

CITY OF RECTOR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 6, 2014

The Rector City Council met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. on Oct. 6, 2014, at Rector City Hall. Those present were Mayor G. David Freeman, Aldermen Lavern Manchester, Cam Cate, David Romine, and Teresa Roofe, Recorder/Treasurer Shelia Dale, City Attorney Kimberly Dale, Supt. Todd Watson, Fire Chief Huston Bowden. Police Chief Glenn Leach was absent. Mayor Freeman called the meeting to order and asked for the reading of the minutes.

Recorder/Treasurer Dale read the minutes of the Sept. 8th meeting. Alderman Cate moved to accept the minutes and Alderman Roofe 2nd. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Alderman Cate moved to amend the agenda to include discussion of pay raises for elected officials. Alderman Romine 2nd. All voted Aye to amend tonight's agenda.

From the audience: Dawn Hopson introduced several young people in attendance who, like her children, were interested in a skateboard park. The Mayor and Supt. Watson had visited the park at Piggott and noted what might be required. Council asked Hopson to gather information from the kids about what they wanted in the park so they might look into more exact costs and any grant monies available. The council individually voiced their approval if monies can be found.

Water Dept –Report attached

Street Dept – Report attached Supt. Watson reports that cut outs had been done to several streets. Discussion followed about an issue at the corner of the Flash Mkt. lot re: a box eroding and who maintains it. Engineers were to be coming soon from the Highway Dept. since that box is at intersection of Hwy 90 and Hwy 49.

Police Dept. –Report attached Council had questions about figures on the report and noted the numbers were reversed. (will be corrected)

Community Center- The annual fall craft fair is coming soon and booth rentals are at a premium.

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Fire Dept –Supt. Bowden asked the council for funding for mandated tests for pumps and trucks. Cost will be \$500 per truck, totalling approximately \$1500 annually. Mayor gave the affirmative to do so. Bowden had some budget concerns: training equipment needed, and extra day of training, a drop in the USDA monies available. Once more, testing of hydrants was required. City had around 110 hydrants and manpower to test and carry on city needs was a strain. ARWA was a possibility for financial help in taking care of this.

Property Issues –Supt. Watson reports that 616 Greenville was turned back to State of Ar. It can be taken from the list for now. 305 W 5th St, the Glenn Moore home is still a menace. 615 E 4th St was mentioned by Supt. Watson as was 402 E 4th. 513 S Ballard, Doyle Eastman owns and 1215 S. Phillips, the Gore home. These 5 can possibly be added to the list for condemnation. No official action was made.

Supt. Watson had received a letter to the council from Chris Busby re: the old Antique store beside Mike Trail’s office. He asked for time to fix the building and roof.

Noted too, that the Earls Air Conditioning store owned by Greg Downs, shared a wall with the Training Center. Water was running off and between the adjoining walls damaging the center.

Pay raise- After looking at information given to the council showing other cities’ pay scales, Alderman Cate suggested council members receive \$200 per month in the coming year and comparable increase for Mayor and recorder treasurer. Attorney Dale advised for the record that she was an elected to the City as well. All aldermen agreed to the increase which will be done by Ordinance per Attorney Dale.

Other business: Mayor Freeman noted to the council that Jan. 1st Long term disability at \$6.00 per month per employee will go into effect. He may call a special meeting due to his neck surgery in regarding the 2015 budget. The 2013 STATE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT was completed with only minor corrections noted. That audit review was done early Oct.

Alderman Cate noted that Hopson and all the young people who attended tonight’s meeting were very attentive and he appreciated their input.

Alderman Roofe moved to adjourn; Alderman Romine 2nd. All voted Aye and the meeting adjourned.

G. David Freeman, Mayor

Shelia Dale, Recorder-Treasurer
