

CITY OF CEDARVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 20, 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 Odom, Alderman McClendon, Alderman Breshears and Alderman Prater.

A motion to approve the August regular monthly meeting minutes was made by Alderman Prater and seconded by Alderman McClendon. Passed 4-0

A motion to approve the August 23rd Special meeting minutes was made by Alderman Breshears and seconded by Alderman Prater. Passed 4-0

Treasurer Sandy Cook presented the financial report. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Alderman McClendon and seconded by Alderman Breshears. Passed 4-0

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Street Supervisor Marlin Evans reported hiring a grader operator. The department has been grading roads, mowing the park and around city hall, and constructing a foot bridge across the ditch in anticipation of Community Appreciation Day.

Police Chief Donnie Threet reported 9 calls answered, 1 accident investigated, 16 citations issued (suspended license, no proof of insurance, drinking in public) served 6 warrants, and made 2 probable cause arrests. On the day of this meeting, the Police Department conducted a Don't Text and Drive class at the Cedarville High School. The department received approval for a \$1200 grant from the BBP Office of Justice and the Police Chief's Association will match up to \$1000 depending on the final cost to purchase new bullet proof vests for the officers. Calendar sales and community surveys by the Police Chief raised \$2672.50 for the Police Department.

Fire Chief Jesse Hyatt reported 14 calls, 11 medical and 3 fire (smoke investigation at the school, grass fire, and gas leak after someone backed over a gas meter). Thanks to District 4 Fire Department for covering calls while Cedarville City volunteers were in training classes. Thanks also to District 5 for being on call also. District 5 purchased a new cascade system to refill air tanks and are donating their used compressor to our city Fire Department. Our only cost for this three phase compressor will be wiring it into the shop. This compressor will allow the department to refill our air tanks without depending on another fire department. Thanks to District 5 for this donation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Prater voiced his concerns for the reflectors the State Highway Department placed down the center of Highway 162. He asked the city for support for his request to the State to remove these markers to avoid possible flats from the nails. The city suggested he call the State Highway Department at Chaffee and let the city know what he learns.

Randy Grayson voiced his concern about a school break-in that he stated was kept from the public. The city was unaware of said break-in. It was reported in the Press-Argus two weeks prior that the perpetrator had been apprehended. (The break-in was actually two years prior.) He also was very concerned about the community service workers that have been assigned to the city. Mayor Isenhower explained that the Judge assigns the community service workers, the city does not request them. City Attorney Brister does have some control over community service worker assignments. Mr. Grayson felt that the City was not keeping the public informed. Alderman Odom stated that the Mayor and Council have worked very hard to be as transparent as possible.

A motion to suspend the rules and allow Mr. Grayson more time to voice his concerns was made by Alderman Odom and seconded by Alderman Breshears. Passed 4-0

Mr. Grayson stated he was not in favor of a citizen ride-along policy for the police department. Many police officers are killed while on duty and he believed the policy to be a liability. He also stated that city vehicles should not be used for discussing political issues. Mr. Grayson also suggested the City hold a town hall meeting yearly. Mayor Isenhower stated a town hall meeting has already been discussed by the council and will be forthcoming.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Before maintenance shop bids are obtained, Justin Sparrow will submit a permit application to the Health Department for the septic system.

Mayor Isenhower read Resolution# 2016-9-20-1, a resolution setting the citizen ride-along policy which prohibits unauthorized persons to be present in a Cedarville Police vehicle. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Alderman McClendon and seconded by Alderman Odom. Passed 4-0

Ordinance # 2016-7-19-3, an ordinance to increase the mayor's spending limit to \$1250, was read for the third time by Mayor Isenhower. A motion to approve the ordinance was made by Alderman Odom and seconded by Alderman Breshears. Passed 4-0

A motion to declare Ordinance # 2016-7-19-3 an emergency and place into effect immediately was made by Alderman Odom and seconded by Alderman Prater. Roll call vote: Alderman McClendon- yes, Alderman Odom-yes, Alderman Prater-yes, and Alderman Breshears-yes. Passed 4-0

NEW BUSINESS

The county fall clean-up is scheduled October 8 from 7 a.m.-12 p.m. or until the dumpsters are full. One dumpster will be provided by the county and a second dumpster will be provided by the City. Mayor Isenhower contacted Rentco (the company delivering the county dumpster) about obtaining a dumpster for the city. A motion to spend up to \$600 for a dumpster was made by Alderman Breshears and seconded by Alderman Odom. Passed 4-0

Chairperson Brenda Breshears presented a brief report on Community Appreciation Day. The event will be held 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on October 29 on the City Park grounds. There will be free food (hot dog, chips and drink), games, prizes, entertainment, a hayride, and a pie auction (proceeds to support Cedarville Senior Inn). Vendors are welcome to participate free of charge and all volunteers will be appreciated.


The police department has raised \$2672.50 through fundraisers and the city has received approximately \$2800 over anticipated citation revenue using last year's numbers. A motion to appropriate all future fundraiser money and citation revenue (over anticipated amount) into the police department budget was made by Alderman McClendon and seconded by Alderman Breshears. Passed 4-0

The council discussed placing an article about the one cent city sales tax in the Press-Argus Courier before the November election. It was suggested to speak to Taniah Tudor of the Press Argus about writing an article about the proposed sales tax prior to the election. City resources cannot be used to campaign for the sales tax.

A motion to add an item to the agenda for fire department shirts was made by Alderman McClendon and seconded by Alderman Breshears. Passed 4-0

The fire department needs high quality uniform shirts for all the volunteers. A design was presented to the council. One website quotes eight shirts with embroidered insignia at \$70 each or sixteen at \$54 each plus applicable taxes. A suggestion was made to shop around before placing an order with this company. A motion to approve up to \$864 plus tax for sixteen shirts was made by Alderman Breshears and seconded by Alderman McClendon. Passed 4-0

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Breshears and seconded by Alderman McClendon. Passed 4-0



Mayor



Recorder/Treasurer