

ASH FLAT CITY COUNCIL

MEETING

April 9, 2019

Present:

Larry Fowler, Mayor

Charlotte Goodwin, Recorder

Council Members Present: Fred Goodwin, Sean Himschoot, Mike Nix, and Danny Traw

Officials Present: Fire Chief Stacy Horton, Police Chief Anthony Wiles, Code Enforcement Officer William Myers, Parks Supt. Regan Nicholson, Street Supt. Harry Herron, W/S Supt. Tracy Breckenridge, and Ash Flat Librarian Susan Funnell

Officials Absent: Council member Annette Wolverton and City Attorney Larry Kisse

Guests Present: Dana Wiest, Johnny Carter, AFFD S. A. Bates, L.A. Wallis, and Bill Demmons

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Ash Flat City Council met in regular session Tuesday, April 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers of Ash Flat City Hall. The Honorable Mayor Larry Fowler, the presiding officer, declared a quorum was 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- (4/0) 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 April 9, 2019 agenda as presented. *Council member Sean Himschoot made the motion, seconded by Council member Fred Goodwin, the roll having been called, and by consent of all the members present, to approve the*

agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken. The following voice votes were recorded: *Vote Yea: Goodwin, Himschoot, Traw, and Nix*
Vote Nay: None

The motion carried with a roll call vote of 4-Yeas/0-Nays.

MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 12, 2019

Mayor Fowler called for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held March 12, 2019 as written. *Council member Danny Traw made the motion, seconded by Council member Sean Himschoot, the roll having been called, and by consent of all the members present, to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting as presented.* A roll call vote was taken. The following voice votes were recorded: *Vote Yea: Himschoot, Nix, Traw, & Goodwin*
Vote Nay: None

The motion carried with a roll call vote of 4-Yeas/0-Nays.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

All department reports are part of the council packet and filed with the official minutes

FIRE DEPARTMENT-Chief Stacy Horton reviewed the department report. Horton stated the department received a \$2,500.00 Firewise Grant. The department received a kit from Arkansas Forestry Commission consisting of 10 wildland firefighter jumpsuits, 2 back pack blowers, and council rakes.

POLICE DEPARTMENT-Chief Anthony Wiles reviewed the department report. Chief Wiles stated the in car camera systems have been installed. Wiles stated upon receiving the cameras from Watchguard, it was discovered that the total cost for the system had gone over the authorized amount of \$40,000.00 the council approved in December by \$2,984.79. The overage was due to taxes not being included in the price. The original cost was \$50,000.00. and Watchguard provided nearly every item on the quote. Watchguard cut 2 extra body cams out to keep within budget. Council member Traw asked Chief Wiles what 2 body cams cost, and Wiles stated approximately \$1,000 each. Following further discussion, *Council member Danny Traw made the motion, seconded by*

*Council member Sean Himschoot, the roll having been called, and by consent of the members present, to purchase the two (2) extra body cams . A roll call vote was taken. The following voice votes were recorded: **Vote Yea: Traw, Goodwin, and Himschoot** **Vote Nay: Nix***

The motion carried with a roll call vote of 3-Yeas/1-Nays

Following further discussion, *Council member Danny Traw made the motion, seconded by Council member Fred Goodwin, the roll having been called, and by consent of the members present, to pay the overage on the sales tax on the original cameras.* A roll call vote was taken. The following voice votes were recorded: **Vote Yea: Traw, Goodwin, Himschoot, and Nix**

The motion carried with a roll call vote of 4Yeas/0-Nays

PARKS DEPT.-Supt. Regan Nicholson reviewed the department report.

STREET DEPT.- Supt. Harry Herron reviewed the department report. The road grader water pump went out, and the exhaust bolts broke off.

WATER/SEWER DEPT.-Supt. Tracy Breckenridge reviewed the department report. Working on SDS as required by AOSHA.

CITY HALL MONTHLY LOG- Report was included in the council packet.

CODE ENFORCEMENT- Bill Myers reviewed the department report.

PLANNING COMMISSION- No report available.

LIBRARY REPORT- Librarian Susan Funnell presented the library report. Book Brigade book sale will be May 9, 10, & 11. The library is working on getting the library ready for the summer reading program.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Johnny Carter gave the council a report on the newly formed Cemetery Subcommittee that held its first meeting on March 26, 2019. Carter stated \$68,746.55 was transferred to the city cemetery fund as of April 2, 2019, from the accounts managed by Nancy Orr for forty years.

SCRAA & TCSWA-Sharp County Regional Airport, and Tri-County Solid Waste meeting minutes were in the council packets.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SIGN PERMIT TRIPLE R PAWN (A)

Mayor Fowler introduced a sign permit application from Triple R Pawn to install a 4x8 non-illuminated sign. Bill Myers stated he'd talked with the owner and he indicated the sign will be permanent. Following further discussion, *Council member Danny Traw made the motion, seconded by Council member Fred Goodwin, the roll having been called, and by consent of the members present, approved the sign permit as presented.* A roll call vote was taken. The following voice votes were recorded: *Vote Yea: Himschoot, Nix, Traw, and Goodwin*
The motion carried with a roll call vote of 4-Yeas/0-Nays

MAYOR-ASH FLAT CEMETERY (B)

