The Lonoke City Council held a city council meeting at the multiple building at 6:00 p.m. on Monday July 11, 2022. Mayor Trae Reed called the meeting to order with the invocation given by Pastor Steve Murphy, Smyrna Full Gospel Church. City Clerk Jeribeth Edwards called the roll and declared a quorum.

Mayor Trae Reed

City Clerk Jeribeth Edwards

Treasurer Craig Blackard

Deputy Clerk Regina Ibbotson

Council Members Efrem Jones, Alice Bridges, Raymond Hatton, Ryan Biles (absent),

Gib Richardson, Michael Florence, Koy Butler (absent), and Suzette Elmore

City Attorney Ginger Stuart

Police Chief Matt Edwards (Absent) Dean White

W/S/S Supt. Thomas Stivers

C.C. Director Mike Brown

Fire Dept. Justin Whittenburg

Parks Director Roy Don Lewis

Community Dev. Jeremy Gosdin (Absent)

Economic Dev. Gene Eagle

News Media Rick Kron

**Visitors**: Jim Bailey, Steve Murphy, Debbie Holmberg, Terry Taykowski and Cindy Reaves

**MINUTES**: Mayor Trae Reed asked for acceptance of the August 8th, 2022 regular meeting minutes Raymond Hatton made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Suzette Elmore seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mayor Reed asked for the approval of the August 15th, 2022 Special meeting minutes. Gib Richardson made a motion to approve minutes with a few changes. Mr. Richardson should be added as present, also section (A) should read Repair on North “Well,” not Wall. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-** No comment

**2022 Executive Board Report –** Anna McClung was present and gave report. Mrs. McClung explained the Idessa Music and Arts Festival and its entirety. Mayor Reed asked the council’s permission to use all city property for the Music and Arts Festival. All council members were happy to allow the festival to happen in the City of Lonoke.

**LONOKE COUNTY LIBRARY**- Calendar of Activities Included

**Economic Development Report:** Mr. Gene Eagle was present and gave report. Mr. Eagle mentioned that the $50,000.00 grant was approved for the City of Lonoke. This grant is from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission.

**PARKS/MOSQUITO:** Mr. Roy Don Lewis gave report.

* Mosquito: Mr. Lewis mentioned mosquito traps were set. The traps were set where the mosquito truck sprays and where it does not spray. Mr. Lewis explained it was proven for the spray to work.
* Fall baseball and soccer has started
* Mr. Lewis mentioned a part broke on one of the Kubota Tractor’s. The cost for a part is $1,505.00.

**COMMUNITY CENTER-** Mr. Mike Brown was present and gave report. He mentioned the events for the month are Monday Game Night- Chess, Gym Floor Screen and recoated on Oct. 6th, 2022 and Paintball Event in October.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT-** Mr. Jeremy Gosdin was absent.

1. **Ordinance – “An ordinance repealing Ord. No 400,496,551 and 679 regarding dogs, incorporating ord. No. 789 and Enacting a comprehensive animal control Ord. for other matters” -** Ginger Stuart and Mayor Reed gave an overview of the ordinance to the council.

The council went over and discussed the ordinance. At this point the Ordinance will be presented for a vote on at the next City Council Meeting.

1. **Condemned Properties Discussion-** Mayor Reed mentioned that the bid process for the condemnation properties is at a halt, due to no bids having come in. Mayor Reed mentioned that there is close to $22,000.00 in the budget to handle condemned properties. Gib Richardson mentioned that if the City gets a bid for a property, the city of Lonoke needs to be prepared to act. Mr. Richardson mentioned tabling the project for a month to see what happens. Suzette Elmore mentioned getting in touch with other cities to see what they do. Mayor Reed decided this subject would be touched on at the next working session.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Justin Whittenburg was present and gave report.

