

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
FORREST CITY CITY COUNCIL
FORREST CITY, ARKANSAS
October 16, 2018**

The City Council of Forrest City, Arkansas met in regular session on October 16, 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 Oswald. The following answered roll call: Mayor Bryant, Clerk Cochran, Attorney Cline and City Council members: Capps, Fields, Williams, Metcalf, Oswald, and Reeves. Attorney Cline, Alderman Echols and Alderman Poteat were absent.

Alderman Oswald made a motion to approve the October 2, 2018 minutes. The motion was second by Alderman Williams. Alderman Capps requested that the wording be changed from Reservations to Preservations. Roll Call: All Ayes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Budget

Alderman Capps asked Mayor Bryant for an update on the 2019 budget. Mayor Bryant stated he would have it at the next council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance to Purchase a Pump for the Water Dept

Mayor Bryant read **AN ORDINANCE WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED SECTION 14-58-303 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO REPAIR CERTAIN EQUIPMENT FOR THE CITY OF FORREST CITY WATER DEPARTMENT AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES** sponsored by Alderman Fields.

Alderman Oswald made a motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance for the second reading. The motion was second by Alderman Williams.

Alderman Reeves asked what the pump is for. Mayor Bryant stated the sewer station. Alderman Capps asked who will install the pump, the company or the city employees. Mayor Bryant stated the city will pull and install the pump; the company will do the repairs. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Mayor Bryant read the ordinance for the second reading by title and sections only. Alderman Oswald made a motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance for the third reading. The motion was second by Alderman Fields. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Mayor Bryant read the ordinance for the third reading by title and sections only. Alderman Oswald made a motion to adopt the ordinance. The motion was second by Alderman Fields. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Alderman Oswald made a motion to adopt the emergency clause. The motion was second by Alderman Metcalf. Roll Call: All Ayes

GENERAL FUND BILLS

Alderman Capps made a motion to approve and pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$17,585.26. The motion was second by Alderman Reeves. Roll Call: All Ayes.

STREET FUND BILLS

Alderman Fields made a motion to approve and pay the Street Fund in the amount of \$7,686.27. The motion was second by Alderman Oswald. Roll Call: All Ayes

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SOLID WASTE FUND BILLS

Alderman Metcalf made a motion to approve and pay the Solid Waste Fund bills in the amount of \$48,842.51. The motion was second by Alderman Fields. Roll Call: All Ayes.

FORREST CITY WATER UTILITY

Alderman Oswalt made a motion to approve and pay the Forrest City Water Utility bills in the amount of \$52,116.31. The motion was second by Alderman Williams. Roll Call: All Ayes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and Updates

Mayor Bryant announced due to the rain city's construction projects have been slowed down. The saferoom in the new city hall had to be rebuilt due to the steel walls were not installed. The safe room in the new city hall had to be redone to install the steel. The building has been removed by the owner from the corner of Broadway and Grant streets; the wall will be knocked down in the near future.

Alderman Capps asked Mayor Bryant if it would be a cost to the city for the school to move a sewer line for the track. Mayor Bryant said, "No", but the city is partnering with the school on the drainage.

Mayor Bryant stated he spoke with Pardew, as soon as it dries up the pipe on Eaton Road will be completed. He also stated soon as the weather gets a little warmer, the city will pave in front of the new state police headquarters.

For additional context, reference the October 16, 2018 tape.

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

Larry Bryant, Mayor

Derene Cochran, City Clerk-Treasurer