

WARD CITY COUNCIL

April 9, 2018

MINUTES

6:30 P. M.

Call to Order

Mayor Brooke called the meeting to order and asked Representative Tim Lemon's to open in prayer; he then asked Mr. Ed Galucki to lead the council in reciting the Pledge to the American Flag.

Roll Call

Mayor Brooke 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 Clerk Barclay-present. There was a quorum.

Minutes

Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to accept the March 12, 2018 regularly scheduled city council meeting minutes. Ron Bissett motioned; Gary Matheny seconded. On voice vote all approved.

Department Reports

The mayor asked for a motion to approve the March 12, 2018 department reports. Jim Wier motioned; Don Howard seconded. On voice vote all approved.

Commission Reports

There was no action to be taken on the report submitted by the Planning Commission however William Tremaine was selected to fill the vacancy left by Brad Staley. Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to approve William Tremaine as the person to fill the vacancy. Jim Wier motioned; Don Howard seconded. On voice vote all approved. Chairperson Gary Meadows informed the council of Tyler Manning as the person to step in should he be unable to chair their meetings. Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to accept the Planning Commission's report. Bill Moon motioned; Ron Bissett seconded. On voice vote all approved.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Brooke asked Charles Gastineau to come forward and give the council the information needed to upgrade the city's Siren System and let them know that to do this was going to take \$21,120.23. Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to approve this upgrade. Ron Bissett motioned; Jeff Shaver seconded. On voice vote all approved. Next item of business is to pay off the City of Ward Water and Sewer System allocation from Greer's Ferry Lake. This allocation is approximately \$11,500.00 annually and the balance owed is \$140,006.37. The funds are available and this amount is good until April 23. The mayor asked for a motion to pay off this debt in full. Ron Bissett motioned; Gary Matheny seconded to pay off. On voice vote all approved. The mayor asked Chief Staley to come forward and give the council his reason for wanting and needing a new Xtrication Xtreme (Jaws of Life) tool. He told the council that his present tool is approximately fifteen years old and is getting slower and at times has problems. The tool he has in mind is top of the line and costs \$23,217.00. After saving many years he has the funds on hand to pay it off in full with the council's approval. He told the council that if it saves just one life it is worth the investment. The chief also told the council that he planned to have the older one repaired and use it as a back-up. After many questions Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to approve the purchase. Jim Wier motioned; Ron Bissett seconded to purchase. On voice vote all approved. FYI – the ADEM

