

CITY OF CEDARVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
January 19, 2016

The regular monthly City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Mark Isenhower. A moment of silence was followed by the pledge of allegiance. Council members present were Alderman McClendon, Alderman Odom, Alderman Breshears and Alderman Prater.

A motion to approve the December 2015 minutes was made by Alderman McClendon and seconded by Alderman Breshears. Passed 4-0

The Financial Report was presented by Treasurer Sandy Cook. Beginning January 2016, the financial report consists of three bank reconciliations and a report showing up to date budget balances for each department. A motion to approve the Financial Reports was made by Alderman Breshears and seconded by Alderman Odom. Passed 4-0

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Street Supervisor Marlin Evans reported the street department had been working on drainage problems on several roads. Heavy rains washed out most of the gravel around the culverts on Creekside Way. The washed out gravel was salvaged just downstream from the culverts to make repairs. The sand and salt box has been prepared for future inclement weather.

Attorney Sean Brister is preparing documents for city easements on Little Webber Lane to serve as an alternate route for citizens, emergency response vehicles, and school buses when Thompson Lane low-water bridge is impassable during flooding. The street department currently has obtained two bids to chip & seal Cedarville Road (6" base with 4" chip & seal). Supervisor Evans is seeking other bids with the plan to open the bids and award the project at the February 2016 Council Meeting.

Police Chief Donnie Threet reported two arrests for outstanding warrants; 5 citations for no driver's license, no car seat, driving with suspended license, no insurance or speeding 20 mph over; and two accidents. He also reported he has received the invoices from the Prosecuting Attorney's office which provided the Cedarville Police Department with uniforms, belts, and holsters costing \$4120.43 and with weapons and ammunition costing \$11,797.85. This contribution from the Prosecutor's Office saved the city a total of \$15,917.87. The 3 primary police cars currently have outdated cameras or non-working video cameras. A request of \$7318.91 for new cameras for 3 police cars was presented. Installation can be done by Officer Porter. The officers will continue to use the issued body cams. The Chief plans to attend an infant car seat installation certification class in April at Fort Smith. The Department will then be certified to assist the citizens of Cedarville with car seat installation. A web alert will be sent to inform the citizens when the upcoming self-defense class has been scheduled..

Fire Chief Jesse Hyatt reported 119 calls in 2015. There have been 4 medical calls and 1 grass fire so far this month. The mobile burn building will be at Cedarville in February. In

coordination with another instructor and District 4, the training date is tentatively scheduled for February 20. There will be a Chapter 9 Search and Rescue class that day as well. The exact date will be placed on the Cedarville City website. Citizens are encouraged to attend and view the building and training. The second tanker truck is now outfitted and back in town and will be in service as soon as it is inspected by the State Forestry Commission representative

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Citizen John Wilson stated that he was well pleased with the excellent job the street department is doing with the roads.

Citizen Terrill Miller agreed with Mr. Wilson that the street department is doing a fine job.

Citizen Tom Tucker also agreed that the roads are in good condition. Mr. Tucker also discussed Walmart leaving our city. He suggested we contact C.V.s about moving into the building and subcontracting the gas and pharmacy departments. He offered to meet with the Planning Commission to discuss possibilities. He suggested that if we want the city to grow, it needs something exotic and gave examples.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Treasurer Sandy Cook opened 3 bids for the '94 Ford Ranger. James Brewer submitted the highest bid of \$500.01. A motion to accept Mr. Brewer's bid was made by Alderman Odom and seconded by Alderman Breshears. Passed 4-0

The 2015 Amended Budget was presented to the Council. Mayor Mark Isenhower read Resolution # 2016-1-19-1 approving the final 2015 amended budget. A motion to accept the budget and pass the resolution was made by Alderman Breshears and seconded by Alderman McClendon. Passed 4-0

Reference the possible civil suit against former Treasurer Aliscon Reding, the city had been awaiting a response from the IRS concerning a waiver and refund request for penalties and interest paid by the city. The IRS has now refunded the penalties and interest to the City. A motion to no longer pursue the civil suit issue was made by Alderman McClendon and seconded by Alderman Odom. Passed 4-0

