

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

Rockport City Council met on Tuesday, July 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:

Jimmie Shuffield, Darrell Hughes, Melinda Baker, Brenda Womble

Others Present.:

Damon Dyer, Butch Lomax, and Michele Allgood with Mitchell Williams Law firm

Reading of Minutes:

Minutes from the Tuesday, June 16th, 2020 were read.

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

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

Motion carried.

Financial Report:

No financial statements presented this meeting.

Planning Commission:

No planning commission meeting was held for July.

Police Department:

Police Chief Shane Davis stated that there have been two officers out sick, but the numbers are still looking good for the month. He also introduced new officer Chris Medlin to the council.

Street Department:

Damon Dyer stated that there are three spots in the city roads that need to be repaired by CenterPoint gas company. He also stated that there are work orders in with the gas company but they have not been completed yet.

Sewer Department:

Mayor Crites announced that they currently have 130 houses hooked up to the city sewer system with approximately 20 houses left to complete the project. Damon Dyer stated that they have repaired the main line on Tanner Street as well.

Code Enforcement:

None.

Old Business:

No old business to report on.

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

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

Motion carried.

New Business:

A motion was introduced and read by Council Member Hughes ordinance number 2020-5, an Ordinance ratifying and amending ordinance No. 2018-02; Authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$2,000,000 city of Rockport, Arkansas sales and use tax, sewer revenue, and franchise fee revenue refunding bonds, series 2020 (taxable) pledging collections of a 1% sales and use tax, revenues of the wastewater system, and various franchise fee revenues to pay the principal and interest of the bonds; authorizing the sale of the bonds; and prescribing other matters pertaining thereto; and declaring an emergency.

Council Member Hughes made a motion to accept on the first reading. Council Member Shuffield seconded.

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

Motion carried.

A motion to suspend the rules to place ordinance number 2020-5 reading by title only on the second reading. Council Member Hughes made a motion to accept. Council Member Shuffield seconded.

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

Motion carried.

A motion to suspend the rules to place ordinance number 2020-5 reading by title only on the third reading. Council Member Hughes made a motion to accept. Council Member Womble seconded.

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made to accept ordinance number 2020-5 and enact the emergency clause by Council Council Member Hughes. Council Member Shuffield seconded.

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by council member Womble to accept revised minutes from the June 16th, 2020 meeting. Council Member Baker seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Note: Mayor Crites made a decision to pull ordinance number 2020-6. It was further tabled and the number voided.

Mayor Crites also announced the city council received notification from the Municipal League that the annual meeting this year will be virtual and on August 19th- 21st, 2020, with no cost.

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

City Council adjourned at 6:32 PM.

Date: 8-18-2020

Approved by: _____

Ruth Ann Crites

Ruth Ann Crites, Mayor

Attest: _____

Sandra Baker

Sandra Baker, City Clerk