**PUBLIC WORKS (Water & Street)-** Mr. Thomas Stivers were present and gave report and updates.

1. **Change Order #1- White River Construction -** Reason for change order is to add bid items for water and sewer improvements needed as per ARDOT requirements on I-40 and Hwy. 31 overpass project. The cost is $76,850.00. This money will come out of the Bond project funds. Gib Richardson made a motion to approve the change order. Efrem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Change Order #1- J.R. Fox Company Inc.-** Reason for change is to add bid item for electrical improvements to project. The cost is $4,125.49. Gib Richardson made a motion to approve the change order. Suzette Elmore seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Change Order #1- Cranford Construction Co.-** Reason for change is to adjust price for asphalt pavement due to material cost increases and adjust quantity for asphalt patching in contract. Cost is $196,500.00. Michael Florence made a motion to approve the change order. Seconded the motion. Alice Bridges motion carried.
4. **Ordinance 800- “An Ordinance to Waive bids to purchase custom chipper truck”-** Michael Florencemade a motion to put Ordinance 800 on the floor. Efrem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance No. 800 in its entirety. Michael Florence made the motion to accept the 1st reading of Ordinance No. 800. Efrem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried with (6) aye hand votes. Efrem Jones made the motion to suspend the rules- 2nd reading- title only. Michael Florence seconded the motion. Motion carried with (6) aye voice votes. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance No. 800- title only- 2nd reading. Gib Richardson made the motion to accept the 2nd reading-title only- of Ordinance No. 800. Efrem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried with (6) hand votes. Efrem Jones made the motion to suspend the rules-3rd reading-title only. Michael Florence seconded the motion. Motion carried with (6) aye voice votes. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance No. 800- title only – 3rd reading. Gib Richardson made the motion to accept the 3rd reading-title only Ordinance No. 800. Efrem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried with (6) aye hand votes. Alice Bridges made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Efrem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried with (6) aye hand votes. Michael Florence made a motion to adopt the emergency clause. Gib Richardson seconded the motion carried. Motion carried.
5. **Ordinance # 801- “An Ordinance to Authorize Short-term Financing Agreement for purchase of customer chipper truck”-** Two bids were received for the 60-month S/T financing of the chipper truck. First State Bank submitted a rate at 4.9% and Bank of England submitted a rate at 4.5%. No rate was submitted by Bank Ozk. The lower rate was chosen. Efrem Jonesmade a motion to put Ord. #801 on the floor. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance No. 801 in its entirety. Michael Florence made the motion to accept the 1st reading of Ordinance No. 801. Gib Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried with (6) aye hand votes. Alice Bridges made the motion to suspend the rules- 2nd reading- title only. Michael Florence seconded the motion. Motion carried with (6) aye voice votes. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance No. 801- title only- 2nd reading. Michael Florence made the motion to accept the 2nd reading-title only- of Ordinance No. 801. Gib Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried with (6) hand votes. Alice Bridges made the motion to suspend the rules-3rd reading-title only. Michael Florence seconded the motion. Motion carried with (6) aye voice votes. Ginger Stuart read Ordinance No. 801- title only – 3rd reading. Michael Florence made the motion to accept the 3rd reading-title only Ordinance No. 801. Gib Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried with (6) aye hand votes. Michael Florence made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried with (6) aye hand votes. Michael Florence made a motion to adopt the emergency clause. Efrem Jones seconded the motion carried. Motion carried.
6. **Requirements of Act 605-** Director Stivers explained what he has learned about Act 605 and why the legislature has gotten involved with water rates. He also explained what he knew about the board training that is now required for all water systems.
7. **Generator Maintenance Agreements-** Mr. Stivers went over the agreements with Powerhouse Electric, Inc. There are three Generators that will be maintained. Michael Florence made a motion to approve the all three agreements. Gib Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
8. D-125 Generator (Rosemary Lift Station) the cost is $1,665.00.
9. D-150 Generator (Water Plant) the cost is $1,665.00.
10. Olympian D-100-4 (Rosemary lift station) the cost is $1,535.00.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**  Chief Matt Edwards was absent. Dean White was present and gave report.

1. **$3,000 JAG Grant Info and request purchase-** Alice Bridges made a motion to approve the grant award and purchase the items specified. Gib Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Ark Leg Audit Final Report-** Mayor Reed went over the final audit report, he explained that no deficiencies were noted. Gib Richardson made a motion to approve the final report. Efrem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Res. 9-1-2022-** **“A Resolution Adopting a Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan for the City of Lonoke”** - Michael Florence made a motion to put Res. 9-1-2022 on the floor. Alice Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read Resolution 9-1-2022 and its entirety. Suzette Elmore made a motion to accept the 1st reading. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Res. 9-2-2022-** **“A Resolution Amending the 2022 Adopted Budget for the Purpose of Receiving and Expending the $5,000 Stipend for Eligible Full-Time Law Enforcement Officers**” - Michael Florence made a motion to put Res. 9-2-2022 on the floor. Efrem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ginger Stuart read Resolution 9-2-2022 and its entirety. Efrem Jones made a motion to accept the 1st reading. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Festival Engagement Agreement-** Michael Florence made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Raymond Hatton seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Lions Club Agreement-** Efrem Jones made a motion to approve the agreement. Gib Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PAY THE BILLS:** Gib Richardson madea motion to pay bills. Efrem Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**BILLS ALREADY PAID IN AUGUST 2022**

City General $51,389.31

Water $40,936.14

Street $41,084.23

Community Center $17,862.85

Retail One Cent $4,581.46

Water/Sewer Revenue $2.00

IDC one Cent $5,000.00

2003 WS Depreciation Fund $132,072.80

**BILLS TO BE PAID SEPTEMBER 2022**

General Fund $23,352.83

Water $21,619.08

Street $4,629.00

Court Automation $388.50

Community Center $4,179.32

Retail One Cent $387.47

**ANNOUNCMENTS-**

1. Mayor Reed mentioned that there would be a working session held soon to discuss bathrooms at the city park and issues with condemned properties.

**ADJOURN:** Raymond Hattonmade a motion to adjourn. Gib Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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**Mayor Henry F Reed III**

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**City Clerk**