

WARD CITY COUNCIL

July 11, 2016

Minutes

6:30 P. M.

Call to Order

Mayor Brooke called the meeting to order. Mike Sipe led the meeting in prayer. Representative Tim Lemons led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag.

Roll Call

Mayor Brooke ask for roll call. William Moon – present, James Wier – present, Jeffery Shaver – absent, Gary Matheny – present, Ronald Bissett – present, Donald Howard – absent, Clerk John Barclay – absent, Mayor Art Brooke – present. A quorum was present. Deborah Staley recorded the minutes.

Minutes

Mayor Brooke presented the regular meeting minutes for June 13, 2016 for approval. William Moon motioned; Ronald Bissett seconded accepting the regular meeting minutes for June 13, 2016 as written. On voice vote all approved.

Department Reports

Mayor Brooke presented the monthly department reports for June 2016 for approval. James Wier motioned; Gary Matheny seconded to accept the June 2016 department reports as written. On voice vote all approved.

Mayor Brooke explained to the Council and audience the process for a tall grass violation. The procedure that is used by the code enforcement is as follows: Contact is made with the home or property owner and given a verbal warning and a period of 7 days to take care of the violation. If the violation is not taken care of at the end of the 7 days a written warning is served and another 7 days is given to correct the violation. If at the end of the 7 days the violation is not corrected a ticket is served and the process enters the court system. This involves a court date for the plea process and if the owner pleads not guilty a trial date is set. This process could take several weeks to complete. Sometimes this process can be very lengthy and be 30 plus days from the original contact with the owner. This process follows state statues so if the City cleans up the property we will be able to file a lien on the property.

Commission Reports

Mayor Brooke ask Gary Meadows, Chairman of the Planning Commission to present the report. The Commission had approved the Final Plat for Lot 39R and Lot 40R Nan's Place. The county has modified the drainage on Ray Sowell Road the changes the drainage on the two lots. The lot lines and new easement has been added to compensate for the change. The home owner on Lot 40R will be responsible for the upkeep of the drainage ditch. Ronald Bissett motioned; William Moon seconded to accept the Final plat for Lots 39R and 40 R Nan's Place. On voice vote all approved.

The Commission had approved the Final Plat for Lots 7R, 8R, 9R, 10R, and 63R in Churchill Downs. The builder for lot 7 due to a change order during construction the building was about 3 inches over the building line. After working with the engineer a new final plat was drawn to compensate for the overage. All of the lots have been adjusted and the easement for the street has been adjusted also. Ronald Bissett motioned; Gary

Matheny seconded to accept the Final Plat for Lots 7R, 8R, 9R, 10R and 63R Churchill Downs. On voice vote all approved.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Brooke ask Tim Lemons of LEC Engineering to update the Council on the ongoing projects for the City of Ward.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

David Stanley has recently returned from deployment with the National Guard and will be returning to work on Tuesday. Mr. Stanley will be completing the plans for the wastewater treatment plant and submitting them to the proper agency's hopefully no later than next week.

Sidewalk projects

The second phase has been completed and waiting on a time to inspect with the Highway Department. There are some requested changes on the third phase and waiting on the approval.

Hwy 367/319 Project

Mayor Brooke, Billy Mitts, Randy Staley, Steve Benton, Casey Covington from Metroplan, Laura from LEC Engineers, representative from the railroad, and engineer from the Highway Department visited with the City about the intersection at Hwy 367/Hwy 319 and the railroad crossing. The railroad is not in favor in a roundabout in the area. The state is suggesting a traffic light. There may be funding for the project and one year of service on the traffic lights. As the council remembers we are looking at turn lanes and closing Hickory Street for the area which was the first phase of the roundabout. The highway department will be evaluating this area and will come back with a plan. The Council should get more information later in the year after the Highway Department completes their study.

Mayor Brooke briefed the Council on the possibility of the Headstart program using part of our facility next year for their program. There will be a maximum of 30 students. The director will be bringing back a proposed contract for use of the facility. If this is the case the Council will be ask to accept the contract at a later date.

Mayor Brooke stated that the city has 5 vehicles that need to be disposed of. Four of the vehicles have already been before the Council and approved for disposal over a year ago. Mayor Brooke just wants the minutes to reflect that we will be actively working to dispose of the 4 vehicle and the additional vehicle. William Moon motioned; Ronald Bissett seconded to allow Mayor Brooke to dispose of the vehicles in the best possible manner. On voice vote all approved.

Vehicle to be disposed and last 5 of the vehicle number:

1998 Chevy Silverado	48014
1996 Dodge Ram 2500	59784
1998 Ford F-150	39345
1997 Ford F-150	53659
1986 GMC 6000	36406

There will also be part of the Woods 15 foot bush hog to be disposed of. The bush hog is not repairable. Mayor Brooke purchased a new 12 foot bush hog to replace the 15 foot bush hog. The new bush hog is in service.

Mayor Brooke wanted to state that the City of Ward has an ordinance that bans the use of fireworks within the City. The ordinance does give the Mayor the ability to allow fireworks at a designated time and place. As in the past our police department is flooded with calls about fireworks during the July 4th time period. The police officer does try and only give verbal warnings but from time to time will be forced to write a ticket. This is not pleasant but a necessity. Our July 4th picnic and fireworks show was a success again this year and Mayor Brooke thank all of the volunteers for their hard work. But due to the rain just before the fireworks show this year he was not able to allow the park to be used for the public to display their own fireworks as in the past because the fire department was working on dismantling of the electronics and equipment needed to fire the show. Hopefully next year this will not be an issue.

Old Business

There was no old business to be discussed.

New Business

There was no new business or public comment to be discussed.

Announcements

Next council August 6, 2016
Planning Commission meeting July 25, 2016
Seniors meet every Thursday at noon
LWPWA meeting August 2, 2016
Chamber of Commerce meeting August 2, 2016

Adjournment

William Moon motioned; Gary Matheny seconded to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned

APPROVED DATE: August 8 2016

Carl Brooks
MAYOR

ATTEST:

John E Barclay
CLERK

CITY SEAL

