

Little River City Council

By Denice Dater

The Little River City Council met in regular session Monday, June 20, 2016. Mayor Donnie Teeters called the meeting to order. Council members present were Doug Eller, Lucas Raleigh, John Tietjens, and Danny Stephenson.

The minutes of the previous session were approved as presented.

Public Comments:

Karen McLean was present to update the council on park improvements and discuss her park fund raiser. She has purchased some plants and trimmed existing plants, she cleans the park weekly. The Front Porch, a resale shop on her porch opens June 21, 10-2 Tues.- Fri. Proceeds will go for more plants for the park.

Departments:

Maintenance: Jared Jones reported a smoke test of city sewers will take place next week; a gas leak was repaired, lift pumps installed, and 5 tons of cold patch was delivered.

Law Enforcement: BJ Smith submitted a written report. All Rice County Departments received a Grab To Go Bag, purchased through a grant.

City Clerk: Sue Peters reported: The city received a KFU safety dividend check from the insurance company; May city sales tax: \$2822.33; county sales tax: \$3042.96; alcohol tax, \$782.35; she will need to set up a new fund in the budget, Parks and Recreation. 1/2 of the alcohol tax will go in this fund; the council approved a request from the Little River Learning Center for a key to the restroom at the park; shared a resident concern about need to mow Clutter Hill, this will be taken care of; shared a resident concern about using a shipping crate for a backyard shed, mayor will check into this; will replace rock in a city alley that was eroded away from heavy rains.

Unfinished Business:

A motion passed to offer a contract to Central Tank to paint the water tower for \$23,000 with spot priming or up to \$30,000 for full undercoat if needed.

New Business:

The council accepted a bid of \$54,284 for street repairs.

Held a discussion on the upcoming budget.

Approved a water hook-up for Joseph Gaylor.

Approved reappointing Bert Buchanan-representative & Elizabeth Prose-alternate to Rice County Council on Aging.

Looked at a preliminary drawing of a city sign for Alber Park, requested another choice before making a decision.

The mayor signed a letter seeking an extension on environmental review, if needed, for the street project requested by the State Historical Society, seeking an inventory of all our brick streets.

Passed Resolution 122, condemnation proceedings on the house at 550 Eagle Street

A motion passed to pay the bills as presented.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will Monday, July 11 at 7:00 p.m.