

ASH FLAT CITY COUNCIL

MEETING

March 21, 2017

Present:

Larry Fowler, Mayor

Charlotte Goodwin, Recorder

Council Members Present: Fred Goodwin, Rodney Hallmark, Sean Himschoot, Mike Nix, Danny Traw, and Annette Wolverton

Officials Present: Code Enforcement Officer William Myers, and Street Supt. Jimmy Shaffer

Officials Absent: Fire Chief Stacy Horton, Police Chief Anthony Wiles, W/S Supt. Tracy Breckenridge, Parks Supt. Regan Nicholson, and City Attorney Larry Kisse

Guests Present: Mary Crabb, Betty Fisher, Dana Wiest, Craig Wiles, Joseph Price, and James M. Street

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Ash Flat City Council met in regular session in the council chambers at Ash Flat City Hall Tuesday, March 21st at 7:00 p.m. The Honorable Mayor Larry Fowler, the presiding officer, declared a quorum present, and called the meeting to order. Recorder Charlotte Goodwin called the roll by wards. Council members answering the call by their respective wards were Ward 1-Fred Goodwin, Mike Nix; Ward 2-Sean Himschoot; Danny Traw; Ward 3-Rodney Hallmark, Annette Wolverton. (6/0) Mayor Fowler led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our country, and a moment of silence was observed.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Fowler called for a motion to approve the March 21, 2017 meeting agenda. *Council member Rodney Hallmark made the motion, seconded by Council member Danny Traw, the roll having been called, and by consent of the members present, approved the meeting agenda as presented.* A roll call vote was taken. The following

voice votes were recorded: *Goodwin-Yea, Hallmark-Yea, Himschoot-Yea, Traw-Yea, Nix-Yea, and Wolverton.* Motion carried with a roll call vote of 6-Yeas/0-Nays.

MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 2017

Mayor Fowler called for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held February 21, 2017, provided there were no corrections or changes. *Council member Fred Goodwin made the motion, seconded by council member Rodney Hallmark, the roll having been called, and by consent of all the members present, to approve the minutes of the council meeting held February 21, 2017, as transcribed.* A roll call vote was taken, and the following voice votes were recorded: *Hallmark-Yea, Himschoot-Yea, Nix-Yea, Traw-Yea, Wolverton, and Goodwin-Yea.* Motion carried with a roll call vote of 6-Yeas/0-Nays.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT-Fire Chief Stacy Horton was absent fighting a fire. The department report indicated the department responded to 32 calls during the period of 2-16-17 thru 3-16-17. Medical calls-19, Vehicle Accident-4, Brush Fire-4, False Alarms-2, Hazmat (propane leak)-0, Vehicle Fire-1, Structure fire-0, and Public Assist-2. The department will have a retirement party for Rob Simers on March 27th at 6 p.m. Rob's last shift will be March 30th. The chili supper fund raiser, thanks to Jerry Holfert, netted \$515.00 for the fire department auxiliary.

Chief Horton told the council they've received the truck from the Forestry and the skid unit is in. The truck will be painted, and the truck will be lettered before the skid unit is installed. The repairs on the truck totaled \$1,324.78. Horton indicated he'd gone through the forestry department warehouse in Greenbrier and was able to obtain LED lights, and other equipment at no cost to the department.

POLICE DEPARTMENT-Chief Anthony Wiles was absent. The report indicated the department responded to 75 calls for service, conducted 49 traffic stops, made 2 arrests, issued 29 citations, issued 12 warnings, responded to 1 call assisting outside agencies, worked 9 accidents,

responded to 1 alarm, conducted 6 motorist assists, investigated 2 thefts, 0 domestic calls, investigated 1 animal complaint, & investigated 0 prowler calls. Officers' unlocked 22 vehicles, served 2 warrants, & conducted 0 welfare checks.