Mayor Fowler stated by Jack Haskins has agreed to deed the land known as the Ash Flat Cemetery to the City of Ash Flat. Haskins stated that the cemetery was founded by Jacks Haskin's grandfather. There's never been a charge for a plot in that particular cemetery, and they requested to have that put in writing and kept that way. They requested the cemetery be named 'Haskins Ash Flat Cemetery'. Haskins is proposing to deed the cemetery to the city in exchange for the city paying the recording fees. Following further discussion, *Council member Danny Traw made the motion, seconded by Council member Fred Goodwin, the roll having been called, and by consent of the members present, to table a decision regarding the cemetery property until we hear from the Cemetery Committee.* A roll call vote was taken. The following voice votes were recorded: *Vote Yea: Goodwin, Himschoot, Nix, and Traw*

The motion carried with a roll call vote of 4-Yeas/0-Nays

POLICE TRUCKS (C)

Police Chief Wiles stated he'd requested to trade or replace the gray 2016 Dodge truck and had budgeted \$12k for a new police vehicle. Wiles stated the gray truck has 60k miles on it and the blue one has 47k miles on it. Wiles furnished the council with quotes and trade-in values for the grey (\$16k) and blue 2016 (\$17k) Dodge Ram. It was projected the department could purchase two new trucks for \$21,236.00. Wiles stated it'd be 3 to 4 months before the vehicles were received. Following further discussion.

Council member Danny Traw made the motion to move table purchasing the vehicles. Hearing no second the motion died.

*Following further discussion, Council member Sean Himschoot made motion, seconded by Council member Fred Goodwin, the roll having been called, to approve the purchase of two vehicles. A roll call vote was taken. The following voice votes were recorded: **Vote Yea: Goodwin, Himschoot, and Nix** **Vote Nay: Traw***

The motion carried with a roll call vote of 3-Yeas/1-Nays

HANDBOOK (D)

Mayor Fowler stated we are waiting on answers from AML on the handbook. Following further discussion, *Council member Sean Himschoot made the motion, seconded by Council member Fred Goodwin, the roll having been called, and by consent of the members present, to table discussion on the employee handbook until a response is received from the AML legal staff.* A roll call vote was taken. The following voice votes were recorded: **Vote Yea: Himschoot, Nix, Traw, and Goodwin**

The motion carried with a roll call vote of 4-Yeas/0-Nays

NEW BUSINESS

COUNCIL MEMBER WARD 3, POSITION 1 VACANCY (E)

Due to the unexpected death of Council member Neil Camden, there is currently a vacancy on the city council. Mayor Fowler stated Neil Camden was appointed and sworn in at the March 20th, 2018, meeting. Neil served the city 11 months of his life. It's a sad day for the city, and Neil will be missed. Unfortunately, we have to go on and look for someone to complete the term. A copy of the application for Ward 3, Position 1 Council Member was included in the council packets, and upon council approval, will be published in area papers. Council members agreed application forms are to be returned to city hall by May 6, 2019, and will be reviewed by the council during the May 14th meeting.

COUNCIL PAY FOR COUNCIL MEMBER NEIL CAMDEN

Council member Sean Himschoot stated he'd like to remit Neil's council stipend for the January, February, and March meetings to Judy Camden, Neil's widow. Following further discussion, *Council member Sean Himschoot made the motion, seconded by Council member Fred Goodwin, the roll having been called, and by consent of the members present, approved paying Neil's council stipend to Judy Camden.* A roll call vote was taken. The following voice votes were recorded: *Vote Yea: Traw, Goodwin, Himschoot, and Nix*

The motion carried with a roll call vote of 4-Yeas/0-Nays

EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA (F)

The annual Easter Extravaganza will be held at the Ash Flat Ball Park on April 20th, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. There'll be free food, Survival Flight Helicopter, bounce houses, & bicycles for ages 1-12. Light in the Wilderness & Highland Assembly sponsors the event.

PAY BILLS

Mayor Fowler called for a motion to pay bills. *Council member Fred Goodwin made the motion, seconded by Council member Danny Traw, the roll having been called, and by consent of members present, approved paying the bills.* A roll call vote was taken. The following voice votes were recorded: *Vote Yea: Goodwin, Himschoot, Nix, and Traw*

The motion carried with a roll call vote of 4-Yeas/0-Nays

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to come before the council, *Council member Danny Traw made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Council member Fred Goodwin, and hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.*

CERTIFICATE

We, the undersigned Mayor and Recorder/Treasurer for the City of Ash Flat, do hereby certify the forgoing pages 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, April 9, 2019.

PASSED and APPROVED this 14th day of May, 2019.



LARRY FOWLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CHARLOTTE GOODWIN, RECORDER



A G E N D A
ASH FLAT CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 9, 2019

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- I. Determination of a Quorum
- II. Call To Order/Roll Call
- III. Welcome Guests
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence (Optional)
- V. Approval of April 9, 2019 Agenda
- VI. Approval of March 12, 2019 Minutes
- VII. Department Reports:
 - (a) Fire Department
 - (b) Police Department
 - (c) Parks Department
 - (d) Street Department
 - (e) Water/Sewer Department
 - (f) City Hall Report
 - (g) Code Enforcement/Planning
 - (h) Library Report
 - (i) SCRAA/TCSWA/Cemetery-Committee Reports

- VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
 - A. Sign Permit -Triple R Pawn
 - B. Mayor-Ash Flat Cemetery *
 - C. Police Vehicle*
 - D. Employee Handbook-Waiting on a response from AML

- IX. NEW BUSINESS:
 - E. Ward 3, Position 1 Council Member
 - F. Easter Extravaganza
 - G.
 - H.

- IX. Pay Bills
- X. Other Business/Correspondence (See packet contents)
- XI. Announcements/Comments (2 minute limit)
- XII. Adjourn

NOTE: Please turn all radios down or off. Switch cell phones to vibrate/silent. Thank you!

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MINUTES for MARCH 12, 2018

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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