

**FOREMAN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 16, 2024**

The Foreman City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 4:50 p.m. in the Foreman Community Center. The regular city council meeting was delayed due to the Public Meeting regarding Ordinance No. 351.

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 Alana Cody, Jacqueline Wiseman, Mike McKee, Joyce Green, and Tommy McDonald. Perry Young was not present. Water Superintendent Eddie Smith and City Attorney Thad Bishop were also present. Mr. Quilty stated we had a quorum.

**Regular Session**

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 18, 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.

Mr. McKee made the motion to accept the financial report for December 2023. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Citizens wishing to address the council**

Bryan Roden was on the agenda to speak to the council. Mayor Harp asked Mr. Roden if he still wanted to speak. Mr. Roden spoke of the lack of enforcement of the ordinances that are already on the books such as code enforcement, animal control, and speeding. Mr. McDonald asked about the definition of ‘a vicious dog. Mr. McDonald asked if the ordinance could be changed so the mayor could declare a dog to be vicious. Attorney Bishop said the mayor could appoint himself or anyone on the council to make that determination. He said we would still have the problem of transporting the dog to Ashdown. Mayor Harp said we would have to have a dog catcher certified to use a tranquilizer gun. He said none of the city employees want to be a dog catcher. Attorney Bishop said the city could contact the mayor of Ashdown, Trey Cobb, and maybe their dog catcher would be interested in contracting with the City of Foreman. There was a lengthy discussion about animal control and the lack of support from the LRC Sheriff’s department. Bryan Roden said people don’t see the ordinances. Mayor Harp said that by law there are certain places we have to post city ordinances. The ordinances are posted at City Hall, Post Office, and on the city’s website ‘www.foremanar.com.’ If a person does not look in those places, they do not know what the ordinances are.

Mayor Harp asked Todderick Smith if he still wanted to speak and replied he had said all he wanted to say.

**Department Reports**

**Administration**

Mr. McKee asked since Attorney Bishop needed to leave if we could talk about the hospital reimbursement to the city for the Clinic roof repair. Mr. McKee stated in July 2023 the hospital administrator agreed to pay 50% of the cost of reroofing the clinic. Attorney Bishop, who is also a member of the Hospital Board, said by this time of the year the hospital is out of money. He said they are due a check from Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement. Attorney Bishop said the hospital administrator was told how much they will receive and

hopefully they will get it by the end of the month. They will cut a check to the city when they receive the funds. Attorney Bishop asked to be excused from the meeting.

### **Zoning Ordinance**

Mayor Harp read Ordinance No. 351. After the reading Mr. McKee pointed out that under Classification of Districts it gives the homeowner the right to replace an old falling apart mobile home with one of equal value that could also be falling apart. After a brief discussion Mr. McDonald said we needed to pass this ordinance and then submit a change to it. Mr. McKee asked who designated the “blue” areas on the map showing where manufactured homes could be placed. Mayor Harp replied he did. Mr. McKee asked why the area on the west side of the city did not go up to Tracy Lawrence Avenue to cover the eyesore going out of town. Mayor Harp said it would not make any difference because it is all grandfathered in. Mr. McDonald made a motion to suspend the rules of the reading of the ordinance and read by title only. Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mayor Harp then read the ordinance by title and Mr. McDonald moved to read only the title of the ordinance again. Mrs. Cody seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mrs. Wiseman made the motion to accept Ordinance 351 and Mr. McDonald seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. McKee made the motion to amend Ordinance 351 under “Classification of Districts” and under “R-1 Districts” page five of the ordinance, the first paragraph, where it states a mobile home may be replaced with one of equal or greater value be changed to read that the replacement mobile home would have to be 10 years old or newer. Mrs. Wiseman seconded. Motion carried.

Mayor Harp read Resolution 2024-001, Authorizing the Disbanding of the Planning and Zoning Commission in the City of Foreman and Designating the City Council to Serve in That Capacity. Mr. McKee moved to accept the Resolution. Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Law Enforcement**

The monthly Sheriff Report was distributed to the council members. There were no comments made after reading the report.

### **Animal Control**

Mayor Harp asked Mr. Eddie Smith if we had any animal control this month and he responded “No.”

### **Fire Department**

Mayor Harp asked Mr. McKee if he had anything from the Fire Department. Mr. McKee said for December the Fire Department had seven fire calls, not necessarily for fires, but they responded, and first responders had (21) twenty-one calls. They will be working on the pump truck asap. Mr. Roden said they had already been working on the truck and inside the tank.

### **Parks Department**

Mr. McDonald said he had gone to the park and checked everything out. Water was turned off during the freezing weather but is working well now.

### **Street Department**

Nothing to report.

### **Water Department**

Mayor Harp said they had to dig another hole on Tracy Lawrence Avenue. The Library, City Hall, and Walnut Hill Telephone Company were without water. They had another blow-out on Saturday and had to cap it.

**Sanitation Department**

Mayor Harp said we had to haul the trash to Nashville again.

**Planning and Development**

Mayor Harp said Planning and Development was discussed earlier in the meeting.

**Unfinished Business**

The repairs on Murphy, Smith, and Pecan have been put on hold due to the upcoming water line rehab project on the water lines on Smith and Pecan.

Mayor Harp said Mr. Perry Young was going to get the name of an individual from Ashdown to contact for a bid for repairing the ceiling at the Senior Center, but he hasn't gotten it yet. Mayor Harp said we have (2) two bids, one for \$4,000 which includes materials and one for \$3,000 plus materials. Mr. McDonald made the motion to accept the \$4,000 bid. Mrs. Wiseman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Harp said we still have not gone to the churches to get people signed up on the Code Red Call System. Those who signed up are getting calls or messages.

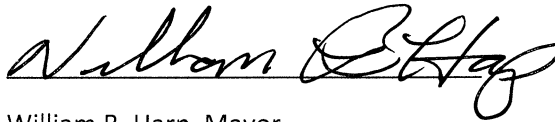
**New Business**

None

**Executive Session**

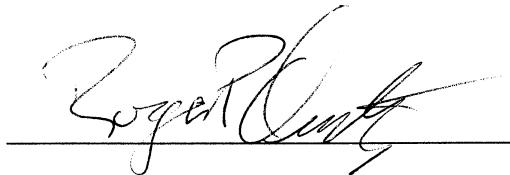
None

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



William B. Harp, Mayor

Attest:

  
Roger Quilty, City Recorder