

CITY OF CEDARVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
February 20, 2018

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

A motion to approve the January regular monthly meeting minutes was made by Alderman Odom and seconded by Alderman Breshears. Passed 3-0

The financial report was presented by Treasurer Sandy Cook. End of January balances for each account were read and the February Financial Report was reviewed. A motion to approve the February Financial Report was made by Alderman Breshears and seconded by Alderman Odom. Passed 3-0

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

No Street report was given. Street Supervisor Marlin Evans was ill.

Police Chief Ken Howard reported 25 citizen calls, 6 assists for other agencies, 10 citations, 29 warning citations, 1 alarm call, 4 accidents, 4 arrests, 5 felony and misdemeanor reports filed, 2 warrants served, 25 complaint reports.

Fire Chief Don Rosson reported 11 medical calls and 1 fire call. In January Alderman Breshears asked for a detailed account of the age and replacement schedule for the firefighters' turn out gear. Chief Rosson reported that the fire department has 7 NFPA compliant sets of turn out gear and 20 useable sets that are out of compliance. The department has 12 compliant SCBA packs good through 2018. WAPPD has submitted a \$78000 FEMA AFG grant to purchase new SCBA gear.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Isenhower announced that Donney Jones has been hired as the part time grader operator. He has 15 years of experience as a heavy machinery operator working for the Crawford County Road Department.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance # 2017-12-19-1, providing adequate means to allow the continued flow of water thorough public ditches, was read by Mayor Isenhower for the second time. A short explanation and discussion followed.

Ordinance # 2017-12-19-2, establishing an orderly system for the posting of 911 addresses, was read by Mayor Isenhower for the second time. A short discussion followed.

## NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Isenhower presented Resolution # 2018-02-20-1, approving the final amended 2017 budget. Treasurer Sandy Cook presented the amended budget and explanation. A motion to approve Resolution # 2018-02-20-1 was made by Alderman Breshears and seconded by Alderman Odom. Passed 3-0

The Financial and Compliance Report (audit) for 2015 and 2016 was presented by Mayor Isenhower. The city was evaluated for compliance with certain state laws concerning general and district court accounting, budgeting, purchasing, and investing and depositing of public funds. The city was found to be in substantial compliance with Arkansas fiscal and financial laws. There were no findings. No action was taken.

The City of Cedarville has been seeking a \$250,000 loan for real property construction pursuant to Arkansas Constitutional Amendment 78 in order to chip and seal Dorothy Road and Bewley Road. Mayor Isenhower procured letters of intent from three banks: Bank of the Ozarks at 5.95% APR, Arvest at 4.85% APR, and Citizens at 4.6% APR. A motion, authorizing the Mayor to move forward in accepting and finalizing the proposal of financing roads made by Citizens Bank on February 19, was made by Alderman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Odom. Passed 3-0

A motion to add an item to the agenda was made by Alderman Breshears and seconded by Alderman Odom. Passed 3-0

Mayor Isenhower presented Resolution # 2018-02-20-02, authorizing the Mayor to apply for \$5000 in matching Arkansas Rural Services Grant funds for acquisition of turn out gear for the city Fire Department. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Alderman Johnson and seconded by Alderman Breshears. Passed 3-0



Mayor Isenhower began the annual State of the City address by stating that the municipal affairs of the city are in excellent condition as indicated by the legislative audit results for years 2015 and 2016. There were zero findings of non-compliance with state laws and accepted accounting practices. City management is utilizing good business practices to provide accountability for tax dollars expended to support government operations.

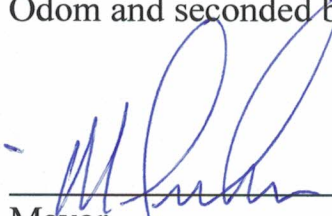
Collection of the city one cent sales and use tax began in April and the first revenue was received at the end of June. The Fire and Police Departments each received \$5,290 and \$31,745 was received for the Street Department .

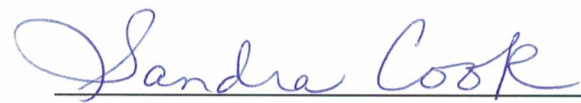
The city obtained several grants in 2017 allowing progress to be made in all departments. A new 40x60 Street department maintenance building was constructed. The low water crossing on Neal road was replaced with large concrete culverts in preparation for chip and sealing the road. A much needed Fire Department brush truck was acquired. New body armor vests for the police officers were purchased. A radio repeater was installed in the police chief's vehicle, and an additional AR 15 was purchased. A 4-wheel drive Dodge Durango was acquired from the County Sheriff and improved radar was installed in 3 police vehicles.

For the first time in city history, all employees are being paid.

In 2018 the City plans to continue to focus on road improvements by chip and sealing Neal Road in cooperation with the Crawford County Road Department, and securing a bank line of credit leveraging the sales tax revenue to chip and seal Bewley Road and Dorothy Road.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Odom and seconded by Alderman Breshears. Passed 3-0

  
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