

CITY OF CEDARVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
March 21, 2017

The regular monthly City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Mark Isenhower after he declared that a quorum was present. A moment of silence was followed by the pledge of allegiance. Council members present were Alderman McClendon, Alderman Johnson and Alderman Breshears. Alderman Odom was absent due to spring break family vacation.

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

The financial report was presented by Treasurer Sandy Cook. End of February balances for each account were read. A motion to approve the March Financial report was made by Alderman McClendon and seconded by Alderman Breshears. Passed 3-0

#### DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Street Supervisor Marlin Evans reported a school bus driver complaint resulting in placing 3 loads of crusher run on Big Cedar Lane and repairing a culvert. Roads are in good shape except for an occasional hole that needs filled. With no recent rainfall, grading would not be effective.

Police Chief Ken Howard reported 7 citizens' calls answered, 1 citation for excessive speeding, 16 warning citations, and 2 accidents investigated.

Fire Chief Jesse Hyatt reported 12 medical calls and no fire calls. The department currently has 3 new volunteers attending training at the station and in Lavaca. Repairs have begun on two fire trucks. One of the trucks has worn coating on the input shaft costing approximately \$12,000 to replace which is cost prohibitive. By repairing the primer pump and resealing the valves, the leak will be repaired but the warranty will not cover the input shaft. Discussion resulted in a decision to repack the shaft for now. Alderman Johnson volunteered to pick up the alternators and batteries in Fort Smith and assist in the installation.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

On April 19, 2017 Mayor Isenhower, Treasurer Sandy Cook, Alderman Breshears, and Wayne Sandusky (planning commission) will be attending a Planning and Zoning workshop at the Municipal League facility in North Little Rock.

Swepeco has notified the city that the main power line from Greenland, AR to Van Buren,

AR will be rebuilt and the wooden power poles will be replaced with steel posts. These lines traverse the city limits and supply electricity to our city. There will be a public meeting at the Mountainburg Cafeteria on March 30 from 5 to 7 p.m. to answer questions from the public

The application for a 50/50 Rural Service Grant to help purchase a brush truck for the Fire Department has been submitted.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wayne Sandusky presented a copy of a letter signed by the previous mayor indicating the City of Cedarville does regular maintenance and as necessary on Cherokee Acres Drive (a red sign road). Mayor Isenhower explained that roads with a red sign are not city roads and are considered private roads. His understanding is that the city cannot maintain private roads without violating the "public purpose" doctrine. City Attorney Sean Brister will be consulted on the matter and the council will address the situation in the future.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Civil Engineer Al Prieur has offered to draw plans for the street department maintenance shop (\$1500), be the contact person for bid questions (\$250) and make multiple trips during the job for inspection and engineer oversight (\$300) for a total of \$2050. Plans will be ready by April 14 for review. After review and approval, the city will advertise for bids.

A motion to hire Al Prieur for all three services at a cost of \$2050 was made by Alderman McClendon and seconded by Alderman Breshears. Passed 3-0

## NEW BUSINESS

Spring cleanup for the community has been scheduled for April 22, 2017. Two 30 yard dumpsters at a cost of \$850 plus tax will be provided by River Valley Waste Removal and placed inside the red gate beside the fire department. Gates will open at 7 a.m. and will remain open until the dumpsters are full or 5 p.m., whichever occurs first. A list of prohibited items will be provided.

Mayor Isenhower gave the "state of the city" address: The 2016 budget was amended to allocate \$144,000 of restitution money from the former city treasurer to chip and seal Cedarville Road and pay the city's share of the state aid project to repair a section of Millpond Road. Because the City Street Department prepared the gravel base on Cedarville Road, and the county assisted by applying the chip and seal, enough money was saved to hire a contractor to chip and seal the state aid funded portion of Mill Pond road and still have approximately \$18,000 remaining of the \$144,000 allocation left. The



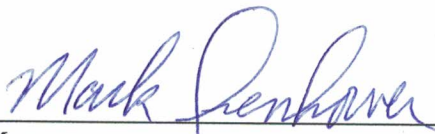
\$18,000 remaining combined with a \$25,000 grant and a \$38,000 surplus from the Street Department's 2016 budget should cover the construction cost of the new maintenance shop with funds remaining. Crawford County has donated four of the old jail toilet/sink stainless units for the maintenance shop, saving the city approximately \$14,000. The county is also donated four large steel framed bunk beds that can be used as heavy duty shelving units in the new building.

The Crawford County ADEM manager, Brad Thomas, informed Mayor Isenhower that matching grants will be available for application soon to repair bridges on rural county/city roads. Mayor Isenhower met with David Burkhart, the county road supervisor, at the low-water bridge on Neal Road to get recommendations for the bridge replacement. Mr. Burkhart recommended the city dig out the concrete low-water bridge and place 3'x3' concrete culverts supported by rip raff and topped with several feet of shale.

When funding is available, the plan is for Neal Road to be the first road improved with chip and seal. Neal Road is the most densely populated road per 1000 feet with thirty one 911 addresses. Dorothy Road is second with twenty three 911 addresses. Bewley Road is third with twenty two 911 addresses. Turnkey estimated cost for chip and seal of 4100 feet of Neal Road is approximately \$125,000. If the city prepares the base, the cost would be approximately \$104,000 and approximately \$75,000 if the County Road Department assists by applying the chip and seal. All estimates are subject to bids.

Other items of the Mayor's report included: to learn more about city planning and zoning and restart regular meetings of the Planning Commission. Four people are attending a planning and zoning workshop in April. The Mayor is also rewriting a new personnel handbook. The fire department has been repairing fire trucks, insulating the station to reduce utilities costs and preparing the old District 4 fire station on Cedarville School grounds as a substation that will house the three phase cascade system and two fire trucks. Collection of the city one cent sales and use tax begins April 1. The first check is expected in June and monthly thereafter.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman McClendon and seconded by Alderman Breshears. Passed 3-0



Mayor



Recorder/Treasurer