

**Regular Meeting of the City Council**  
**City of Rockport**  
**1472 Military Road, Rockport, AR 72104**  
**Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

Rockport City Council met on Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 Melinda Baker.

**Roll Call**

The following council members were present:

Darrell Hughes, Melinda Baker, Brenda Womble, Jimmie Shuffield

**Others Present.:**

Damon Dyer, Butch Lomax, Chris Gaines

**Reading of Minutes:**

Minutes from Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 were read.

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

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

Motion carried.

**Financial Report:**

The December 2019 financial statements were presented and a motion to accept was made by Council Member Womble and a second was made by Council Member Baker.

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

Motion carried.

**Planning Commission:**

Damon Dyer stated they had a short meeting to discuss potentially bringing up to the council making Rockport a sanctuary city for the second amendment.

**Police Department:**

The police department submitted a written report and it was reviewed by the city council.

**Street Department:**

Damon Dyer stated the street department will be fixing a culvert on Division street that is washing out. The city will have to fix it with an eighteen inch. Kennerly Construction bid on the job for \$1,400.

**Sewer Department**

Damon Dyer stated the city has 18-20 hookups with pumps ready to go. 2 or 3 are ready for pumps to be installed and there are 2 or 3 very small leaks they are working on in different areas. He further stated they are running between 2,500 to 3,000 gallons a day through the sewer system.

**Code Enforcement**

Damon Dyer stated that 437 Military road is getting cleaned up and that by the 1<sup>st</sup> of March the Petty's property should be complete with their cleanup.

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

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

Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

Pulling ditches: Ditches need to be pulled on Phillips, Military, and Elaine Roads. Council Member Baker made a motion to get three bids for the work to be done. Council Member Womble seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Culverts: There are three culverts needed on Military and one on Division street, bringing the total to four culverts that are needing to be installed.

Ordinance NO. 2020-01, An ordinance authorizing the Rockport wastewater department to proceed with condemnation on behalf of the city of Rockport for the purpose of obtaining an easement for the use and benefit of Rockport wastewater department: to declare an emergency;

and, for other purposes. A motion was made by Council Member Hughes to accept the ordinance on the first reading. Council Member Baker seconded.

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Hughes and seconded by Council Member Shuffield to read it by title only on the second reading.

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Hughes and seconded by Council Member Shuffield for the rules to be suspended and read by title only on the third reading.

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made to accept and enact the emergency clause by Council Member Baker, the motion was seconded by Council Member Shuffield.

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made to begin charging the street department \$500 monthly for storage of equipment in the sewer building by Council Member Womble. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hughes.

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

Motion carried

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

City Council adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Date: 2-18-2020 Approved by: Ruth Ann Crites

Attest: Sandra Baker  
Sandra Baker, City Clerk

Ruth Ann Crites, Mayor