

**BAY CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
220 ELDER STREET, BAY AR**

**APRIL 11, 2016 7:00 p.m.**

Mayor Kirby opened the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

**Invocation:** Larry Hall

**Roll Call** (Council) Alderman Philip VanWinkle, Alderman Larry Hall, Alderman Donald Gray, Alderman Donnie Davis, all present. Alderman Jennifer Francomano present at 7:36 p.m. Alderman Bill McMasters-absent.

**Other Department Roll Call:** Police Chief Paul Keith, present. The following were absent: Water Supervisor James Robertson, and Street Supervisor Bobby Robertson

**Guests:** Bay Police Officer T.J. Burns, K-9 Officer Fredo Bay, and Volunteer Fireman Carter Keith.

**Approval of Minutes** from February 9, 2016 (no meeting in March) Motion to accept minutes as presented by VanWinkle/Seconded by Davis/no further discussion/Motion passed 4/0.

**Inter local agreement with County:** Members were given copies of the agreement with signatures. Everyone (Cities in Craighead County) are going to use Abilities Unlimited for the Recycle Program. Attorney Kevin Orre (representing City of Brookland), looked over the agreement did not see any problems. All mayors agreed to enter into a one year agreement and see how things go after the first year. The contract will expire May 2017. The Land fill will mail a check to each city, and each city will pay the invoiced amount from Abilities Unlimited. Tipping fees at the landfill were raised .50, but will pass .35 to each city. The original “blue bags” will run out some time in July, and the Landfill said they would buy/furnish “totes” for anyone that wants to continue using the program. Motion to accept program by Hall/seconded by Davis/no further discussion/motion passed 4/0.

**Gates:** Mayor made several calls about installing gates at the pound. No one got back in touch with him, and Moss was still honoring their estimates. Moss is currently installing the gates now.

**Resolution G** “A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE PROCEDURAL RULES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BAY FOR THE YEAR 2016”. Council members received a copy of the resolution in February to pass at the March meeting, but the meeting was canceled in March. It was brought to the Mayors attention that the

resolution must be renewed each year by resolution. Motion to suspend full reading, and to read heading only by VanWinkle/seconded by Hall/no further discussion/Motion passed 4/0. Mayor Kirby read the heading. Motion to accept the resolution by VanWinkle/seconded by Hall/no further discussion/motion passed 4/0.

**Pay Rate for New City Employee:** Mayor told council Brian Strickland was hired in 2013 with a starting pay of \$10.50, and it was voted last year to pay Donnie Stewart a part time rate per hour of \$11.00. Hall made a motion to start the new employee at \$11.00/hour with benefits. Seconded by Davis/Discussion: Mayor advised the council that Stewart does not want full time employment for now. Stewart comes in around 6am, and leaves about noon. The Mayor said Stewart had been very helpful. Davis asked why Stewart was doing things that James Robertson should be, and was hired to do. The Mayor said James knows how to do all the things Stewart is doing, but there has been a lot going on. VanWinkle said James should not be mowing. Davis then asked why there was a delay in putting in the curtain at the sewer plant. Kirby said they could only find one company that could put the curtain in. Gray asked if the city hired a new person if Stewart would still be working. Mayor, “no, and he knows that”. Hall said we were paying Stewart part time wages for his expertise. Hall said with regard to pay rate for a new employee, they needed to remember he is a replacement for James Lee, and benefits should be considered in the pay. Davis asked if part time employees received any benefits. Mayor: no. Gray: new employee able to weld? Mayor: no. VanWinkle: the skills are out of our hands, I am sticking to the pay rate. Hall: We can still make suggestions. Davis: I think we need to keep Stewart on part time, and all agreed. No further discussion/all ayes 5/0.

**Well motor:** Mayor reminded council we received a grant for \$5,000.00 for the motor in January 2016. We are still working with Bay Electric. Casey from Bay Electric said it would cost approximately \$8,500, We have back up plans, and a new shaft. Davis: Do we have another well head? Mayor: yes. Bay Electric rebuilt it about 10 years ago. We also have enough storage for 2 days. The head was replaced in 2006. The noise is coming from the motor, not the head. The curtain that needs replacing at the sewer pond will cost about \$8,000 in labor. We already have the curtain (purchased a couple years ago). The plans are to have the curtain in tomorrow. VanWinkle: Do they guarantee it? Mayor: yes. I also suggest we use a water C.D. to pay for it and to help with the well motor. Davis: If it needs to be done, then we need to get it done. Motion to cash in a CD of at least \$10k on the water funds by Davis/seconded by Gray/no further discussion/all ayes/Motion passed 5/0.

Mayor Kirby said an ad had been put in the newspaper for taking bids on city roofs. Beeson was the only company that gave a bid for all the roofs, but they did not give an itemized statement. They used the insurance estimate and said they would do the work for the amount of payment received. Noting is leaking and it was agreed that we needed more bids to make a decision. VanWinkle made a motion to take more bids with itemized estimate on each building/Seconded by Hall/no further discussion/all ayes/motion passed 5/0.

**Spring Clean Up:** Dedman’s Sanitation will be picking up for “Spring Clean Up” from May 9<sup>th</sup> thru the 13<sup>th</sup>. No tires, siding or shingles.

**Police and 911 Report:** Chief Keith gave copies of police report and 911 report for last 3 months. No discussion

**New K-9:** Chief Keith, and K9 Handler T.J. Burns brought in Fredo to meet the council.

**Termites at Bank Building:** Termites were showing up on the windows at the bank. McDaniel from Town and Country Pest Control gave a quote of treatment for \$425.00, and then \$175.00 for the next 2 years. Gray: Do we have termite contracts on any other buildings? Mayor: no.

**Washington Dc trip:** Mayor said he was flying to D.C. to meet about the F.E.M.A. and the studies in Bay. F.E.M.A. is now giving a day in 2017 to complete the study. The mayor said he had emailed several times, but never got any replies.

**City Emails:** Mayor Kirby said we are setting up a new city email. The current address of “bayarkansas.org” is an account with go daddy, but no one was sure what server was being used to download the emails. The account name has been changed to “cityofbay.org” and changes have been secured. Someone has access to all our emails, but no one could tell us who it was. It will now be secure, which is important for our police department to have a very secure and private email setting.

**Rural service convention** is May 27<sup>th</sup> in Rogers Arkansas. Mayor Kirby asked if anyone would like to attend. Hall said yes, Francomano said maybe. Mayor Kirby said he had to know for certain by May 1, 2016. . Also, for a reminder, the AML Convention is scheduled for June 14-17 this year. VanWinkle said he would not be able to attend

**Ball Park:** Mayor Kirby said the city tried to spray the ball fields last year, but it just didn't work very well. USA (that sprays city hall property), would do it for \$728.81 The spray would clean out all the clover on an area 3.1 acres. Moss fence company is going to look at the fences that need repaired out there. 2 fields need a lot of work. Then the lights have been the big ordeal. Two lights have been out on the south field. Bay Electric said something was grounding way up high. VanWinkle has been asking the city to sign up with Tip Taps, and the Mayor has done that. We can get rid of some of the bidding process now, and in the case to get the lights fixed, we can use Tip Taps to look for a vendor that can take care of the problem. Walking track lights also need to be repaired. The vendor suggested was RGB, and all agreed to use the street fund account for outside lighting.

There being no further business/VanWinkle made a motion to adjourn/seconded by Davis/no further discussion/all ayes 5/0. Meeting adjourned.

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Darrell Kirby, Mayor

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Attest: Sandi Ladd Griffin, Treas/Recorder