

WARD CITY COUNCIL

February 12, 2018

MINUTES

6:30 P. M.

Call to Order

Mayor Brooke called the meeting to order and asked Charles Gastineau to lead the council in prayer; he then asked Bill Moon 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-excused, Mayor Brooke-present, and Clerk Barclay-present. There was a quorum.

Minutes

Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to accept the regularly scheduled council meeting minutes for January 8, 2018. Ron Bissett motioned; Jim Wier seconded. On voice vote all approved. Next the mayor asked for a motion to accept the special called city council meeting minutes for January 19, 2018. Ron Bissett motioned; Jim Wier seconded. On voice vote all approved.

Department Reports

Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to approve the January 8, 2018 department reports. Bill Moon motioned; Gary Matheny seconded. On voice vote all approved.

Commission Reports

Mayor Brooke asked Planning Commission Chairperson, Gary Meadows, to come forward and explain to the council any action taken at the January 22, 2018 meeting. He explained that a new sketch plat for Oakland Grove Estates was presented and that there is no action required at this time. The mayor asked for a motion to approve the commission's report. Ron Bissett motioned; Jeff Shaver seconded. On voice vote all approved.

Mayor's Report

FYI-The mayor informed the council that there was no business from Lemon' Engineering at this time.

Mayor Brooke informed the council that the city is looking for new Trac hoe for the Water Department and that a demonstration will be conducted next week and the following week. The products are Kubota and John Deere and price wise they are both about the same. A new one was purchased last year and at that time the council was informed of the need for another. The price of each is around \$62,000.00.

FYI-Leanne Pool from CAPDD addressed the council on the newest recycling program of which the City of Ward is the pilot city. Trailers will be located at 404 East Main Street however there is currently a drop off at this location which all residents are encouraged to use.

FYI- The new sewer plant is ahead of schedule with three walls being poured this week. A meeting is called for Thursday February 15, 2018 to update the current progress. The initial cost for the project was around eleven million dollars but due to some unexpected events and discoveries the price is now six million dollars.

Mayor Brooke introduced resolution R-2018-04 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL TO SIGN AN APPLICATION FOR CDBG FUNDS) and asked that it be placed on its first and

final reading. Ron Bissett motioned; Bill Moon seconded. Roll call and voting are as follows: Bill Moon-yea, Jim Wier-yea, Jeff Shaver-yea, Gary Matheny-yea, Ron Bissett-yea. Resolution R-2018-04 has passed.

Old Business

The mayor asked council member Ron Bissett if he would introduce any progress that he and his committee members has made in reference to the city parking problem. The problem of course is the inability at times for emergency vehicles and private citizens to get around autos, boats, trailers, etc. which are parked in the streets. Since Ward city has the responsibility and upkeep on the city's streets the possibility of an ordinance may become necessary to safeguard the flow of traffic. This problem is being carefully scrutinized and the ordinance may come to fruition in the near future.

New Business

FYI-Mayor Brooke asked Charles Gastineau to come forward and tell the council about the possibility of an up and coming grant which if approved will cover the placement of 24 new culverts and the straightening of ditches on Fawn Drive located in Deerfield Estates. If approved the grant applied for is \$71,473.00 and the work must be completed by May 31, 2018. The grant was applied for through ADEM and we (the city) will be responsible half of the total. The grant has already been submitted and the city is waiting for approval or denial.

Announcements

Next City Council Meeting will be held March 12, 2018 at 6:30 P.M.
Planning Commission Meeting will be held February 26, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.
Seniors meet ever Thursday at noon
LWPWA Meeting will be held March 6, 2018 at noon
Chamber of Commerce meeting will be held March 6, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

Adjournment

Mayor Brooke asked for a motion to adjourn. Jeff Shaver motioned; Ron Bissett seconded. On voice vote all approved.

APPROVED DATE: March 12, 2018

Brooke
MAYOR

ATTEST:

John E Barclay
CLERK

CITY SEAL

