MARCH 20TH, 2014 BUSINESS MEETING OF THE ROCKPORT CITY COUNCIL

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Regular Meeting of the City Council

City of Rockport
1472 Military Road, Rockport, Arkansas

Thursday, March 20. 2014

Rockport City Council met on Thursday, March 20, 2014, at the new Rockport City Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Hughes led the Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Prayer:

Opening prayer by Ruth Ann Crites

Call to Order:

Mayor Hughes called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call:

The following Council Members were present during the meeting:
Ruth Ann Crites, Brenda Womble, Dan Long and Melinda Baker.

Others Present:

Judy Cook, Carl Cook, Ronnie Hollomon, Kevin Rash

Reading of Minutes:

Motion to accept the Minutes of the February 11, 2014, meeting made by Council Member Womble. Second by Council Member Crites. Motion passed. (Long-Y. Baker-Y, Womble-Y, Crites-Y)

Motion to accept the Minutes of the February 24, 2014, meeting made by Council Member Baker. Second by Council Member Womble. Motion passed. (Crites-Y. Womble-Y, Baker-Y, Long-Y)

Financial Report:

Motion to accept the Financial Report for February 2014 made by Council Member Long. Second by Council Member Baker. Motion passed. (Baker-Y, Crites-Y, Long-Y, Womble-Y)

DEPARMENTAL REPORTS:

Police Department Report:

No report submitted.

Planning Commission:

Melinda Baker reported the Planning Commission discussed annexation, and asked permission for Damon to contact some of the property owners (Sand Road, Red Dog Lane, etc.) on rainy days when he cannot work on street department jobs. Discussed beautification "Adopt a Sign" for individuals to adopt a STOP sign and plant flowers etc.

Street Department:

Mayor Hughes reported there has not been much work on repairing the pot holes because Damon has been working on the new City Hall property. Mayor Hughes reported he is trying to get the Highway Department to put a "Rockport" sign at Exit 99.

Approval of Department Reports:

Motion to accept Department Reports presented made by Council Member Long. Second by Council Member Crites. Motion passed. (Womble-Y, Long-Y, Crites-Y, Baker-Y)

OLD BUSINESS

Public Facilities Board Appointments:

Some discussion of possible appointments to the Board. Need to provide those interested with a copy of the presentation from the Maumelle Facilities Board. Copies were given to Carl Cook and Kevin Rash.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance Amending 2013 Budget:

Ordinance #2014-05 "An Ordinance Providing for the Additional Appropriation of Funds for the Operation of the City of Rockport, Arkansas, for the Budget Year 2013" introduced by Council Member Baker.

Motion to accept Ordinance #2014-05 on 1st Reading made by Council Member Womble. Second by Council Member Crites. Passed. (Baker-Y, Womble-Y, Crites-Y, Long-Y)

Motion to place Ordinance #2014-05 on 2nd Reading by Title Only made by Council Member Baker. Second by Council Member Crites. Passed. (Long-Y, Baker-Y, Womble-Y, Crites-Y)

Motion to place Ordinance #2014-05 on 3rd Reading by Title Only and enact the Emergency Clause made by Council Member Long. Second by Council Member Baker. Passed (Crites-Y, Long-Y, Womble-Y, Baker-Y)

Motion to accept Ordinance #2014-05 "An Ordinance Providing for the Additional Appropriation of Funds for the Operation of the City of Rockport, Arkansas, for the Budget Year 2013" made by Council Member Baker. Second by Council Member Long. Passed. (Womble-Y, Crites-Y, Baker-Y, Long-Y)

Election Ordinance:

After much discussion on the wording of the Ordinance, it was decided to contact the Engineer and make sure that the wording is correct and easy for the residents to understand. To met on April 1, at 7:00 p.m. after the Planning Commission to complete this Ordinance.

Judge Burnett:

Judge Burnett ask that Rockport pay into her Retirement Fund. After much discussion motion made to set salary at $450.00 and Retirement at $76.50 a total of $526.50 a month to be paid into the Retirement Fund of Judge Burnett by Council Member Womble. Second by Council Member Baker. Motion passed. (Womble-Y, Crites-Y, Long-Y, Baker-Y)

Buildings at Old City Hall:

Council Member Womble would like the utilities turned off and bids taken on items that are not needed at the new City Hall. After some discussion, motion to put trailers up for sealed bids made by Council Member Baker. Second by Council Member Womble. Motion passed. (Crites-Y, Long-Y, Baker-Y. Womble-Y)

Other Business:

Council Member Baker brought up the subject of getting the equipment ready for summer - perhaps getting a larger bush hog for the new tractor. The Council agreed for Damon and Kevin Baker to check on bush hogs (sizes, prices, etc) and the possibility of trading in the old bush hog,

Adjournment:.

Council Member Crites made motion to adjourn. Second by Council Member Long. Motion carried and City Council adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Date: 4-8-2014

Approved: Darrell Hughes
Darrell Hughes, Mayor

Attest: Eloise Long
Eloise Long, Secretary