

**City of Rector**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**JUNE 1, 2015**

The Rector City Council met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. on Monday June 1, 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. Alderman Romine moved that the minutes be accepted as reviewed with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Sigsby. All voted Aye - the minutes were approved.

Water Tower Update- Supt. Watson updated the council re: the meeting with St. Francis Water District and with Clay County Water. Due to the results shown on elevation shots and hydrology reports the cost of needed booster pumps to pump for the city during painting time, at present Supt. Watson saw that it isn't feasible to commit to either option. He is, however, looking at an alternate plan, along with Aldermen Romine and Lawrence.

Larry Gore came before the council about the renovation of his home at 1205 S. Phillips St. The council asked him from the Dec. 2014 meeting for updates. His letter tonight, again stated his intent to address these items and time he was to have completed. Since very little seemed to be accomplished since Dec. other than removal of some shrubs, Supt. Watson suggested the city hire a building inspector to give an unbiased professional view of the home. The city would likely bear that expense. The idea was tabled for now with Gore told to return in July.

Purchase of Backhoe- Supt. Watson showed the council estimates of a new Case 590 backhoe at a purchase of \$82,000, using a local bid on the old backhoe of \$18,000 final cost will leave \$64,000. Government bids only go out for the size 590 now. Council moved into discussion of moving money from the demolition account (\$10,000) into backhoe budget if need be. Alderman Romine moved to purchase the 590 Case backhoe using the demolition account monies and a 60 month loan through Centennial Bank at \$1200 month. , Alderman Lawrence 2<sup>nd</sup> , All voted Aye and the motion passed.

Airport Grant Resolution – A motion to set aside Res. 2015-3 from May meeting, and to pass Res. 2015-4, a Resolution Authorizing the Rector Water Improvement District #2 of the City of Rector, Ar to allow certificates of Deposit to be used 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. Motion was made by Alderman Sigsby, Alderman Fahr 2<sup>nd</sup>. Attorney Dale read the Resolution. Alderman Romine moved to pass Resolution 2015-4; Alderman Sigsby 2<sup>nd</sup>. All voted Aye. Attorney Dale read Res. 2015-5, A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Treasurer of the City of Rector, Ar 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 Fahr moved that council accept the resolution with Alderman Sigsby 2<sup>nd</sup> ; Attorney Dale read Res. 2015-5. Alderman Romine moved to accept Res. 2015-5 with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Alderman Fahr and all voted Aye. Motion carried.

Supt. Watson reviewed Water reports, Code Enforcement: All attached

Police Chief Leach reported on his dept. –all attached

Alderman Romine moved to amend the agenda to include addition of a fireman. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Lawrence and all voted Aye. Agenda amended. Fire Chief Bowden added Shane Newman to roster bringing roster number to 22. Alderman Sigsby moved to make the addition with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Romine. All voted Aye.

Discussion about East Ark. Planning Development Data for NE Arkansas is now focused on gathering info needed by cities possibly to be used in grant finding. Supt. Watson was to look into asking for help toward that goal.

Property – 615 E 4<sup>th</sup> St. is currently being torn down. 402 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St.- Joe Forsythe provided dates to Supt. Watson. Council decided to make no additions to the list for condemnation until after Labor Day.

A question by Alderman Sigsby from an elderly patron and what to do with yard waste. Supt. Watson noted before Labor Day a clean- up day may be allowed using city workers; he will advise a date for such at later meeting. A home at 620 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St. was mentioned by Alderman Romine for possibly being placed on the list by Supt. Watson. Mayor Roofe suggested a “Spruce up businesses before Labor Day”

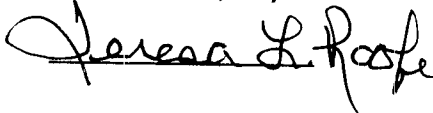
Deania Mills at the Public Library reported that the A/C unit is going out and asks who is responsible for maintaining it. City owns that building. Council advised that she contact Marvin Gatewood about the matter.

Mayor Roofe sadly reported that General Berry had informed her that the Rector Armory will be closing by Oct 1, 2015. Mayor Roofe stated that the school is interested in that building, as is the Fire Dept. As the building will be deeded back to the city; the council will be making that decision.

Again, this year a suggestion was made that the window décor be painted on downtown like last year. Someone will be in touch with the painter soon.

Alderman Romine moved to adjourn and Alderman Fahr 2<sup>nd</sup>. All voted Aye; meeting adjourned.

Teresa L. Roofe, Mayor



Shelia Dale, Recorder/Treasurer

