

Regular Meeting of the City Council
City of Rockport
1472 Military Road, Rockport, AR 72104
Tuesday, April 21st, 2020

Rockport City Council met on Tuesday, April 21st, 2020 at Rockport City Hall at 5:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Ruth Ann Crites led the Pledge of allegiance.

Open Prayer:

The opening prayer was also performed by Council Member Brenda Womble.

Roll Call

The following council members were present:

Darrell Hughes, Melinda Baker, Brenda Womble, Jimmie Shuffield

Others Present.:

Damon Dyer.

Reading of Minutes:

Minutes from Tuesday, March 17th, 2020 were read.

Motion was made to accept the minutes by Council Member Baker, Seconded by Council Member Womble.

(Hughes-Y, Shuffield-Y, Womble-Y, Baker-Y)

Motion carried.

Financial Report:

There was no set of financials handed out for March, 2020. Mayor Crites did inform the council that there was \$52,706.04 in the City's bank account to date.

Council Member Womble made a motion for council members to give up their monthly pay voluntarily for a few months. Council Member Hughes seconded this motion.

(Baker-Y, Shuffield-Y, Hughes-Y, Womble-Y)

Planning Commission:

No planning commission meeting was held for April.

Police Department:

No official report, however Mayor Crites informed the council that the city is down one officer at this time.

Street Department:

Damon Dyer stated that trees were down due to recent storms and he had to come in to work on a Sunday to clear the city roads. Dyer also stated that he is in need of sign posts and a post driver with an estimated cost of \$1,200. Mayor Crites instructed him to proceed with purchasing the materials and bring the receipts to her once complete.

Council member Baker made a motion for Dyer to restripe and restructure the parking lot at the city hall to have visitor and handicap parking spots made. Council member Womble seconded the motion.

(Hughes-Y, Baker-Y, Womble-Y, Shuffield-Y)

Sewer Department:

Mayor Crites stated that the city has 105 city customers hooked up and on line now. Damon Dyer also stated that he had to pump the sewer stations manually during the power outage in April.

Code Enforcement:

Council member Baker stated that the city would be receiving a notarized statement from the Hand property for the home to be destroyed by fire and the property to be used by the city for training for the fire department.

Old Business:

There have been no bids yet on the roof due to the COVID-19 virus restrictions.

Council Member Womble made a motion to accept all departments reports for this meeting. Council Member Hughes seconded.

(Shuffield-Y, Baker-Y, Hughes-Y, Womble-Y)

Motion carried.

New Business:

There was a motion made by Council Member Hughes to renew to the trash pickup contract and extend it at the current contract price. Council Member Womble seconded the motion.

(Hughes & Baker abstained from the vote, Shuffield-Y, Womble-Y, Mayor Crites-Y)

Motion carried.

Council Member Baker made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Womble seconded. All were in favor.

City Council adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Date: 5-19-2020 Approved by: Ruth Ann Crites
Attest: Sandra Baker Ruth Ann Crites, Mayor
Sandra Baker, City Clerk