

CITY OF RECTOR

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MAR. 2, 2015

The Rector City Council met in regular session at 6:00 P.M. on Monday Mar. 2, 2015, at Rector City Hall. Those present were Mayor Teresa L. Roofe, Aldermen David Romine, Iva Fahr, Ryan Lawrence, and Lark Sigsby, City Attorney Kimberly Dale, Recorder/Treasurer Shelia Dale, Fire Chief Huston Bowden, and Police Chief Glenn Leach. Supt. Todd Watson was absent.

Mayor Roofe asked for the review of the minutes from February and one correction was noted. Alderman Sigsby moved to accept the Feb. minutes with correction and Alderman Romine 2nd. All voted Aye and the minutes were approved.

From the audience Nate Henderson with the Youth Softball-Baseball League approached the council with a request for financial assistance during spring months with the electricity at the ballpark. He provided the council with information on expenditures and income from the 2014 season at the Rector Sports Complex. He noted around 150 children participate in pee-wee and little league during this time and with volunteerism on the decline any help council could provide is appreciated. Council will review and gave appreciation for all Mr. Henderson did in so many ways for Rector's children.

Also from the audience came Marvin Gatewood asking the city to look into investment of a snow blower due to the amount of inclement weather experienced during the past few winters. He had checked costs for one to use at businesses in making the paths clearer and safer for citizens. He also asked about the city's intention toward 2 buildings on Main St. where awnings had fallen due to heavy snows as he is interested in buying them, renovating for future use. Council gave their blessing stating they had no inclination to do so. He also, reported a damaged fire plug at 3rd St. and Woodland Hts.

Fire Chief Bowden gave the Council new copies of the By-Laws as discussed last month. This revision further gave definition to inactive firefighters. Alderman Romine moved to accept the new Fire Dept. By-Laws, Alderman Sigsby 2nd. All voted Aye and the By-Laws for Rector Fire Dept. were accepted. Also, Chief Bowden introduced the Arkansas Firewise program to the council which will educate homeowners about importance of defensible space surrounding homes. This will offer training to the departments about wildfires and offers up to \$2500 in grant money too. Alderman Sigsby moved to amend the agenda to add voting on 3 new volunteer firefighters to the roster; Alderman Lawrence 2nd with all voting Aye. The department offered Brad Carter, Nancy Eoff, and Ronny Brandaberry. Alderman Fahr moved to accept Brandaberry; Alderman Romine 2nd. All voted Aye and the motion passed. Alderman Sigsby

moved to accept Nancy Eoff with Alderman Fahr 2nd; all voted Aye and the motion passed. Alderman Fahr moved to accept Brad Carter with a 2nd by Alderman Lawrence; all voted Aye and the motion passed.

Alderman Romine gave information for Supt. Watson in his absence. Still to be done is water tower maintenance. Advising the council of the tie into St. Francis water district cost that is unknown at present; but very costly but this is likely the only option available to the city. Watson noted fire hydrant replacement is still much needed. Attorney Dale suggested that a bond to meet these needs may be the way to go. Mayor Roofe noted a sewer bond obligation prevents the city from addressing a new one at present. No action was taken on any water issues. Alderman Romine advised too that an old grant was left "on the table" from years ago after being approved. Council at that time decided to de-obligate the \$77250 back to NRC.

Mayor Roofe reviewed the dept. reports. –all attached

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Property issues-The 402 E 4th St. property has been sold to Joy Forsythe and Kenneth Stanley , the previous owner, has left town. Larry Gore fell and will be unable to make tonight's meeting as advised.

Other business- Coach Norman from Rector Schools asks for financial help to build enclosures at the dugouts at the baseball fields. Discussion followed about ownership of city property/school property and responsibility of maintenance.

Downtown city park is reported to have landscape issues. Some timbers are rotting and allowing berms to fall in; bid to correct the issue is \$2500 from Cathy Diddle. Discussion followed about mowing responsibilities and bidding that contract.

Discussed using Richard Petty individually or a maintenance fee for any snow event in the future.

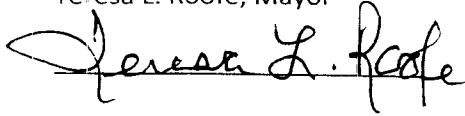
Discussed clearing of roads within cemetery during winter weather funerals. Council was unsure who is responsible?

Council offered more discussion on ownership of building that Mr. Gatewood addressed on Main St.

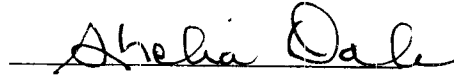
Alderman Romine mentioned the bid on Airport Improvement due Mar. 10.

Alderman Sigsby moved to adjourn; Alderman Romine 2nd with all voting Aye. The meeting adjourned.

Teresa L. Roofe, Mayor

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Shelia Dale, Recorder-Treasurer

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