

Thursday, September 6, 2018

Regular scheduled meeting of the Vernon Town Council

Everyone present except for Danny Stark

Meeting called to order at 7 PM by Mayor Wright.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, John made a motion to pass as read with a second by Shelly Davers.

Public Comments:

Mr. Raymer lives on the corner of Brown and the Commons he came to meeting to see where the rat problem and the fate of the King property stands. The King property is located next to his home. And he also asked what could be done with the rising population of the rabbits. Brad explained the next court hearing is on September 26 and she is supposed to be cleaning up the yard and the back garage now and the Judge will decide about the APC and the Health Department request to demolish the home then. Concerning the rabbit problem, Brad will bring it up on the 26th at the hearing and John said he would speak to Marie at the APC about contacting animal control. Dan also suggested contacting DNR he thought they might have a list of trappers. Britt spoke up he has been checking on the King home and if she is present she is not pleasant and she has been going into the home. He has reported this to the APC.

Council:

Shelly wanted to discuss the leases with Danny Stark for the Gym, but he is not here.

Shelly asked about the green barn at the end of Brown Street, Dan explained he has not gotten to checking on this yet.

Decals for the Town Truck a magnetic sign would be \$80 each at Imagination Graphics. Dan asked what they wanted to put on the decal. Dan suggested the Town Seal – discussion Shelly made a motion for Ron to order the signs with a second by John.

Ron had brought in a quote for a magnetic light bar for the Town Truck for \$199.00 – discussion- Shelly made a motion to get the light bar with a second be John Post. Pay for this from the MVH Fund.

John needs to contact Duke Energy about 3 lights out. Jean asked him to check out the pole number next to the tree that was taken down on Gaines Street. It was so close to the tree the pole needs to be replaced. He said he would take care of it.

He asked if the vouchers on the grant project to O'mara were the final ones. And yes they are.

2 clean outs on Pike Street need to be checked out – Dan will contact Lawyers.

The security light at the gym needs to be repaired – Dan will check into this.

John asked if the Heritage would need Brown Street property and the Commons for the ghost walk in October. Dan said he would check with them, but he was asking for permission tonight.

John asked if we knew how much the Lit/PS money would change and we do not.

Brad has published the ad for the sale of the old town hall on Montgomery Street. The deadline is late October.

Kolin McDonald is working on the building on Pike Street and the APC is still trying to get his attention and get more done.

The old Sandlin home on Jackson Street has been demolished and the property cleaned up. Dan asked that a thank you letter be sent to Tom Gosman for the cleanup job and clearing a path to the river.

Ron said the mower is at Diekhoffs he thinks the clutch went out of it.

Britt spoke to Billie at the Post Office and she said the kid situation is better.

Britt wanted to discuss about possibly lowering the speed limit through Town. John said he thought a traffic study would be needed before this could be done – Dan will check into this. Brad also suggested he talk to the sheriff department.

Jean had the annual license fee and maintenance contract for the Boyce Company for the water and the sewer billing program. One half will come from the water and one half from the sewer. The total cost is \$2100. John made a motion to sign the contract with a second by Shelly.

The budget for 2019 was given to the council for review and an adoption hearing will be held at the November meeting. We need to start looking into projects for next year and start planning them in April and being able to use the money we get annually.

Jean brought up the matter of delinquent water bills. She had one for a business on Pike Street with two separate people running it, one moved on to another project and said he would pay the bill up to date but she has not received it. He wanted the water out of his name. I spoke to the woman who says she owns the building and she agreed to come in the week after Labor Day and pay the deposit to put it in her name. The water was already shut off. The woman contacted Danny Stark on the weekend of Labor Day and asked him to tune on the water and he did. Ron called me and asked if I had it turned on I did not and did not know anything about it and asked him to please shut it off - he did and locked it. Danny called the next day and said he was going to turn it on and I told him not to. Jean asked the council that she is responsible for the water and the sewer and the collection of money and deposits. If I shut off a bill for a delinquent it should not be turned on until it has been paid. Dan suggested setting a policy that the Water Department have a Control Policy that the only person to turn water off and on again is designated by the Town Clerk Treasurer. The only situation where this would not pertain would be in an emergency water leak. John made this into a motion with a second by Shelly.

Discussion on this property 85 N Pike Street belonging to Jack Hatton. If the Town sells the 29 N Montgomery Street Jean suggests we make plans to purchase this property.

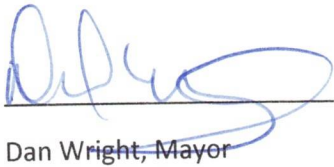
Dan Wright said the team from Cummins will be coming on the 14th to work at the commons. This is the 6th Cummins team to come to Vernon with contributing time to help improve Vernon, just to name a few Harmons, FPBH Inc.

Concerning the IDEM water report – we need to fix the fence around the water tower. Dan will get it sent back in.

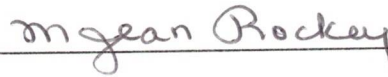
Dan had a quote for trash service that he wants the council to review and they will bring it back up in October.

Rain on Labor Day slowed things down a little, but it also the storm sewer on the corner backed up and another problem is the sink hold behind Jay Wilson building on Pike Street – Jay filled it up and Dan is concerned it may be leaking into the our sewer. He will check on these matters.

Nothing else to bring up, John made a motion to adjourn with a second by Shelly.



Dan Wright, Mayor



M. Jean Rockey, Clerk Treasurer