The City Hall stone plaque was removed from the building by Ocker Monuments. Ocker Monuments had stated the plaque would be installed last week. Contact has been made with Ocker and the new plaque will be in place soon.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The 2016 Budget was presented for approval by resolution. Mayor Mark Isenhower read Resolution # 2016-1-19-2 to approve the 2016 budget. A motion to approve the budget and



pass the resolution was made by Alderman McClendon and seconded by Alderman Odom.  
Passed 4-0

Mayor Isenhower presented Resolution #2016-1-19-3 setting policies and procedures for the City Council. A motion to waive the reading of the lengthy resolution was made by Alderman McClendon and seconded by Alderman Breshears. Passed 4-0

A motion to approve Resolution # 2016-1-19-3 setting policies and procedures for the Cedarville City Council was made by Alderman Prater and seconded by Alderman Breshears.  
Passed 4-0

#### ANNUAL REPORT BY MAYOR

Mayor Isenhower gave a report of the finances and administrative activities of the city during 2015. The city began the year with approximately \$65,000.00 in the General Fund and approximately \$106,000.00 in the Street Fund. Actual revenue received slightly exceeded forecast. The General fund and Fire and Police Departments executed below budget for 2015, resulting in the city ending 2015 approximately \$15,000 under budget. The Street Department was over budget by approximately \$3000.00 because all dirt roads received gravel for the winter season, which had never happened before. This road winterization required approximately 110 loads of gravel costing approximately \$33,000. The \$3000 deficit was taken from carryover in the Street Fund.

The General fund received approximately \$254,600 in restitution from the previous Treasurer who was convicted of theft of city money. A portion of this restitution money was used to purchase two police cars from the city of Alma. \$100,000 will be transferred to the Street Fund to chip and seal Cedarville road in 2016, and \$44,000 will be transferred to Street Fund to pay the city's share of the Mill Pond Road project. Approximately \$10,000 was used to pay the IRS delinquent payroll taxes that a previous Treasurer failed to pay.

The Street Department received approximately \$41,000 in restitution money. This money was invested in the Street Department to purchase a backhoe, a sand and salt spreader box and a ¾ ton F250 diesel truck. The remainder of restitution money in each department will be placed in reserve.

County Judge John Hall agreed to partner with the city and applied chip and seal to Armer Lane. Prosecutor Marc McCune assisted our Police Department by providing much needed equipment and uniforms. Sheriff Ron Brown also provided essential equipment to our Police Department. The cooperation between city and county officials resulted in tens of thousands of dollars of savings for our city.

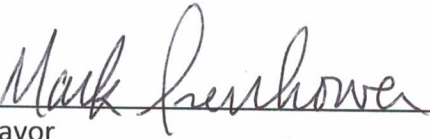
The Mayor then discussed the issues during the recent past including years of theft from the City, nepotism, a vehicle in use that was titled to a citizen of Scott County, and other issues that reflected negatively on Cedarville. After the embezzlement was finally discovered and new

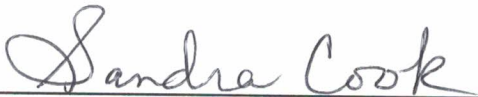
rules of city government established, the City has begun the slow process of earning the trust and respect of its citizens.

This improvement process is occurring primarily because a number of citizens cared enough to become involved in the city government and effect positive change. When the previous Treasurer was discovered to be stealing city funds, she resigned and Brenda Breshears volunteered to step up and work to correct the many problems in the Treasurer's office. K. C. McClendon, Tim Breshears and Jon Odom decided to become involved in our city government by running for positions on the city council. After a councilman resigned in April, Nina Prater volunteered and was appointed to serve out the remaining term. To comply with the new rules now in place, Brenda Breshears resigned as Treasurer when her husband Tim took office as Alderman. Sandy Cook then volunteered to serve our city as Treasurer and Recorder. The previous mayor resigned in May due to health issues, and Mark Isenhower volunteered and was appointed to finish the Mayor's term.

The City is on solid footing and is focused on serving the needs of its citizens by conducting business in an efficient, legal and transparent manner.

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman McClendon and seconded by Alderman Breshears. Passed 4-0.

  
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