morning.

Planning and Zoning

The mayor said he had a request from a gentleman regarding this and he is going to get the papers to him this afternoon.

Unfinished Business

New Business

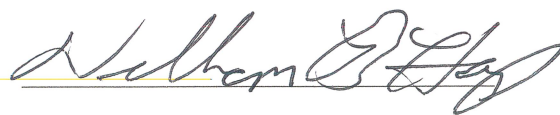
Mayor Harp said we are supposed to pass an ordinance on water and sewer rates to catch us up with RDA. Mrs. Woods said we are supposed to raise the rates by 3% every year to satisfy Act 603. Mr. Young asked when we raised the 3%. She said we raised the rates in November 2023. Mayor Harp stated that was when we went through the Act 603, then RDA raised the rates in January, and we did not. So, we need to catch up to that. Mrs. Woods said we need to be able to increase our rates in January just like RDA does. Mayor Harp stated by Act 603 requirements our rates will increase 3% every year,

Mayor Harp read Ordinance Number 352, An Ordinance for Water and Sewer Rates in its entirety. Mrs. Wiseman moved to waive the requirement to read the ordinance in total and just read the title. Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion passed. The mayor read the title two more times. Mrs. Cody moved to accept the ordinance as read. Mrs. Wiseman seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Executive Session

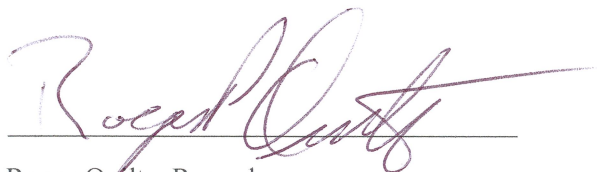
None

With no further business, Mrs. Wiseman made the motion to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, May 20, 2024. Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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William B. Harp, Mayor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "Roger Quilty", written over a horizontal line.

Roger Quilty, Recorder