

**FOREMAN CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 20, 2024**

The Foreman City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 20, 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, Mike McKee, Joyce Green, and Perry Young. Tommy McDonald was 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 April 15, 2024, were presented for review, revision, and approval. Mrs. Wiseman made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Mr. McKee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report for April 2024 was presented for review, revision, and approval. Mr. McKee asked about the amount of \$1,103.12 on page 6 for supplies. Mrs. Woods said she did not have the paperwork in front of her and that she would look it up tomorrow. Mr. McKee then asked about page 12 and the amount of \$368.60. Mrs. Woods stated it was for certified receipt books for the IDC CD account. He then asked about page 22. He said he knew a lot of this was needed for the lift station. Mr. Smith was asked about it and he confirmed the charges were for the sewer manhole lids and other items for the lift station. Mr. McKee then asked about page 29 and the payment to Thad Bishop. Mrs. Woods said he had to review all the contracts on the three water project grants. Mr. McKee made the motion to accept the financial report as written. Mrs. Wiseman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Citizens wishing to speak to the Council

Pastor Griffin, Assistant Pastor at Richland Baptist Church, spoke to the council regarding the sewage and smell both inside and outside the church at 201 Fred Street. He stated that whenever it rains it floods up into the church yard. Also, at 304 Fred Street the water backs up there and comes back into the church. He requested the city clean out or replace the drain, so the rainwater doesn't come into the church. He then spoke about the water usage at the church, which has been in use for eight years. He said all the pipes are new, but there is an odor in the water. They must bring water from another source anytime they have an event at the church. Mrs. Cody asked what it smelled like, and he said it smelled like the sewer. Mayor Harp asked Mr. Smith if they had a flush valve out there and he replied we do not. Mr. Smith stated they would have to flush through the hydrant. Mayor Harp said the city would look into the problem.

Department Reports

Administration

Mayor Harp gave the council an update on the Pre-Construction Meeting that was held on May 15th for the water line rehab and the wastewater treatment plant projects. Mayor Harp stated they would not start on the water line rehab project until the Ground Storage Tank was filled with water again. Mr. Smith said we must wait for another seven days until the Ground Storage Tank cures inside, then another week for the Health Department to come and sanitize it. Mr. Smith discussed the cleaning of the High Tank. He stated Mr. Spears said the contractor was supposed to have a scuba diver clean the tank. The contractor told Mr. Smith they were not using a scuba diver. Mr. Smith said Mr. Spears is talking with the contractor about it.

The council discussed conserving the water while maintenance is being done on the ground storage tank. Mrs. Cody asked if anyone has sent out word to conserve the water? Mr. McKee said it was put out three weeks ago on Code Red and it's been on the news and word of mouth that we had to take the Ground Storage Water Tank down and we would have low water pressure. It turns out the pressure is lower than we expected. We had to be prepared in case we had fires. We don't have enough pressure for fires. Mr. McKee stated there has been a lot of prep that has gone into this, but people just don't seem to remember. Mayor Harp said the car washes have shut down and they have been good about it.

Mr. McKee asked when the sewer project was going to start. Mayor Harp stated it would probably begin next week. Mayor Harp said there is a lot of groundwork that must be done.

Law Enforcement

Mayor Harp commented on the Monthly Sheriff report that someone is writing tickets. Mr. Harp stated they wrote \$3,800.00 in fines.

Animal Control

Mayor Harp said one dog, a cat, and a raccoon were taken to the pound.

Fire Department

Mr. McKee announced the fire department had six fire calls, three public service (water the rodeo arena down and carry water to the school for a school function), and seventeen first responder calls for April.

Parks Department

Mr. McDonald was not present. Mayor Harp did not have any information available. Mr. Young said there is new children's playground equipment at the park. Mayor Harp said Mr. McDonald found a place to pick up some used equipment and came back with a truck load.

Street Department

Mr. Smith said they repaved the entrance to West Dollarhide Street. Mr. Young said there is a place on Bell Street that goes down deep that he is worried about. He thinks it is at 5th and Bell on both sides. Mayor Harp said that isn't the only place we have a situation.

Mayor Harp stated he sent Blake Harrell with Southwest Planning and Development the report from DOT, about the bridge here on Bell Street we got written up for in December 2023. Mayor Harp stated we must find a way to fix it. Mayor Harp has asked Mr. Harrell to help find funding to make the necessary repairs to the bridge.

Sanitation Department

Mayor Harp reported he is still waiting on parts for the sanitation truck. Mr. Smith said he talked to the mechanic at Lone Star today. Mr. Smith said the mechanic took off a part and took with him to an International dealership and they could not reprogram it. He came back and put it on the truck and cranked it up. Mr. Smith said International has replacements, but they run about \$2,800. Mayor Harp said the one he went after last week was \$2,000. He ordered one that was coming in tomorrow, that runs about \$1,000. He will put it in on Wednesday.

With no further business, Mrs. Wiseman made the motion to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, June 17, 2024. Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion carried.



William B. Harp, Mayor

Attest:


Roger Quilty, Recorder