Sargent Dan Fry stated Craig Wiles had worked numerous hours alongside Sgt. Wendell Lane, Sgt. Dan Fry, and Police Chief Anthony Wiles. Craig Wiles has been released for duty on his own in the field and has shown he has the skills, aptitude, and good judgement to handle the day to day duties. Chief Wiles requested Craig Wiles be promoted to a Part Time 2 officer which would allow him to work 20-25 hours per week in a paid capacity. Chief Wiles stated in the report, the part-time force is made up of several officers that have full time jobs and it makes scheduling for days off or sick days on the fly difficult. Craig is self-employed with a very flexible schedule that will allow him to fill in shifts when other officers may be unavailable due to their full time jobs.

Following further discussion, *Council member Danny Traw made the motion, seconded by Council member Rodney Hallmark, the roll having been called, and by consent of all the members present, to promote Craig Wiles to a part-time 2 officer, work 20 hours per week at \$8.50 per hour. The following voice votes were recorded: Himschoot-Yea, Nix-Yea, Traw-Yea, Wolverton-Yea, Goodwin-Yea, and Hallmark-Yea.* The motion carried with a roll call vote of 6-Yeas/0-Nays.

In other discussion, the council unanimously agreed an employee must have approval from the council before they'll be paid by the city.

In further discussion, the council considered developing a noise ordinance. City Hall receives numerous complaints from citizens such as barking dogs, loud music, etc.

PARKS DEPARTMENT-Supt. Regan Nicholson was absent helping fight a fire. The report indicated the baseball and softball fields were mowed, and cleaned up damage after the wind storm. Repairs were made to the dugout with assistance from Scott Brewer, Bob Gotte and his crew. Removed an old tank, and pump off of the brush truck, and installed a

new one. Painted the new metal doors for city hall, and police department, and recycled.

STREET DEPARTMENT- Supt. Jimmy Shaffer reported working on a diffuser at the treatment plant, traveling to Batesville with the Fire Chief Horton to deliver a truck, helped tap a water line on Highway 354, and cleaned up after a big wind storm. Worked on equipment trailers, bladed Orr, Branscum, Farris, and Saddle Club roads, cut up, & hauled off trees from storm damage, helped clean drying beds, worked on the Eagle Crest pump station, and met with Dan Munroe about a culvert extension. Helped change an electric motor on a blower, took the ProTainer to the recycling center, went to Greenbrier to pick up the brush truck for the fire department, hauled 2 loads of sludge to the dump, attended a meeting regarding future fuel usage, hauled a load of gravel to the plant, and cleaned 2 pump stations.

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT-Supt. Tracy Breckenridge was absent. Mayor Fowler told the council the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) notified Tracy Breckenridge, W/S Superintendent, they'd be conducting an inspection at the treatment plant March 22nd & 23rd, and that Tracy was absent in preparations for the inspection. The report indicated the department was reading water meters, tagging doors with late, and shut off notices. Monthly water samples were taken and sent to the health department. Work was completed on the aeration basin diffuser assemblies, units were put back into service and are functioning as designed. Removed and replaced 2hp grinder pump at #6 Martin Street, cleaned up debris/brush from storm damage, a transformer shorted out and burned up at the Eagle Crest pump station, installed blade extensions on the Spartan mower, mowed at the treatment plant and the two wells. A 30hp motor burned up at the treatment plant was removed and replaced. A TVSS Module for the 3 phase protection at the treatment plant will be installed when received. Cleaned the leaves and debris from inside the fence at 62/412 water tank, met with an engineer about a 12" road bore to accommodate looping the water line that runs down the east side of highway 62 in front of the fire station, Road bore will be made in the vicinity of the Bar D Arena, and

completed quarterly corrective action plan for SSO's and submitted it to ADEQ.

Mayor Fowler stated the new digital meters don't miss anything, and the water loss the city has experienced in the past was due to old water meters. The water department has been installing new digital meters that will keep a more accurate record of water usage.

CITY HALL MONTHLY LOG –The report indicated during the last half of February, and the first half of March there were 383 visitors.

CODE ENFORCEMENT-Bill Myers reported he inspected a deck being built on Evans Road, inspected the footing for a 60' X 40' storage building on Arnhart Street, attended a plumbing recertification class held in Hardy, and checked on a core sample being taken on Goodwin Cove for the new Dollar Tree.

PLANNING COMMISSION- No report available.

