

## GLENWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

March 31, 2020

An Emergency meeting was called for by the Mayor at 9:15. The emergency meeting was due to deadlines approaching on the sidewalk project resolution, the lagoon commander payment deadline, the municipal league's suggestion that we have an amended budget ready for state audit and receipt of the Arkansas Stream Team Program Stream Habitat Improvement / Rehabilitation Project.

The meeting took place in the Martin building of the Pike County fairgrounds as announced to allow for Corona Virus social distancing. The mayor called the meeting to order at 11:40 with 2 members of the press in attendance.

Roll call by the mayor with all council present. The city recorder treasurer was absent.

The mayor informed the council of some major streambank erosion on the Caddo River in the area of the city water stilling basin. The erosion is presenting a danger to the stability of our basin. The stream Team from Arkansas Game and Fish Commission has generated a proposal that would alleviate the erosion danger. Mayor Smith presented a package to the Council for their consideration at the next meeting. Mayor Smith also informed the council that he would begin to seek grant assistance for this project.

Item 3 on the agenda was the approval of January 2020 financials that were tabled in the previous meeting. After discussion Councilwoman Baker moved to approve with a second by Councilman Caldwell. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Item 4 of the agenda was the 3rd reading of ordinance 2020-01. The mayor asked if there was any objection to the reading of the ordinance. No objection was voiced, and the mayor asked for a motion to short read, the motion by Baker was seconded by Clark and passed by a vote of 3 to 1 with Councilman Powell voting no. Mayor Smith then short read ordinance 2020-01. The motion to approve the short reading was offered by Baker and seconded by Jim Clark, the motion passed by a vote of three to one with Councilman Powell voting no. Councilwoman Baker offered a motion to approve and accept ordinance 2020-01, motion was seconded by Charlie Caldwell and approved on a vote of three to one with Councilman Powell voting no.

Item 5 was an announcement in reference to our request for assistance on the bridge crossing sewer project. The State Highway Department has refused our request for financial assistance with that project. The mayor will communicate a second request and hope for reconsideration. The mayor explained the next steps of engineering and bid proposals and that no money was being spent at this time.

Item 6 was to discuss the 2019 amended budget. The mayor noted there were questions from the council about the 2019 amended budget. The mayor read a letter from the municipal League giving a legal opinion in reference to amended budgets. The municipal League attorney said: "there was no time constraint on amending the 2019 budget. However, the budget should always be amended as soon as practicable for auditing purposes." The mayor told council state audit would be in Glenwood Friday to pick up the audit information. Discussion continued about several points within the budget. After discussion the mayor called for a motion to accept the 2019 amended budget as presented. Jimmy Clark moved to accept the budget with a second by Baker, the motion was approved unanimously. The

motion to accept resolution 2020-03, the “2019 Amended Budget Resolution” was made by Baker, seconded by Caldwell and passed unanimously.

Item 7 on the agenda was resolution 2020-02 the willingness of Glenwood to use federal funds to build sidewalks. Mayor Smith noted that Councilman Powell had several reservations about the resolution and explained the various aspects of committing to use our federal funds for sidewalks. Mayor Smith read resolution 2020-02. Councilman Baker moved to adopt resolution 2020-02 with Jim Clark seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous to accept.

Item 8 was the discussion of the water pond lagoon commander purchase. Mayor Smith stated councilman Powell had expressed, in an email, his reservations about purchasing the lagoon commander. Mayor Smith noted the demonstration had been approved by council, the fact that the demonstration was finished, and the owner wished to sell it or remove it. The mayor explained that it would take 2 lagoon commanders to complete the project and that we should either plan to buy 2 or let the present demonstration unit be returned. There was discussion within the council, warranty was discussed and the need to move quickly since algae season was upon us. Smith stated it would take approximately 6 weeks to receive the second commander, once it was ordered. After discussion Charlie Caldwell moved, with a second by Karen Baker, to pay the first lagoon commander Invoice in the amount of \$13,996.67 and to order and install the second lagoon commander per the quotation prepared by AO3 Solutions dated January 25<sup>th</sup> 2020, the quotation number was 012620. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

John Powell proposed to use Danny Huffard to implement a city website at a cost of \$500 for setup and \$65 per month for maintenance. The council discussed the website opportunity and on a motion by Karen Baker with a second from Charlie Caldwell voted 4-0 in favor of establishing the new website.

Mayor Smith announced that Spots had informed him that due to Corona Virus the animal shelter was reducing operations until such time as the dangers of Corona have subsided. The city will be taking only vicious animals and these animals will be dealt with by the animal control officer and the police.

A motion to adjourn was offered by Jimmy Clark and second it by Charlie Caldwell the vote was 4-0 in favor of adjournment.

**APPROVAL OF THE EMERGENCY CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 31, 2020**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2020**

**VOTE: YES: \_\_\_\_\_ NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

MAYOR: BT SMITH \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCILMAN: JIMMY CLARK \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCILMAN: CHARLIE CALDWELL \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCILMAN: JOHN POWELL \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCILWOMAN: KAREN BAKER \_\_\_\_\_

RECORDER/TREASURER: SHARON NOBLE \_\_\_\_\_