**BAY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**JULY 8, 2024**

**MAYOR KEITH CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER: 6:00 P.M.**

**INVOCATION: CURTIS HOGAN**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE WERE:**

**WADE HAMILTON-ABSENT**

**ROB BURGESS**

**GRAHAM ELDRIDGE**

**DARRELL KIRBY-ABSENT**

**DAVID MILAM**

**CURTIS HOGAN-ABSENT**

**CITY ATTORNEY IN ATTENDANCE: ZACH MORRISON**

**POLICE CHIEF IN ATTENDANCE: KEITH MILAM**

**GUESTS:**

**JIM GRAMLING – SAI JERROD SELF**

**RAJUV KUMAR ALEXIS WILEY**

**CLAYTON SNOW**

**BECKY KEITH**

**THREE COUNCILMEN WERE IN ATTENDANCE WHICH DOES NOT MAKE A QUORUM. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN GRAHAM ELDRIDGE TO ACCEPT MAYOR KEITH AS THE FOURTH ELIGIBLE PERSON, THUS MAKING A QUORUM TO CONTINUE WITH THE MEETING. DAVID MILAM 2ND**

**MOTION PASSED 4-0**

**MAY MINUTES WERE THE 1ST ITEM ON THE AGENDA.**

**DAVID MILAM MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MAY MINUTES AND ROB BURGESS 2ND THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED 4-0.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**COLONY CIRCLE:**

**COLONY CIRCLE REZONING WAS VOTED ON AND PASSED BY THE JUNE 25, 2024, MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE. MOTION WAS MADE BY GRAHAM ELDRIDGE AND 2ND BY DAVID MILAM TO SUSPEND RULES TO WAIVE 3 READINGS AND ORDINANCE 2024-3 WAS PASSED WITH EMERGENCY CLAUSE UNDER ONE READING. MOTION PASSED 4-0. DAVID MILAM MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE READING OF ORDINANCE 2024-3. ROB BURGESS 2ND AND THE MOTION PASSED 4-0.**

**GRANTS COMMITTEE:**

**THE GRANTS COMMITTEE MET AND DISCUSSED THE POSSIBLILTY OF APPLYING FOR SEVERAL GRANTS. THE MAYOR REACHED OUT TO THE EAST ARKANSAS PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BUT AS OF DATE HE HAS RECEIVED NO RESPONSE. LOOKING FORWARD TO RECEIVING GRANTS FOR A “FUN PARK” NEXT YEAR.**

**WATER SOFTWARE:**

**UB4 WATER SOFTWARE TRANSITION IS COMPLETE. THE NEW SOFTWARE OFFERS MORE OPTIONS TO PAY. THIS SOFTWARE HAS THE CAPABILITY TO CONNECT ALL METERS TO AN ELECTRIC METER READ.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CLAYTON SNOW ADDRESSED THE “CAT” PROBLEM ON CHURCH STREET. THE CITY HAS NO WAY OF CATCHING THE CATS OR A PLACE TO HOUSE THEM. SEVERAL WAYS OF CONTAINING THE CATS WAS DISCUSSED.**

**STREET AID PROJECT: REPRESENTATIVES CAME TO EVALUATE THOMAS, THE END OF PAULA AND HOLT STREETS. THE MAYOR WAS INFORMED THESE STREETS WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE GRANT PROGRAM. THE FIRST ESTIMATE WAS $86,000. WE SHOULD FIND OUT IF WE RECEIVE THE GRANT MONIES BY NOVEMBER.**

**THE PAVING ISSUES EFFECTING RANDY STREET WAS DISCUSS.**

**FLOOD MAPS: WE WILL BE PASSING AN ORDIANCE FOR NEW FLOOD MAPS. WE MUST CHOOSE BETWEEN THE EXISTING COUNTY ORDIANCE OR CREATING A NEW ONE. THE COUNCIL DECIDED TO TABLE THE PASSAGE OF ORDIANCE 2024-4.**

**CITY STREET SIGNS:**

**THE PRISON SYSTEM GAVE A QUOTE OF APPROXIMATELY $3,000.00 TO MAKE NEW STREET SIGNS.**

**SENIOR CENTER:**

**PRECISION TRIM CRAFT REPLACED THE ROOF ON THE SENIOR BUILDING. THE FINAL INVOICE WAS $7,206.88.**

**PARK UPGRADES:**

**MAYOR KEITH HAS REQUESTED AN ESTIMATE FROM PRECISION TRIM CRAFT TO BUILD 3 PAVILLIONS. THESE WOULD BE CONTRUCTED OF WOOD WITH METAL ROOFS. THE PLANS INCLUDE 12’ X 12’ PADS FOR BBQ GRILLING, A PICKLE BOARD COURT AND TO REDO THE CURRENT BASKETBALL COURT.**

**THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ARE HOPING TO ADD A REMODEL OF THE KITCHEN AND DOUBLE THE SIZE OF THE BUILDING WHEN PREPARING THE 2025 BUDGET.**

**POLICE REPORTS:**

**A VIDEO CAMERA WAS ADDED AT THE BALL PARK BUT MORE ARE NEEDED IN TOWN.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

**THE DOLLAR GENERAL FIRE WILL AFFECT THE NEW SALES TAX WE ARE TO COLLECT. HOPING FOR A QUICK REPAIR AND OPENING.**

**TRANSPORTATION: LOOKING FOR FUTURE GRANTS TO SUPPLY THE NEEDS FOR OUR CITIZENS. MAYOR KEITH HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE TRUMANN MAYOR. HE IS HOPING THEY WILL BE ABLE TO HELP US UNTIL WE CAN FIND THE MONEY TO CARE FOR THE CITY’S NEEDS.**

**DRAINAGE:**

**COUNCILMAN ELDRIDGE RAISED DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE CITY’S DRAINAGE ISSUES. IT WAS DECIDED THE MAYOR WILL CHECK WITH OUR CITY ENGINEER TO EVALUATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

**WATER/SEWER:**

**THE PUMPING STATION LOCATED BEHIND THE NICHOLS’ HOME IS IN THE PROCESS OF REPAIR. ALMOST READY TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION OF THE BLOCK BUILDING TO COVER THE PUMPS.**

**NO FUTHER BUSINESS AT THIS TIME. THE MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN BY DAVID MILAM AND 2ND BY GRAHAM ELDRIDGE.**