

CITY OF RECTOR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 4, 2015

The Rector City Council met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. on May 4, 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, Supt. Todd Watson, Fire Chief Huston Bowden, and Police Chief Glenn Leach.

Mayor Roofe called the meeting to order with the review of the minutes from April. She noted once correction: the amount of money the city was to borrow for the Airport Grant was to total amount of that grant, \$73,000. Alderman Sigsby moved to accept the minutes with that correction; Alderman Romine 2nd and all voted Aye. Minutes approved.

First on the agenda was Marvin Gatewood stating that he had had no meeting with the city or the zoning committee concerning the code enforcement issue he addressed in April meeting. He came asking for International building code to be adopted by the city as he is "held up" on going ahead with his investors for the purchase of 2 buildings on Main St. Discussion followed about how the city was holding up progress on his investment. Gatewood was asked if any investor had personally seen the buildings in question to which his answer was no. His other issue was about a business on Main St that allowed large trucks to be serviced on the street as one is sitting there at present time. Mike Dowdy with Rector Zoning committee was present and noted he would not be able to satisfy Gatewood with zoning standards as they stood now. No meeting was planned.

Resolution for Airport-Mayor Roofe explained the way financing was made re: grant monies and Alderman Romine moved to pass Res. 2015-3, Resolution authorizing the mayor and treasurer of the city of Rector to enter into a loan agreement with Centennial Bank for improvements to the airport in connection with the 90/10 grant and for other purposes. Alderman Sigsby 2nd and Attorney Dale read the Resolution. Mayor Roofe asked for any questions advising that CDs at Centennial were collateral against the loan. Alderman Fahr moved to approve Res. 2015-3, and Alderman Romine 2nd. All voted Aye and the Res. passed.

Supt. Watson gave the council information on painting the water tower with 90 days needed in which Rector will purchase/trade off water from St. Francis Water Dist. Meeting is set for May 19 at 1 at their Paragould office. A committee including Watson, Romine, and Lawrence (tentative) will attend that meeting.

Fire Dept. Reports –attached. Chief Bowden gave council by-laws, advising state law allows

only yard waste burning. Discussion followed re: the new tenants at Rector Sportswear building now owned by Roger Moore with 6 now employed making charcoal boxes. Chief Bowden did a walk through inspection instructing Moore about fire extinguishing system.

All Departmental reports attached

Property issues- 615 E. 4th St. No progress seen by Supt. Watson. Home sale is not completed yet. 1205 S. Phillips shows very little done and council asked Supt. Watson to attempt to get a plan of action, time/date from Gore. *fyro*

Supt Watson read a letter to Council by "embarrassed citizen". The letter addressed a property in the city. Unsigned letters, he noted, are hard to respond to.

He advised that Steve Horton has been hired through Staffmark as tractor driver and city is seeking a weed eater operator. Watson has been advised that the Crockett home on N. Main will be taken down per Sherland Hamilton.

Alderman Sigsby moved to develop an exploratory committee to learn more on "code enforcement". All Aldermen were anxious to be a part of it. Alderman Lawrence 2nd. All voted Aye. They will meet with Supt. Watson.

Other business –Alderman Romine noted a Rector citizen is unhappy with a neighbor burning palletwood in a firepit every night. Discussion followed.

Mayor noted that littering was "against the law" and punishable by fine and for all citizens to be mindful. She especially noticed the highway ditches along Hwy. 49/1 as you travel through the city.

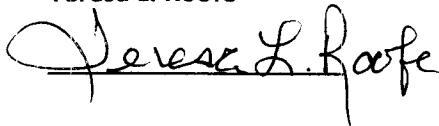
A big thank you to Clarence and Jane Huffman for the many hours they volunteer working at the Labor Day park area. Also thanks to Leland Blackshare and Charles Manchester.

This Thurs is National Day of Prayer and will be held in the downtown park.

A meeting at Rector National Guard Armory May 12th to discuss closing of our armory is at 1:00. Please come. Rep. Joe Jett has been invited.

Alderman Sigsby moved to adjourn. Alderman Fahr 2nd and all voted Aye. Meeting adjourned.

Teresa L. Roofe



Shelia Dale, Recorder-Treasurer

