

WARD CITY COUNCIL

September 10, 2018

MINUTES

6:30 P. M.

Call to Order

Mayor Brooke called the meeting to order and asked Clerk Barclay to lead the council in prayer. He then asked Council member Jeff Shaver to lead the council in the Pledge to the American Flag.

Roll Call

The mayor then asked for roll call which follows: Bill Moon-present, Jim Wier-present, Jeff Shaver-present, Gary Matheny-present, Ron Bissett-present, Don Howard-present, Mayor Brooke-present and City Clerk-present. There was a quorum.

Minutes

Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to approve the August 13, 2018 regularly scheduled council meeting minutes. Ron Bissett motioned; Jim Wier seconded. On voice vote all approved.

Department Reports

The mayor then asked for a motion to approve the August 13, 2018 department reports. Don Howard motioned; Ron Bissett seconded. On voice vote all approved.

Commission Reports

The Planning Commission meeting was cancelled due to lack of business to be discussed. Their next meeting will be held September 24, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Brooke informed the council that no report was submitted by Lemon's Engineering however he told the council that the Sewer Project is approximately 90% (ninety percent) completed and an opening day should be some time in October 2018. Once this is done and the area is secure, guided tours will be offered to anyone interested in seeing how the sewer system works.

A copy of the city's water audit has been given to each council member to read and to see that everything came out great. It is however quite lengthy. Because of federal monies involved every account is closely scrutinized. Notice on the audit the city has 1 (one) write-up which has to be lived with until the new sewer system goes on line. Once ADEQ (Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality) clears the write-up and lifts the consent order the city will be in good shape once more.

FYI – The pictures of the face lift the city has recently gone through show only the completed work not all that went into it. A lot of the work was accomplished by prisoners from the county jail and they were supervised by one of our retired police officers. There were nearly endless supplies which had to be purchased to complete this project and this was a job well done by all those involved.

FYI --The mayor asked Mr. Gastineau to come forward and let all present know about the Harvestfest coming up on October 20, 2018. Along with the Harvestfest there will be a meet-and-greet whereby the residents can go by and talk with the candidates about their platforms in the up and coming election.

Old Business

Mayor Brooke asked Council member Ron Bissett to address the council and audience as to the progress being made to come up with an ordinance to eliminate the parking problem in our city. Mr. Bissett began by saying that the council members have received several complaints not only from residents about the parking problem but also from the Police Dept, Fire Dept, Garbage trucks, Bus drivers etc. about the way recreational vehicles, basketball goals, POV's etc. are impeding the normal flow of traffic. At times it is nearly impossible for an emergency vehicle to get through to possibly save a life or save a home from being engulfed in flames. These streets are meant to give those who live on said streets an easy way to get to work, school, doctor etc. Since November 2017 a workable solution has been the goal of this committee and it is coming to fruition. The ordinance lays down the warnings, and if not adhered to, fines which will follow. The ordinance is being finalized and will be presented to the council for approval after which it will then be enforced.

New Business

Announcements

Next City Council Meeting will be held October 8, 2018 at 6:30 P.M.
Planning Commission Meeting will be held September 24, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.
Seniors meet ever Thursday at noon
LWPWA Meeting will be held October 2, 2018 at noon.
Chamber of Commerce Meeting Will be held October 2, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

Adjournment

Mayor Brooke asked, there being no more business to be brought before the council, for a motion to adjourn. Ron Bissett motioned; Jim Wier seconded. On voice vote all approved.

APPROVED DATE: _____

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CLERK

CITY SEAL