# CITY OF CEDARVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES July 18, 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 June regular monthly meeting minutes was made by Alderman Odom and seconded by Alderman Johnson. Passed 4-0

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

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Grounds Supervisor Kenneth Brenton reported the department has been busy removing downed tree limbs and trees caused by rain and wind.

Police Chief Ken Howard reported 17 citizen calls, 2 assists to other agencies, 10 citations, 12 warning citations, 0 alarms answered, 0 accidents, 3 arrests, 6 felonies and misdemeanor reports filed, and 0 warrants served. Code Enforcement Officer Sandusky issued 11 warnings, predominately concerning house numbers.

Chief Howard requested the City to donate two of the old Dodge Chargers to the Kibler police force. A motion to donate two Dodge Chargers to Kibler was made by Alderman Breshears and seconded by Alderman McClendon. Passed 4-0 The Kibler Chief of Police was very appreciative for the donation.

Fire Chief Cody Cooper reported 1 structure fire call, 14 medical calls, 1 roadway obstruction and 1 assist. Two volunteers are attending training in Northwest Arkansas. There are currently 15 volunteers on the roster.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There will be two dumpsters placed inside the red gate by the fire station for fall cleanup on October 7.

A motion to place a dumpster for clean up four times a year (January, April, July, and October) was made by Alderman McClendon and seconded by Alderman Odom. Passed 4-0

An engineer from the Park Grant committee visited to review the City park needs. The grant has been approved. The engineer suggested more benches, repairing of playground equipment, toddler area addition, another table – handicap accessible, bridge across ditch toward area where senior center will be built and maybe four solar lights.

### CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jaunita Noble of 8606 Hwy 59 requested the City consider an ordinance to require all fireworks to be finished by 11:00 p.m. During the Fourth of July holiday, fireworks were displayed until 2:30 a.m. Mayor Pinkerton will check the policies of other cities in the area.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Mayor and the Treasurer requested the Council to clarify from which area the funds should be allocated to cover the increase in the pay for the Police officers. A motion for funds to be allocated from the reserve in the General Fund was made by Alderman McClendon and seconded by Alderman Odom. Passed 4-0

After discussion, a motion that officers on-call are not restricted to stay home but asked to stay in Crawford County was made by Alderman Breshears and seconded by Alderman McClendon. Passed 4-0

The Council also asked Attorney Brister to write a policy for on-call officers and present to the Chief and the Mayor for approval before presenting the policy to the Council in the August meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Pinkerton presented Resolution # 2023-07-18-01, authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Cedarville Public schools for the 2023-2024 school year for employment of an SRO. A motion to approve Resolution # 2023-07-18-01 was made by Alderman Odom and seconded by Alderman Breshears. Passed 4-0

Discussion was held concerning which roads to consider for resurfacing. The Mayor recommended the 468' at the end of Thompson as one possibility. Judge Keith has been consulted about cost and collaboration for the City. This discussion was tabled until more information can be obtained.

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

Mayor

Recorder/Treasurer