

CITY OF CEDARVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 16, 2016

The regular monthly City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Mark Isenhower. A moment of silence was followed by the pledge of allegiance. Council members present were Alderman McClendon, Alderman Odom, and Alderman Breshears. Alderman Prater was absent due to a job related meeting in Little Rock.

A motion to approve the January regular monthly meeting minutes was made by Alderman McClendon and seconded by Alderman Breshears. Passed 3-0

A motion to approve the January 26 special council meeting minutes was made by Alderman Breshears and seconded by Alderman Odom. Passed 3-0

The Financial Report was presented by Treasurer Sandy Cook. A motion to approve the Financial Reports was made by Alderman Breshears and seconded by Alderman Odom. Passed 3-0

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Street Supervisor Marlin Evans reported ditches have been cleaned out for better water flow. Easements have been signed on Little Webber Lane to create an emergency access during inclement weather when the low water bridge on Thompson Lane is under water. The access road is only open when the Mayor or his designated representative declares an emergency. It will not be open for public travel any other times and may require installation of a gate if it becomes necessary. Citizens of Autumn Lane requested road maintenance. However, Autumn Lane is marked as a private road and the city cannot legally maintain the road.

Police Chief Donnie Threet reported 4 citations issued for speeding, no proof of insurance and driving on suspended license, 5 misdemeanor arrests, 2 felony arrests and 2 incident reports. The police department currently carry Tasers which must be replaced every 4 years. Tasers have caused over 600 deaths and are now considered lethal weapons. Several surrounding cities are using pepper spray guns as an alternative to Tasers. The effect of the pepper spray lasts 45 minutes to an hour, is not lethal, is very effective and has no long lasting effect. Two pepper spray guns with a two-round cartridge each, two instructor courses, and 7 extra refill cartridges will cost approximately \$1900 plus. Chief Threet promoted Randy Trent to Corporal. Adam Mask was introduced as a new reserve officer for the Cedarville Police Department.

Fire Chief Jesse Hyatt reported 9 medical calls and 1 brush fire. The Forestry Commission has inspected and approved the Department's second tanker to be placed into service. Training with the burn building and a Search & Rescue Class will be held Saturday morning, February 20. Citizens are invited to tour the burn building on Sunday afternoon. A burn ban was announced for Crawford County.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Randy Grayson asked if the pepper spray guns will be used at school. He asked if the officers will go through a training program in the use of the pepper spray guns. Chief Threet stated there will be training before use and the School Resource Officer will carry one of the pepper spray guns. The liability will be much less than with the use of Tasers. Mr. Grayson also discussed the dumping on Cedarville Road.

Jim Davis complimented the Street Department on the work that was performed on Strawberry Lane.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The City Hall plaque has been replaced on the front of the building.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Mark Isenhower read Resolution # 2016-2-16-1 authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Cedarville Senior Citizens, Inc. and appropriating necessary funds. A motion to approve Resolution # 2016-2-16-1 was made by Alderman McClendon and seconded by Alderman Breshears. Passed 3-0

Mayor Isenhower read Resolution # 2016-2-16-2 accepting the emergency access easement from JP Properties, Inc. and other citizens for Little Webber Lane. A motion to approve Resolution # 2016-2-16-2 was made by Alderman Odom and seconded by Alderman Breshears. Passed 3-0

Bids for chip and seal of Cedarville Road was opened by Treasurer Sandy Cook. The three bids were PLMS – Parking Lot Maintenance Services at \$47,800.00, Cummings Chip Sealing Inc. at \$52,779.53, and Jereme Richardson Asphalt Paving at \$50,490.00. A motion to table the bids for further study was made by Alderman McClendon and seconded by Alderman Odom. Passed 3-0

Mayor Isenhower introduced Ordinance # 2016-2-16-2, an ordinance to establish a policy for a drug-free workplace. A motion to suspend the reading and read by Title only was made by Alderman McClendon and seconded by Alderman Breshears. Passed 3-0 (2/3 vote requirement met). Mayor Isenhower read Ordinance # 2016-2-16-2 by Title Only.

The need for a designated handicap parking spot was discussed. The Americans with Disabilities Act states that there must be one handicap accessible parking space for each 25 parking spaces and meet certain specifications. A motion to authorize the Mayor to solicit bids to build a handicap accessible concrete parking spot that meets guidelines of the Americans

with Disabilities Act was made by Alderman Breshears and seconded by Alderman Odom.
Passed 3-0

The need to purchase pepper spray guns for the police department was discussed. A motion to authorize the Police Chief to purchase 2 pepper spray guns with one cartridge each, 7 extra cartridges and the instructor course was made by Alderman McClendon and seconded by Alderman Breshears. Passed 3-0

A motion to add one item to the agenda, retirement benefits for the City Attorney, was made by Alderman Odom and seconded by Alderman McClendon. Passed 3-0

City Attorney Sean Brister asked the city for retirement benefits by participating in the Arkansas Public Employee Retirement System (APERS) in lieu of a raise. Full time city employees except Police and Fire, are eligible under APERS if they work at least 80 hours each month and are paid at least minimum wage. The city will pay 80 hours monthly at \$8.00 per hour and pay retirement at 14.88%. This proposal results in paying the city attorney approximately \$735 per month toward his hourly attorney rates which will remain the same if granted this benefit.

A motion to suspend the three readings of Ordinance # 2016-2-16-1, AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING CEDARVILLE TO PARTICIPATE IN EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PROGRAMS, and read ONCE by number and title only was made by Alderman Breshears and seconded by Alderman Odom. Passed 3-0

A motion to declare an emergency and to make Ordinance # 2016-2-16-1 effective March 1, 2016 was made by Alderman McClendon and seconded by Alderman Breshears. Passed 3-0

Final comment from the Aldermen stated a need to audit the work on the Millpond Project and talk with the Engineer. Estimated time of completion is April.

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman McClendon and seconded by Alderman Breshears.
Passed 3-0



Mayor



Recorder/Treasurer