

Regular Meeting of the City Council
City of Rockport
1472 Military Road, Rockport, AR 72104
Tuesday, May 19th, 2020

Rockport City Council met on Tuesday, May 19th, 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, April 21st, 2020 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 March 2020 financial statements were presented and a motion to accept was made by Council Member Baker and a second was made by Council Member Hughes.

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

Motion carried.

The April 2020 financial statements were then presented and a motion to accept was made by Council Member Womble and a second was made by Council Member Baker.

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

Motion carried.

Planning Commission:

No planning commission meeting was held for May.

Police Department:

Police department reports were distributed to the council members for review and the members were informed of two new hires within the police department.

Street Department:

Damon Dyer stated that they are having issues with the culvert by the railroad tracks at the industrial road entrance. He is not able to clean it out and wishes to ask the county judge for help with it. He believes it is old and collapsed inside.

Sewer Department:

Damon Dyer stated the substation on Sand Rd. has a pump not working and is full snakes and grease. The pump is under warranty and after they get the grease and snakes out the department will be able to call the pump company for repair. Dyer has been putting additives in to get rid of the snakes and is working on another plan to remove the grease.

Dyer also stated that the department has redone some plumbing with the main sewage system and are in the process of redoing one of the last inflow lines. Dyer further stated that he has been putting in tanks and pumps in the last few weeks. Mayor Crites stated that the city received an invoice due for the last tanks that were installed. She then forwarded the invoice to Tim Lemons to get back to her to signoff on for approval. After that payment there will be an estimated \$70,000 left.

Code Enforcement:

No new business.

Old Business:

No old business to report on.

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

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

Motion carried.

New Business:

Council Member Baker introduced resolution number 2020-3, a resolution to transfer money from the jail fund to the general fund. A motion was made by Council Member Womble to transfer \$30,000 from the jail fund to the general fund. Council Member Baker seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Council Member Hughes introduced resolution number 2020-4, a resolution expressing the need for Rockport, Arkansas to provide public recreation facilities for its local citizens and visitors. A motion was made by Council Member Hughes to accept the resolution. Council Member Womble seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Council Member Womble made a motion to hire Jeremey Stone, P.E. for the city of Rockport at a salary of \$200 a month as the new engineer. Council Member Baker seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Council Member Baker made a motion to remove Tim Lemons as the sewer project engineer for the city of Rockport. Council Member Womble seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Mayor Crites informed the city council that Danielle Cannon verbally resigned on this date, Tuesday, May 19th, 2020, and has taken a new job elsewhere.

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

City Council adjourned at 6:03 PM.

Date: 6-16-2020 Approved by: Ruth Ann Crites

Ruth Ann Crites, Mayor

Attest: Sandra Baker
Sandra Baker, City Clerk