

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2024

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 Odom, Alderman Saddler, Alderman Johnson and Alderman Breshears.

A motion to approve the October regular monthly meeting minutes was made by Alderman Breshears and seconded by Alderman Johnson. Passed 4-0

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

Treasurer Cook informed the council that all ARPA money has been depleted and asked the council to allow her to close the ARPA bank account. A motion to close the ARPA account was made by Alderman Breshears and seconded by Alderman Johnson. Passed 4-0

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Grounds Supervisor Kenny Brenton reported that the department has been busy trimming roadways, cutting back brush, grading roads, filling holes and cleaning ditches.

Police Chief Ken Howard reported 32 citizen calls, 2 assists to other agencies, 4 citations, 42 warning citations, 0 alarms answered, 2 accidents, 12 arrests, 14 felonies and misdemeanor reports filed, 2 warrants served and 2 code enforcements.

Fire Chief Cody Cooper reported 1 grass fire, 1 traffic accident, 1 stalled vehicle and 13 medical calls. Eight volunteers have received CPR certification from the City instructor. Alderman Breshears asked about the white truck the Fire Department received from the Forestry Commission. Chief Cooper stated that the department was waiting on receipt of the lights before anything could be done to the truck. Alderman Johnson stated that the truck would remain as a service truck for one year because of Forestry Commission regulations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pinkerton reported that Lucian Wood Road has been completed. ARDOT has repaired driveways and repaired a portion that fell due to a culvert that the Street Department had to repair. ARDOT stated that work was covered under warranty if it was a direct fault of theirs. Alderman Breshears asked about painting lines on the road. Mayor Pinkerton explained that line painting was not included in the original bid and it would be quite expensive to paint lines. Reflectors have been placed on dangerous areas to alert drivers of the danger.

The Cedarville Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, December 7th at 1 p.m. The 2nd Annual Cedarville Park Christmas Tree Lighting will be held that same afternoon at 5 p.m.

The City Hall Christmas Party for Council, employees and their families will be held on Monday, December 9th at 6 p.m.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Hannah Cooper reported that the Volunteer Junior Auxiliary Firefighter program will be conducted in house due to expense. The normal cost would be \$86 to \$125 per applicant. The fire department auxiliary are encouraging the young people to participate in the program with hope that they will become volunteers when they are older. Mrs. Cooper distributed guidelines for the council to review.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Pinkerton reintroduced Ordinance # 2024-10-15-01, regulating the possession of tobacco/vape by minors. Cedarville Public Schools are in support of this ordinance. A motion to suspend the reading rule and read by number and title only one time was made by Alderman Odom and seconded by Alderman Breshears. Roll call: Alderman Odom – yes, Alderman Saddler – yes, Alderman Johnson – yes, Alderman Breshears – yes. Passed 4-0

A motion to approve Ordinance # 2024-10-15-01 was made by Alderman Breshears and seconded by Alderman Johnson. Passed 4-0

A motion to declare Ordinance # 2024-10-15-01 an emergency was made by Alderman Odom and seconded by Alderman Saddler. Roll call: Alderman Odom – yes, Alderman Saddler – yes, Alderman Johnson – yes, Alderman Breshears – yes. Passed 4-0

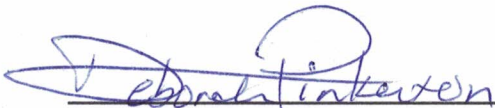
NEW BUSINESS:

The current Caterpillar road grader needs new tires before the lease can be cancelled. Mayor Pinkerton obtained three bids for the six tires. Farmers Coop bid \$5510.88, Southern Tire Mart bid \$5917.86 and Tony’s Tire Service bid \$6854.90. The tires will be removed and placed on the grader the City has purchased. A motion to accept the bid from Farmers Coop was made by Alderman Saddler and seconded by Alderman Odom. Passed 4-0

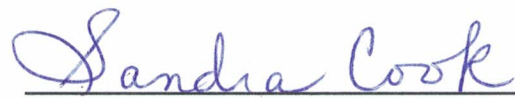
Mayor Pinkerton presented the proposed 2025 City budget. The Council members will have a month to review and ask questions before voting on budget at the December council meeting.

Mayor Pinkerton discussed the issue of state road regulations of traveling to trails in vehicles such as side by sides and 4 wheelers. Attorney Brister stated it is legal to travel from farm property to farm property and home to trail. It is not acceptable to travel to stores such as gas stations or grocery stores. Mayor Pinkerton suggested more research be conducted.

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



Mayor



Recorder/Treasurer