

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2025

The regular monthly City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Deborah Pinkerton after she declared that a quorum was present. A moment of silence was followed by the pledge of allegiance. Council members present were Alderman Neal, Alderman Saddler, Alderman Johnson and Alderman Cook.

A motion to approve the February regular monthly meeting minutes and the February 24<sup>th</sup> special council meeting minutes were made by Alderman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Cook. Passed 4-0

The financial report was presented by Treasurer Sandy Cook. February end of month balances for each account were read and the March Financial Report was reviewed. A motion to approve the March Financial Report was made by Alderman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Saddler. Passed 4-0

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Grounds Supervisor Kenny Brenton reported that the department has been busy grading roads, gravelling roads and trimming overhanging brush. The department has also installed two culverts and performing equipment maintenance.

Police Chief Ken Howard reported 48 citizen calls, 2 assists to other agencies, 10 citations, 32 warning citations, 0 alarms answered, 35 accidents, 6 arrests, 14 felonies and misdemeanor reports filed, and 2 warrants served. Chief Howard introduced a new evidence management system needed for the police department. Two quotes were presented to the council for consideration. More information will be presented at the April council meeting.

Fire Chief Cody Cooper reported 1 grass fire call, two structure fire calls assisting District 4 Fire Department, one smoke alarm answered and 11 medical calls. Chief Cooper informed the council that all members have completed 24 hours of Fire Academy training along with 8 hours of medical training. He also stated the department needs to order eight sections of wildland fire hose at a cost of \$559.60 with free shipping from Feld Fire Equipment.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pinkerton stated that bids have been opened and presented for approval for the Cedarville Senior Center. Covenant Commercial Construction submitted the lowest bid at \$1,270,625.00. A groundbreaking ceremony will be held upon formal acceptance of a bid.

Alderman Saddler informed the council that the grader purchased from Attorney Brister has been checked over thoroughly by a mechanic. The transmission and motor are good but it will require some new hoses and filters before moving it to city grounds. Mayor Pinkerton thanked Alderman Saddler for sending her a video showing that the grader is operational and has been moved.

### CITIZEN COMMENTS

Tim Breshears of 8464 Willow Creek addressed the council with concerns that the grader has not been brought to the city and placed in service yet. He inquired as to why the city has not paid to have it loaded and brought to the Street Department. He wanted to know why the city doesn't have the urgency to get the grader operational so that the lease payment of the current grader can be eliminated. Alderman Saddler informed Mr. Breshears that he is voluntarily repairing the grader so that it can be driven to the city rather than paying \$2800 to have it delivered and cost the city for repairs by a mechanic. Since it is being repaired voluntarily, it saves the city money but it will take time to accomplish the repairs.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

In the February special meeting, information was distributed to the aldermen to study concerning revision of the meal plan for trips. Mayor Pinkerton asked for input but also suggested \$10 for breakfast, \$15 for lunch, and \$25 for dinner. These prices are for both in state and out of state and only apply if the continuing education program does not provide meals. A motion was made by Alderman Cook to accept Mayor Pinkerton's proposal and an ordinance be presented at the April meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Johnson. Passed 4-0

Mayor Pinkerton informed the council that the Rural Park Grant has been submitted. It is a 50/50 matching grant to update the mulch in the park and to create a toddler area. There is a three month waiting period until the city will know if the grant has been awarded.

## NEW BUSINESS

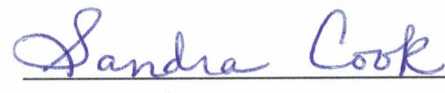
Mayor Pinkerton informed the council that a professional was hired to treat the park area for fire ants that have spread throughout the park. It will be treated with a chemical not harmful to pets or people.

Alderman Cook inquired as to when the electrical work would be performed in the park. Mayor Pinkerton stated Armer Electric has planned to accomplish the task during the week of spring break.

Mayor Pinkerton announced that a chili cook-off will be held at the Cedarville Masonic Lodge on Saturday March 22. Admission is free. She also stated that the car show that was held in the park on March 15 was very successful.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Johnson. Passed 4-0

  
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