

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
FORREST CITY CITY COUNCIL
FORREST CITY, ARKANSAS
March 6, 2018**

The City Council of Forrest City, Arkansas met in regular session on March 6, 2018. Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Alderman Williams offered prayer after which the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Echols. The following answered roll call: Mayor Bryant, Clerk Cochran, Attorney Cline and City Council members: Echols, Fields, Metcalf, Poteat, Reeves, and Williams. Alderman Capps and Oswalt were absent.

Mayor Bryant requested permission to add to the agenda two items. Item number one, asphalt bid opening that was advertised in the newspaper. Alderman Williams made the motion. The motion was second by Alderman Poteat. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Item number two, ADEQ contract for services to follow through with the water department sewer levies. Alderman Fields made the motion. The motion was second by Alderman Echols. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Alderman Fields made the motion to approve the February 20, 2018 regular minutes. The motion was second by Alderman Reeves. Roll Call: All Ayes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Police Grant Resolution

Attorney Cline read a **USDA Rural Development Community Facility Grant for the Purpose of Providing a Portion of the Cost of Acquiring Funds for the Purchase of Police Department Equipment Resolution.**

Alderman Reeves made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was second by Alderman Fields. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Forrest City Planning Commission Variance

Mayor Bryant stated that there is a recommendation from the Forrest City Planning Commission approving an 8-foot handicap ramp variance. He stated that Code Officer King said Mr. Brown has purchased all permits necessary and he is following all codes that are presently on the books. Mayor Bryant stated it is the bar-b-que stand next to Joyce Long's building. Alderman Fields made a motion to accept the planning commission's recommendation. The motion was second by Alderman Williams. Roll Call: All Ayes

Asphalt Bid Opening

Mayor Bryant asked if there were in bids in the audience. There were none.

He said there are two bids, one from M & T Paving of Forrest City and DKB Contractors of West Memphis.

M & T Paving submitted a bid of \$84.00 per ton for Type II and \$5.00 per ton for prime coat.

DKB Contractors submitted a bid of \$90.00 per ton and \$5.00 per ton for prime coat.

Mayor Bryant stated he would get with the street superintendent and award the low bid.

Contract In consent of Administrative Order- Contract with ETC Engineers

Mayor Bryant asked permission to sign a contract of consent for an administrative order with ETC because of the city's sanitation sewer overflow, remediation, and mapping that ADEQ has the city under; the engineering services have been going on over a year. He stated the council has seen the order which was signed earlier in the year. He again asked permission to go forward with the contract with ETC and the consultant group RJN to finalize the work. He stated Attorney Cline will review the contract before it is signed.

Alderman Echols asked if the contract was with ADEQ or ETC. Mayor Bryant stated the contract is with ETC. ADEQ is the driving force behind why the city must do all this work. Alderman Reeves asked what the contract contains. Mayor Bryant stated to do all manholes and find all waterline leaks from the storm water. It is a long remedy but once completed everything will be GIS mapped for the future.

Alderman Poteat asked what if the city does not comply. Mayor Bryant stated the city will be horribly fined. Alderman Poteat asked how long has ADEQ been involved with this project. Mr. Murdock stated over 10-years. Mayor Bryant stated this problem has come to a head within the last year or so. Now a consent order must be signed for corrected actions.

Alderman Echols asked is this is something that can be bid out. Mayor Bryant stated the city already has an agreement with ETC. Attorney Cline stated this is professional services from an engineering company and it cannot be bided; but proposals could be taken. Alderman Echols asked if proposals were taken. Mayor Bryant stated yes, the city has proposals.

Alderman Reeves asked the time frame. Mayor Bryant stated the project must be done and completed by December 15, 2018.

Alderman Williams made a motion for Mayor Bryant to sign the administrative consent contract upon the recommendation of Attorney Cline. The motion was second by Alderman Metcalf. Roll Call: All Ayes.

GENERAL FUND BILLS

Alderman Metcalf made a motion to approve and pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$35,078.76. Motion was second by Alderman Fields. Roll Call: All Ayes.

STREET FUND BILLS

Alderman Williams made a motion to approve and pay the Street Fund bills in the amount of \$4,931.77. Motion was second by Alderman Reeves. Roll Call: All Ayes

SOLID WASTE FUND BILLS

Alderman Reeves made a motion to approve and pay the Solid Waste Fund bills in the amount of \$28,691.30. Motion was second by Alderman Williams. Roll Call: All Ayes.

FORREST CITY WATER UTILITY

Alderman Echols made a motion to approve and pay the City Water Utility bills in the amount of \$65,974.69. Motion was second by Alderman Fields. Roll Call: All Ayes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and Updates

For additional context, reference the March 6, 2018 tape.

Alderman Echols made a motion to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. second by Alderman Fields

Larry Bryant, Mayor

Derene Cochran, City Clerk-Treasurer