CITY OF CEDARVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES August, 2023

The regular monthly City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Deborah Pinkerton after she declared that a quorum was present. A moment of silence was followed by the pledge of allegiance. Council members present were Alderman Odom, Alderman McClendon, Alderman Breshears and Alderman Johnson

A motion to approve the July regular monthly meeting minutes was made by Alderman Odom and seconded by Alderman McClendon. Passed 4-0

The financial report was presented by Treasurer Sandy Cook. End of July balances for each account were read and the August Financial Report was reviewed. A motion to approve the August Financial Report was made by Alderman McClendon and seconded by Alderman Johnson. Passed 4-0

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Grounds Supervisor Kenneth Brenton reported the department has been busy cleaning out culverts, working around the Cedarville Senior Center and cleaning in and around City Hall.

Police Chief Ken Howard reported 24 citizen calls, 2 assists to other agencies, 7 citations, 4 warning citations, 2 alarms answered, 1 accident, 0 arrests, 5 felonies and misdemeanor reports filed, and 0 warrants served. Code Enforcement Officer Sandusky issued 4 warnings (1 for trash, and three house number). Kibler police force picked up all three Dodge Chargers.

Fire Chief Cody Cooper reported 1 fire call (assist to District 4, District 5 and District 9 at Natural Dam), 8 medical calls. Engine 1 passed the annual pump test.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be two dumpsters placed inside the red gate by the fire station for fall cleanup on October 7. One dumpster will be provided by the County and one will be provided by the City.

Mayor Pinkerton presented a map of the layout for the Park Grant.

Mayor Pinkerton discussed the non-profit animal rescue that has been established locally. She encourages citizens to support the group in hopes of alleviating the growing problem of stray dogs in the area.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The City of Cedarville donated the three retired Dodge Chargers to the Kibler Police Force. The cars have been retrieved by Kibler P.D.

A policy for police officer on-call compensation was drafted by Attorney Brister and presented by Mayor Pinkerton. Treasurer Sandy Cook presented estimated costs for such a policy and the effect on the current budget taking into account the lack of receiving county sales and use tax revenue for the last quarter of the fiscal year. After discussion, motion to gift the police officers a two hour bonus per shift for the month of August was made by Alderman Odom and seconded by Alderman McClendon. Passed 4-0

The Mayor obtained estimates for surfacing roads from Judge Keith. Asphalt costs approximately \$175,000 per mile and chip and seal costs approximately \$58,000 per mile.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution # 2023-08-15-01, adopting an on-call pay policy for the police department was present by Mayor Pinkerton. To allow the councilmen time to study the effects on the budget, a motion was made to table the policy by Alderman McClendon and seconded by Alderman Breshears. Passed 4-0

Alderman Odom had asked the Street Dept. city sales tax be earmarked for road improvement. Treasurer Cook provided a printout of taxes collected for the street department showing it deposited in the Street account.

The 1% county sales and use tax paperwork was not timely filed by the county resulting in no taxes being collected or distributed for the last fiscal quarter. This will have a significant impact on the General Account.

An Arkansas Department of Transportation representative will be visiting the City this month to assess roads for State Aid.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Odom and seconded by Alderman Johnson. Passed 4-0

Mayor

Recorder/Treasurer