

7-3-2019

Regular scheduled meeting of the Vernon Town Council.

Present: Mayor Dan Wright, Council Shelly Davers, John Post, and Danny Stark, Maintenance Ron Hendershot, Clerk Treasurer M. Jean Rockey.

Mayor Dan Wright opened the meeting at 7 PM. He asked the council if they had looked over the June minutes. Only John requested two changes be made. One on the matter of paying APC concerning the Freeman extermination bill, he wanted it to state that the Town would not be expecting pay back. Next concerning the proclamation for Master Sergeant Charles H. McDaniel, we need to remove the line where his remains were taken to the Vernon Cemetery. The clerk said she would take care of these two matters. Nothing else, John made a motion to pass the minutes, Danny Stark gave this motion a second, with all in favor.

Public comments:

Steve Malone wants to paint his fence and asked Dan Wright about who he could talk to about a mural for the fence. Dan will check with the art department at the high school for him.

Steve Harding informed the Town he had spoken to the Mayor of North Vernon, and they are going to purchase a new garbage truck and would be willing to give the Town a quote for service. They just need someone to come to a meeting and request this. Dan Wright said he would go to the meeting if the council wanted him to.

Discussion on the overall trash pickup process. Dan had a proposed ordinance he wanted to have our Attorney look over. John Post and Shelly both expressed that it would be a good idea to check into the North Vernon option. That way it would give the council something to compare it to. Dan did point out that Brad still needs to check out the proposed ordinance and we will have to hold 2 public meetings before we can move forward with any trash proposal. John made a motion to have Dan Wright attend a North Vernon public meeting and get a quote for trash pickup in Vernon, this was given a second by Shelly Davers with all in favor.

Randy Rayburn brought up the grant money for the Vernon Firehouse. Dan reported that Mary McCarty with SIRPC should have the results from a new data base for Vernon and be able to run off a random listing of the people they will have to go door to door to get the survey done. He hopes to have this list within the next two weeks.

Council:

Shelly has been working on the internal controls, and the council members, the Mayor and the Clerk need to get on line and update the required forms. She asked Jean to get the information to them.

Discussion on the Town Hall office at 85 N Pike street. Termites have been found in the building and the owner of the building has been contacted and an exterminator has been contacted. It seems to be mostly in the back room where the records and supplies are stored. Ron and Jean cleaned out the room and checked everything they moved. Jean asked the council due to the fact that they are not interested in this building that they speak with the Fire Department about vacating the office so it can be turned

into the office for the clerk treasurer. We could have the meetings at the JC government building or the Heritage. That way right now all she would need is the office.

Shelly asked if there was going to be edging around the path on Brown Street. Dan said no that it was done.

John feels it is time to push the Fire Department as the old vehicle is still down there and the Town owns that building and we need to get in there and do some work so we can use this space. Dan Wright will go to the meeting of the fire department next week and explain what we are wanting to do. Jean also brought up replacing the door before the brick work is done so it will be handicap accessible. Ron will check out the door situation.

John asked Danny if any of the cameras were placed outside by the shelter house. Danny said 2 had been placed by the outdoor parking lot. John thought he saw a fire in the pit inside the shelter house and drove home and called the sheriff. He suggested that one needs to be on the shelter house and one at the front of the building aimed towards the entrance of the storage building.

John reported a street light for repair at Washington and Poplar.

John requested a no parking sign be put on Perry Street by the playground at the First Baptist Church. He made this a motion and was given a second by Shelly with all in favor.

Ron has put up the new signs around town. He also fixed the big pothole on Brown Street. He is still concerned over the culvert at the corner of Jackson and the commons.

He has new information on a tractor from Jacobi Sales Inc., it is smaller than the JD but he thinks it would be a good tractor for the Town. The cost of a new tractor with a municipality discount would be 22380.00. This could be financed for 60 months at 374.00 a month. A fee of 56.00 will be paid when the paperwork is filled out. A copy of the description of the tractor and attachments is attached.

He also had an estimate from Bingham's for the same tractor only used no coverage 16000.00

Discussion: John feels the new tractor with the 60 months would be the way to go. Ron said he would ask if there would be any penalty for early pay off. The old tractor was bought up – the town council will advertise it.

John made a motion to purchase the tractor from Jacobi for 22380.00 on a 60 month payment plan, Danny Stark gave this a second with all in favor.

Discussion on where the payments would come from: John made a motion to take the payments 3 months from the General, three months from the LRS, three months from the Water, and three months from the Sewer each year this was given a second by Danny Stark with all in favor.

Danny Stark informed the council that there is a lot of water in the gray storage building.

Bobby Burns asked Danny if he could put up a sign that he was going to use the shelter house for a music program. The council agreed that would be OK.

The limbs are growing out into Pike street on the hill by the tunnel. Dan Wright said he will contact the county.

Jean had several delinquent water bills she asked the council about. Nick Templeton owns the trailer park, and he requested shut off in November which the town did but someone turned it on and Ron will randomly check the ones we turn off and it was on. When I billed it out he refused to pay. Next McDonald property on Pike was turned off in November due to delinquent bill, we cannot lock this meter as it was broken before. Someone turned it on and due to the weather froze the pipes and had a big leak. Since then we have shut it off and he continues turning it on and stealing water. Bronson Vogel was turned off this month for delinquent bill. Heather McBride in IH has moved out and left a delinquent bill. Discussion with John making a motion to turn them over to Brad for collection, and after we hear from that we will go from there, this was given a second by Danny Stark with all in favor.

Dan Wright reported on the Cummins volunteer work on the gym playground. Cummins is going to purchase some swings for the gym.

Cummins is also interested in other projects in Vernon, including the trail system through the state.

Dan has been checking into the sewer lift stations in Vernon. Perry Street, Water Street and Ripley Street all need repair, he is suggesting a fiberglass lining being installed that would last up to 50 years. Dan is requesting the council approve this so he can get the prices and would like to have one done a year, John made this into a motion with a second by Dan Stark with all in favor.

Dan wants to file for a CCMG grant for the repair of Ripley Street. Danny Stark made a motion to have Dan apply for this grant with a 2nd by Shelly with all in favor.

The car show that was supposed to done in June was cancelled due to the weather will be put on August 10, Dan is asking for the use of the streets for this event. The streets will be Jackson to Pike, Pike to Perry and Perry to Jackson. Shelly made this into a motion to approve with a second by John Post with all in favor.

The water tower is due to be painted either the last of June or the first of July.

Nothing more to discuss, Danny Stark made a motion to adjourn with a second by Shelly.

Mayor, Dan Wright *Brad Kage Filling in For Dan* *M. Jean Rockey* M. Jean Rockey, Clerk Treasurer

I have received and reviewed the monthly balanced funds and vouchers.

Dan Wright ,Mayor _____
John Post, Council _____
Danny Stark, Council _____
Shelly Davers, Council _____