

June 4th. 2020 Regular scheduled meeting of the Vernon Council

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

Mayor Wright called the meeting to order at 7PM.

First Dan wanted to ask the council to leave the office closed to the public until after our meeting in July. Shelly made this into a motion with a second by Danny Stark with all in favor.

Dan asked if the council had any changes in the March minutes, no one did John made a motion to pass the March minutes as is with a second by Danny Stark with all in favor.

Concerning the claim vouchers the clerk had written up a listing as she has the past several months to present to the council with the vendor, fund, description and amount to be paid for the month of June.

After review John made a motion to pass this listing with a second by Danny Stark with all in favor. A signed copy is attached.

Public comments:

Linda Wright came to the meeting for the family of Carol Engle. The Engle family have already asked for the street closing for the auction at the home of Eva Kingen/Carol Engle. The date had to be changed due to the pandemic. The new date will be closing off Montgomery Street from Jackson to Brown on Friday 6-19-20 at 5:30 and leave it closed until 6:00 PM Saturday, June 20-2020.

Danny Stark made a motion to pass this request for the closing of the street, it was given a second by Shelly with all in favor.

Mayor Wright asked Ron with maintenance to speak first.

1. Ron has had to check on the altitude valve at the water tower. It needs to be replaced. The new cost of the valve is \$9792.00. We could get a rebuilt kit for \$2637.00 with knowing that if it failed we would be out this cost and have to buy to new one. Discussion with Dan suggesting we go ahead and buy the new one. Shelly asked about the warranty and Ron said he would check on it before ordering.
2. An agitator to stir the water in the water is needed. This is needed to keep the water from getting stagnant.
3. Concerning the water tests required by the State. Ours have been changed to every quarter now and the cost is roughly \$800.00 each. This is due to the high levels of chlorine and by products in the water we buy from North Vernon. As of 5-28-2020 North Vernon is pulling water from the quarry so the chemicals that are put in the water before selling to Vernon may diminish some with softeners.
4. A water audit of the system was originally due in August, but have been moved to January 1st.
5. The mission control at the water is up and running now.

6. A valve exercising tool was purchased by the water maintenance fund, it is an exercising tool that helps keep the valves so they will close by themselves. The tool will also work on the fire hydrants.

7. Concerning the pub works asset program, all the sewer system has been put in and Ron has started on the water. Dan explained this asset program will help the Town when we have to borrow money.

8. Ron has started a list of trees that need to be cut. If you know of any, just let him know.

9. Ron talked to the Mayor and the council and had a glass barrier put on the counter in the Clerk Treasurer office.

10. Ron asked about the gutters at the gym and the now fire house building.

11. Shelly asked Ron about where we are on the new water meters. Dan explained that we are waiting for work to be done on the water rate survey.

Council:

John Post made a motion to purchase the new altitude valve for the water, and the backup shut off valve. This money will come directly from the water operating fund. This motion was given a second by Shelly with all in favor.

John also made a motion to go ahead and get quotes for the gutters at the gym and the fire house, and to get the ones done at the now fire house building. This was given a second by Danny Stark with all in favor.

John asked Britt to check into the old green truck on the Washington Street next to the Presbyterian Church. The truck belongs to someone living at the Sandra Stocker residence. He will check into it

The drain at the corner of Brown and Perry needs to be checked out and it needs repaired. Discussion with Dan asking Ron to get 3 quotes for these repairs so we can get started on this repair. This was made into a motion by Shelly with a second by Danny Stark with all in favor. Ron will get started on this.

John said now that the construction has started on a new fire house he wanted to revisit the donation to the new generator, or does the department want a general donation to the new building

Britt was present but Eric was not there to ask. Britt said either way would be alright. Dan Wright looked in his texts and found the quote Eric sent for a new generator. It was for 23354.04. John said while we could make a donation towards the generator we could not finance a complete new one. After a discussion, John made a motion to give the Fire Department a \$10000.00 donation to come from the Lit/Loit/PS Funds which could be used towards the generator or whatever the department needed for the new building, this was given a second by Danny Stark with all in favor.

Shelly reported she is working with Jessica Bailey with Shepherd Insurance on a policy concerning deadly and non deadly force. She would like to come to the meeting in July. It was suggested that we have her

come in 1/2 hour before the meeting and go over with the council what is needed. Shelly also said an annual training needs to be done concerning sexual harassment.

Another thing she needs is an asset report from the Town for our policy. Anything we would file a claim on.

Shelly next spoke on Quick Books for the Town, we have an appointment with Peggy Riley to get it started on June 10 at Jeans office. Shelly added that she had been having trouble checking on the clerk treasurer's hand written work and the quick books will help solve this problem.

Shelly asked if we could change the way the payroll checks are written. Her bank will not do direct deposit on the checks that are used now. Discussion on this matter.

Shelly next asked about the dog problems we are having in Town. Bill Miller came to the meeting in February to inform the Town he is training one of their 3 dogs to help him out. Dawn and Shawn Scott on Pike Street have not responded. And the Burns family on Brown have not been notified.

Shelly asked the clerk why there is no physical address on the monthly bills informing the customers where they can make payments. She was told that as soon as the old billing is used she will order new ones with the correct address of the office and payment box.

Shelly asked if the web page could be transferred to someone else who could update it every month, Dan said he will check into this.

And last she is concerned with the boy scout project that was done last February. There was never any edging put around the pathway and it does not look very nice. Dan will get with them and see what can be done.

She also informed the council that she has been going through the ordinances and scanning them onto the computer. This way they will be available to the public.

Danny Stark has had the gym closed for 3 months, and wants to know when he can open up. Discussion with the council stating a sign in and sign out sheet needs to be done. A policy needs to be written and passed out to any one renting the gym stating the distance rules and the amount of people who can be at one gathering. Dan Wright will check with other gyms and see how they handle it. John made a motion to draft a policy for the gym rental, this was given a second by Shelly Daver.

Next he wanted to know when the work would be started on the gym floor. Dan said Amber has received 1/2 the money for the floors, but the Town will need to help out with the \$7000.00 for the new goals. Discussion on funds for the goals with Dan suggesting asking the alumni for a donation and then seeing where we could come up with the rest of the money. John made this into a motion with a second by Shelly.

Danny Stark has a wedding scheduled in the gym the 1st of August. He is worried about the floor, Dan Wright will check with Amber on the schedule on the floor.

Britt did report an armed robbery behind the Log Cabin restaurant.

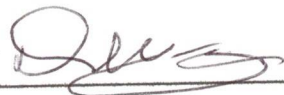
Jean let the council and the public know that she will be getting the flowers for the pots on Pike Street soon.

Dan Wright has been approving equipment for Ron to purchase for repairs. He is getting a lot of equipment for the Town and he thinks we should get a shell for the back of the truck to lock up the tools. John made a motion to have Ron get quotes and this was given a second by Shelly.

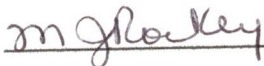
Dan also reported on an Eagle Scout program to make flag retirement boxes. They will bring a proposal to next month's meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned



Dan Wright, Mayor



M. Jean Rockey, Clerk Treasurer

7-2-20