

Regular Meeting of the City Council
City of Rockport
1472 Military Road, Rockport, AR 72104
Tuesday, March 17th, 2020

Rockport City Council met on Tuesday, March 17th, 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 Mayor Ruth Ann Crites.

Roll Call

The following council members were present:

Darrell Hughes, Melinda Baker, Brenda Womble, Jimmie Shuffield

Others Present.:

None.

Reading of Minutes:

Minutes from Tuesday, February 18th, 2020 were read.

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

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

Motion carried.

Financial Report:

The February 2020 financial statements were presented and a motion to accept was made by Council Member Hughes and a second was made by Council Member Womble.

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

Motion carried.

Planning Commission:

No planning commission meeting was held for March.

Police Department:

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

Street Department:

No new street department report or issues for this month.

Sewer Department:

There are currently one hundred sewer customers in the computer now. There are seven new ones waiting to come online, and there should be around one hundred and sixty total sewer customers when everyone is live.

Code Enforcement:

Council Member Womble made a motion for Council Member Baker to assist Damon Dyer with the current code enforcement duties to alleviate some of his work load at this time. Council Member Shuffield seconded this motion.

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

Old Business:

There have been no bids for the back-porch roof at this time.

Mayor Crites purchased Railroad insurance on March 17th, 2020, with a \$1,800 annual premium.

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

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

Motion carried.

New Business:

The results of the 2018 accounting audit report came back with four issues. These issues are:

- 1) The distribution fund is off by \$844.
- 2) \$480 in chamber tickets purchased.
- 3) \$220 chamber of commerce dues were paid from city funds.
- 4) \$144 was spent for food/candy expenses by the city.

The auditor further reported that there is a \$6,552 discrepancy that was found and he is working with the city clerk to uncover the details.

There was a motion made by Council Member Baker for Greg Vardaman to pursue the lawsuit with Cramer insurance. Council Member Womble seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Council Member Hughes made a motion to accept: Resolution 2020-1; A resolution providing for the additional appropriation of funds for the operation of the city of Rockport, Arkansas for the budget year 2019, declaring an emergency. Council Member Shuffield Seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Council Member Womble made a motion to accept: Resolution 2020-2; A resolution expressing the opinion of the Rockport City Council on the Committee for Progress for Hot Spring County's ballot initiative to repeal the order of the Hot Springs County Court of September 10, 1943 abolishing the sale and manufacture of liquors within the Hot Spring County of Arkansas. Council Member Shuffield Seconded.

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

Motion carried.

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

City Council adjourned at 5:57 PM.

Date: 4-21-2020 Approved by: Ruth Ann Crites
Attest: Sandra Baker Ruth Ann Crites, Mayor
Sandra Baker, City Clerk