LIBRARY REPORT- The library report for February 13, 2017 –March 10, 2017 indicated 16,727 books were available, 1 computer file, 1 map, 116 mixed materials, 38 music files, 5 reference files, and 1,322 visual materials available. 1,243 patron's visited the library, and 994 books, and other materials were checked out.

SCRAA & TCSWA-Minutes of Sharp County Regional Airport Authority and Tri-County Solid Waste meetings were in the council packets.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HYBRID ENERGY CONSULTANT-P. RICHARDSON (A)

Jessica Fox, with Hybrid Energy, assistant to Peter Richardson, wasn't present to reveal audit findings for the city to switch from incandescent lighting to LED lighting at the other city buildings.

NEW BUSINESS

DESTRUCTION OF 2010 RECORDS RESOLUTION (E)

Mayor Fowler introduced a resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN CITY RECORDS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Recorder Charlotte Goodwin read the resolution in full. Following further discussion, *Council member Rodney Hallmark made the motion, seconded by Council member Annette Wolverton, the roll having been called, and by consent of all the members present, to approve Resolution 3-A-2017 as read. The following voice votes were recorded: Goodwin-Yea, Hallmark-Yea, Himschoot-Yea, Nix-Yea, Traw-Yea, and Wolverton-Yea.* The motion carried with a roll call vote of 6-Yeas/0-Nays. The Resolution was given the number 3-A-2017.

RETENTION POLICY RESOLUTION (F)

Mayor Fowler introduced a resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF A RETENTION POLICY AND TIMELY DESTRUCTION OF THE RECORDS FOR THE CITY OF ASH FLAT, ARKANSAS. Recorder Charlotte Goodwin stated if the council needed more time to consider the resolution it could wait until the next council meeting to be approved. Council agreed to wait until April.

2016 WATER/SEWER AUDIT REPORT (G)

Mayor Fowler presented the 2016 Water/Sewer Audit report. R/T Goodwin stated the only comment from the water/sewer auditor was regarding property, plant and equipment being expensed on the books instead of being added to the capital asset schedule. A response regarding the finding was sent to Legislative Audit stating the property, plant, and equipment has been added to the capital asset schedule, and is being depreciated. There were no questions from the council.

PAY BILLS

Mayor Fowler called for a motion to pay bills. *Council member Danny Traw made the motion, seconded by Council member Rodney Hallmark, the roll having been called, and by consent of all the members present, to approve paying the bills.* A roll call vote was taken. The following voice votes were recorded: *Hallmark-Yea,*

Himschoot-Yea, Nix-Yea, Traw-Yea, Wolverton-Yea, and Goodwin-Yea. The motion carried with a roll call vote of 6-Yeas/0-Nays.

OTHER BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

- A Glow Run is scheduled to be held at Ash Flat Ball Park April 22, 2017 to provide a day of fun for children with special needs.
- Betty Fisher, Director of the Ash Flat Senior Citizens Center, invited all to come to the center for a meal. Fisher stated that senior center is for everyone not just for the residents at Homewood Village. The center is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
- James Mack Street, the WRMC Facility Administrator, stated WRMC Internal Medicine Residency Program has been certified by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). The ACGME accreditation of WRHS's program is the first in Arkansas to ever receive accreditation outside of UAMS. The physician recruitment and Match process is underway. First class is scheduled for 7/1/17. Cave City graduate Lane Gay has been accepted into this fall's freshman class at UAMS Medical School.

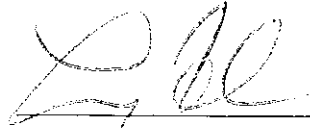
ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to come before the council, *Council member Rodney Hallmark made motion to adjourn, seconded by Council member Fred Goodwin, and by consent of all members present.* The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

CERTIFICATE

We, the undersigned Mayor and Recorder/Treasurer for the City of Ash Flat, do hereby certify the forgoing to be a true and correct record for the proceedings of the Ash Flat City Council meeting held in regular session at 7:00 p. m., Tuesday, March 21, 2017.

PASSED and APPROVED this 13th day of July, 2017.



LARRY FOWLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CHARLOTTE GOODWIN, RECORDER



(City Seal)