

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
FORREST CITY CITY COUNCIL
FORREST CITY, ARKANSAS
April 3, 2018**

The City Council of Forrest City, Arkansas met in regular session on April 3, 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: Capps, Echols, Fields, Metcalf, Oswalt, Poteat, Reeves, and Williams.

Alderman Fields made the motion to approve the March 20, 2018 regular minutes. The motion was second by Alderman Echols. Roll Call: All Ayes. Alderman Capps abstained.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Cline read **An Ordinance Authorizing Exchange of Pace American Cargo Trailer With Air Compressor and Fill Station for Mako Breathing Air Compressor System; Waving The Requirement of Competitive Bidding; Declaring An Exception Circumstance; And Declaring An Emergency** sponsored by Alderman Oswalt.

Alderman Oswalt made a motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance for the second reading. Alderman Capps second the motion. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Attorney Cline read the ordinance for the second reading by title and sections.

Alderman Oswalt made a motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance for the third reading. Alderman Echols second the motion. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Attorney Cline read the ordinance for the third reading by title and sections.

Alderman Oswalt made a motion to adopt the ordinance with the emergency clause. The motion was second by Alderman Fields. Roll Call: All Ayes.

GENERAL FUND BILLS

Alderman Oswalt made a motion to approve and pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$11,431.14. Motion was second by Alderman Echols. Roll Call: All Ayes.

STREET FUND BILLS

Alderman Capps made a motion to approve and pay the Street Fund bills except for Chem-Friendly. He stated he has questions concerning the invoice in the amount of \$3,529.59. Motion was second by Alderman Williams. Roll Call: All Ayes

SOLID WASTE FUND BILLS

Alderman Williams made a motion to approve and pay the Solid Waste Fund bills in the amount of \$5,564.71. Motion was second by Alderman Capps. Roll Call: All Ayes.

FORREST CITY WATER UTILITY

Alderman Poteat made a motion to approve and pay the City Water Utility bills with a correction in the amount of \$26,902.29. Motion was second by Alderman Reeves. Roll Call: All Ayes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and Updates

Mayor's Updates:

Forrest City Water Department

Mayor Bryant stated that the water department is moving forward as outlined by the administrative order consent by ADEQ.

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City Hall

Mayor Bryant told the council a decision needs to be made on the new city hall. He then requested a motion to advertise for bids for the new building. Alderman Capps asked if there are plans. Mayor Bryant stated we will use the same plans that we already have. Alderman Oswald asked if the city is looking at new construction versus remodeling the old Social Security building. Mayor Bryant stated it would cost around the same amount of money to do either building. Alderman Oswald stated he would like to see plans for both sites. He expressed his concerns about being able to fully furnish a new building.

Mayor Bryant stated there is plenty of money; money can be transferred from solid waste that is owed to the general fund. Mayor Bryant stated all the commercial garbage money is general fund money and not bond money.

Alderman Echols stated she thought there would be some changes made to the plans concerning a reception area.

Alderman Capps asked Mayor Bryant if each member of the council could receive a set of plans so if there are any changes the members want to make it can be done before the next meeting. Then the council could authorize the mayor to put the plans out for bid.

Mayor Bryant stated the plans are in his office and they have been there for a year or more.

Alderman Reeves stated he was not opposed to using the old Social Security office, he wanted to know why the city had not received a bid on renovating that building.

Alderman Capps stated he and Chief Renigar went and looked at that building. He said the kind of work he does, he knows that it will cost a tremendous amount of money to fix that building; there are some issues in that building.

Mayor Bryant stated all of that was taken into consideration, that is why he was asking for permission to go on a bid for the new building. Changes could always be made to the plans later.

Alderman Williams suggested that all council members go by the mayor's office and look at the plans, so a decision can be made by the next meeting.

Mayor Bryant stated he would have the basic floor plans ready for review.

Alderman Poteat asked Mayor Bryant where the additional money is coming from, other than solid waste to support building a city hall.

Mayor Bryant stated the bond issue.

For additional context, reference the April 3, 2018 tape.

Alderman Echols made a motion to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. second by Alderman Capps

Larry Bryant, Mayor

Derene Cochran, City Clerk-Treasurer