

April 14, 2015


Regular Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by the Mayor.

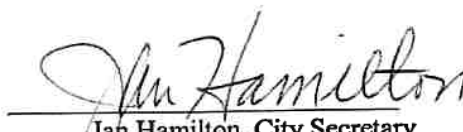
Members present: Eugene Brooks, James Gouger, Johnny Wheeler and Mark Slaughter.
Members Absent: Billy Bussey, Billy Dean

Guests: See sign in sheet.

1. Invocation-Darren Goodman
2. Read and approve the minutes of 03/10/15: Motion to approve regular minutes by Eugene Brooks, 2nd by Johnny Wheeler - unanimous.
3. Open Forum/Public Comment: Resident Travis Baker complained about dogs running loose. Valero owner request that City petition for alcohol sales inside city limits. Evelyn Harris complained about potholes in streets. Al Mann wanted to commend Eugene Brooks on his cleanup work around the city.
4. Motion to approve postponing May council meeting until third Tuesday May 19, 2015 in order to canvass the votes from the May 9, 2015 election by Eugene Brooks, 2nd by Mark slaughter – unanimous.
5. Proclamation: Mayor James Gouger proclaimed the month of May 2015 as “Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month”.
6. Economic Development: Motion to approve awarding bid of \$53,966.00 to A&M Construction for sidewalk construction at Main & Commerce Streets and to approve renting 2 units from Burk’s storage for storing Park Christmas decorations by Mark Slaughter, 2nd by Johnny Wheeler – unanimous.
7. Update Animal Control/Darren Goodman: Anderson Co. Sheriff will not help with animal control (vicious dogs only), Darren also said that \$1500.00 will barely cover equipment. Motion was made to move ahead with plan to hire a part-time animal control officer at hourly rate of \$15/hr. and to send him as soon as possible to ACO Basic Training course out of animal control budget by Mark Slaughter, 2nd by Eugene Brooks – unanimous.
8. Part-time Officer Position: Chief Goodman said police department cannot cover the City 24 hours each day when an officer is on vacation or sick without the part-time officer. Chief Goodman said his department needed the part-time officer to have 24 hour coverage 7 days a week. Motion made to keep the part-time position and to hire an officer at hourly rate of \$15/hr. by Eugene Brooks, 2nd by Mark Slaughter – unanimous.
9. Electronic ticket writing machines: After Chief Goodman reported that the cost of the machines were so high and after the annual expense of software he could not justify; additionally they would not save the officers that much time. Motion was made against buying the ticket writers by Eugene Brooks, 2nd by Mark Slaughter – unanimous.
10. Storage Building: Motion to approve allowing Economic Development to move in a 14x20 building to City property to store Christmas decorations for the Park by Mark Slaughter, 2nd by Eugene Brooks - unanimous
11. Departmental Reports: LQ House – W&S, Darren Goodman - Police
12. Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm


James Gouger, Mayor


Jan Hamilton, City Secretary