APRIL 8TH, 2014 BUSINESS MEETING OF THE ROCKPORT CITY COUNCIL

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Ditch on Military
Tree on Babcock

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MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the City Council

City of Rockport
1472 Military Road, Rockport, Arkansas

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

Rockport City Council met on Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at the Rockport City Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Hughes led the Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Prayer:

Opening prayer by Brenda Womble

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:

Patricia Bridges, Damon Dyer, Jan and Steve Childers

Reading of Minutes:

Motion to accept the Minutes of the March 20, 2014, meeting made by Council Member Womble. Second by Council Member Baker. Motion passed. (Crites-Y, Baker-Y, Womble-Y, Long-Y)

Motion to accept the Minutes of the April 1, 2014, meeting made by Council Member Womble. Second by Council Member Crites. Motion passed. (Long-Y. Womble-Y, Baker-Y, Crites-Y)

Financial Report:

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

After some discussion, motion to pay Attorney Sayer $2500.00 by Council Member Long, Second by Council Member Baker. Motion passes. (Womble-Y, Baker-Y,Long-Y, Crites-Y)

DEPARMENTAL REPORTS:

Police Department Report:

No report submitted.

Planning Commission:

Chairman Damon Dyer reported the Planning Commission had a short meeting and discussed annexation along the Bi-Pass. Council Member Womble reported that Debbie Gullet would like to adopt a STOP sign on Division and West Nix Road.

Street Department:

Damon Dyer reported that a ditch needs to be dug on Military Road to alleviate the water problem. Cost approximately $1000.00. Council Member Long made motion to have Kevin Baker dig this ditch with a cap of $1200.00, the ditch needs to be at least two feet away from the asphalt, and this will include installing culverts on two driveways. Motion second by Council Member Womble. Motion passed. (Crites-Y, Long- Y, Baker-Abstain, Womble-Y)

Gravel - Damon reported we need about two more loads on this property (new City Hall) and that Kevin has a source to get base coat gravel for about $200.00 a load. After some discussion, Council Member Long made motion to get two loads and spread on this property, get third load if needed at the $200.00 a load. Second by Council Member Womble. Motion passed (Crites-Y, Womble-Y)

After some discussion, motion made to purchase two loads of this gravel to stock pile at $200.00 a load by Council Member Long. Second by Council Member Womble. Motion passed. (Womble-Y, Long-Y, Crites-Y, Baker-Abstain).

Motion to stock pile this gravel on Baker property at the end of Phillips Road by Council Member Long. Second by Council Member Womble. Motion passed. (Crites-Y, Long-Y, Womble-Y, Baker-Abstain)

Damon asked that the Council be thinking about getting a larger salt spreader before next year and the ice.

Damon reported that Clarence Rice has offered to donate a side boom for the tractor. Damon said there would be some expense to fit the side boom to our tractor. Council advised Damon to contact Mr. Rice and accept his offer.

Approval of Department Reports:

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

OLD BUSINESS

Gary Martin:

Mayor Hughes presented Council Members with a copy of a proposal from Gary Martin (ATOKA) for Military Road Housing Project. After some discussion, motion to present this proposal to the Rockport Facilities Board made by Council Member Womble. Second by Council Member Long. Motion passed. (Womble-Y, Baker-Y, Crites-Y, Long-Y)

Rockport Facilities Board:

Mayor Hughes recommended the following to serve on the Facilities Board:
Anthony Bloom, Jan Childers, Kevin Rash, Robert Reid and Jerry Dodd.

Motion to accept these five to the Rockport Facilities Board made by Council Member Crites, Second by Council Member Baker. Motion passed. (Baker-Y, Womble-N, Long-Y, Crites-Y)

NEW BUSINESS

Tree on Babcock Street:

Mayor Hughes reported he has received a complaint from a property owner on Babcock Street regarding the cutting of a cedar tree by Entergy. The tree was growing up in the power lines and Entergy came and looked at the tree and contacted ABC Tree Cutting and had the tree cut down. Mayor Hughes is asking Entergy for a letter stating they are the ones who made the decision to cut the tree from their power lines.

Council Member Womble said she has received complaints regarding the soft ball field - grass needs cutting etc.

Adjournment:.

Council Member Long made motion to adjourn. Second by Council Member Womble. Motion carried and City Council adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Date: 5-6-2014

Approved: Darrell Hughes
Darrell Hughes, Mayor

Attest: Eloise Long
Eloise Long, Secretary