

CITY OF CEDARVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 19, 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 Breshears, Alderman Johnson, and Alderman Odom. Alderman McClendon was on vacation.

A motion to approve the August 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 August balances for each account were read. A motion to approve the September Financial Report was made by Alderman Odom and seconded by Alderman Breshears. Passed 3-0

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

No report was given for the Street Department. Street Supervisor Marlin Evans was attending family business.

Police Chief Ken Howard introduced Officer Wayne Sandusky, a new addition to the Cedarville Police Department. Chief Howard reported 17 citizens calls, 2 assists for other agencies, 3 citations, 9 warning citations, 2 alarm calls, 4 accidents, 1 arrest, 6 felony and misdemeanor reports.

Fire Chief Don Rosson reported 8 medical calls and 3 fire calls. The department has assessed 135 residential properties for fire hazards as part of the Fire Wise program.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Fall cleanup for the community is scheduled for October 14, 2017. Two 30 yard dumpsters will be provided, one by Crawford County and the other by the City of Cedarville. The dumpsters will be 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.

Community Appreciation Day is scheduled for October 28 at the Cedarville City Park. The Cedarville Community Association will host a 5k run. Cedarville Library will host a silent auction. The Senior Citizen Inn will have baked goods for sale or auction. Anyone may participate and acquire free booth space by contacting Mavis Lawson. The City will provide a lunch of hotdogs and drinks.

The land survey is complete for the Neal Road low water bridge project. The engineer from EDC Consultants will draw the plans and schedule a meeting with the Mayor for review, then advertise for bids in local newspapers. A special meeting may be called to open bids at least one week after the date of the last publication.

An audit is currently in progress for the years 2015 and 2016 by the State Legislative Audit Municipal Section. It appears to be going very well.

Dustin Stout of Neal Road addressed the council about his driveway entrance that he stated was damaged by the city grader. Mayor Isenhower and Street Supervisor Evans will visit the site to determine what happened.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance # 2017-08-15-1 establishing procedure for municipal maintenance of "red" signed roads within the city limits was read once (first reading) by Treasurer Sandy Cook. Mayor Isenhower explained the need for an ordinance to comply with the public purpose doctrine and legally help citizens keep the red signed roads passable for emergency response vehicles.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution # 2017-09-19-1 confirming the City's intention to not levy a property tax millage for next year was presented by Mayor Isenhower. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Alderman Odom and seconded by Alderman Breshears. Passed 3-0

Bulldog Security Inc. quoted \$2275.00 for an 8 channel NVR with 4TB hard drive, 4-day/night 2.8 mm camera 1080p, 1-2.8 mm-12 mm Wide Dynamic Range (120' IR range) 3 MP, Siamese cable, 9 port power supply, 32" monitor and labor for the new maintenance shop. A motion to accept the bid was made by Alderman Breshears and seconded by Alderman Johnson. Passed 3-0

The restrooms are handicap accessible but the walkway from the park track to the restrooms is a dirt path at present. Five yards of concrete to form an 81' x 4' x 4 inch thick walkway from the maintenance shop restrooms to the walking track was estimated to cost around \$660. The city street crew plans to construct the walkway.

On behalf of the Cedarville Senior Citizen's Lodge Inc., Darrel Smith asked the city council to consider taking ownership of their building and approximately 2 acres of land. If the City accepts the proposal, Mr. Smith stated that the Senior Center, operated by the

Crawford County Senior Citizens Inc., will be able to obtain more grants and create better stability for the center with less internal conflict. The Senior Center currently serves 100 to 120 meals per day. Steps are underway by the Senior Citizen's Lodge to formally petition the City to take ownership of the building and land. The lodge members will hold an election to vote for or against this proposal. The City was not incorporated when the lodge was built on land donated by Mr. Cap Smith. Darrel Smith stated that Mr. Cap Smith donated the land to the Senior Citizen's Lodge with the agreement that, should the center ever cease to serve the senior citizens of the community, the property will revert to the Smith family. This agreement would follow the property if the City accepts the land and building. All Aldermen present were favorable to the possibility of accepting the land and building from the Lodge. No action was taken.

Mayor Isenhower discussed possible ways to finance expedited road improvements, specifically for the most populated city roads (Neal Road, Bewley Road, and Dorothy Drive). The cost to chip and seal .8 mile of Neal Road and .88 mile of Bewley Road would cost approximately \$248,000. To chip and seal .61 mile of Dorothy Drive would cost approximately \$90,000 or \$58,000 with the help of Crawford County Road Department. Attorney Sean Brister sent a copy of the city sales tax ordinance to a bond attorney in Little Rock for review and determination if a sale tax financed bond could be used to complete the three roads. The City may also look for 50/50 grants to help with the cost. The other option is to continue to save the sales tax money until enough is obtained to do a portion of the road work.

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


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