JULY 20TH, 2021 BUSINESS MEETING OF THE ROCKPORT CITY COUNCIL

Roll Call
Reading of Previous Minutes
Financial Statement
Planning Commission Report
Police Department Report
Street Department Report
Sewer Department Report

OLD BUSINESS

Approval for payment to DOXA from the General Fund
Bailey Hill and Natural Resource

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on raising Sewer Rates for households
Ordinance #21-03 - Preventing large trucks (18 Wheelers) from traveling on all City Streets.

Adjourn

Regular Meeting of the City Council

City of Rockport

1472 Military Road, Rockport Arkansas

Tuesday , July 20, 2021

Call to Order:

Mayor Crites called meeting to order at 4:58 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Crites led the Pledge of Allegiance

Open Prayer:

Opening prayer by Council Member Brenda Womble.

Roll Call:

The following council members were present:
Jim Shuffield, Melinda Baker, Darrell Hughes, Brenda Womble

Others Present:

Belinda Crites, City Recorder and Damon Dyer

Reading of Minutes:

Minutes from Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Motion to accept the Minutes by Council Member Womble
second by Council Member Shuffield
(Shuffield-Y, Baker-Y, Womble-Y, Hughes-Y) Motion Carried.

Financial Report:

Bank Statements for June 2021 were available.

Departmental Reports

Planning Commission:

Planning committee will go through all ordinances and get them all up to date.
Discussed 3-5 year plan and having the Mayor represent the City in dealing
with trying to get new businesses into Rockport.

Police Department:

Police reports from June 2021 were available for review.

Street Department:

Still clearing ditches due to rain, 4 still left to clean out. Researching 811 calls: so far, 4 from water company repairs and 6 from gas company repairs that didn't come and purchase permits to do work in Rockport city limits. Ordinance in place to purchase $100 permit or fined up to $500. Will research back to the beginning of 2021 and then submit bills to the perspective companies. Need to meet with Natural Resources and Jeremy and get some thing finished up.

Sewer Department:

Damon and Roger both took water and sewer class as continuing education for the sewer system.
Implementing a Journal to keep up with work needed and solution tried on each problem or project to confirm adjustments made are good or bad.
State inspector came by and gave Damon some recommendations to implement.
Will check grease at 10 house and place notes on all bills stating no grease down the sewer.

Motion to accept all departmental reports by Council Member Womble.
Second by Council Member Hughes.
(Hughes-Y, Shuffield-Y, Baker-Y, Womble-Y) Motion Carried

Old Business:

Motion made by Council Member Womble to approve the 416.66 payment to Doxa to come out of the General Fund for 2 yrs.
second by Council Member Hughes.

(Shuffield-Y, Baker-Y, Womble-Y, Hughes-Y) Motion Carried

Bailey Hill to be reviewed by new Lawyer
Jeremy and Damon to meet with Natural Resources.

New Business:

May have to raise sewer rates, will speak with Butch about doing the election again.
Possible franchise tax on Water-using previous utilites bills to set a fee and review old franchise taxes to see if current charges are even with inflation.
Need to get signed contract with our trash pick up company.

Council Member Baker introduced an Ordinance 21-03

re: 'Through Trucks".
Motion to accept first reading of Ordinance 21-03 by Council Member Hughes
second by Council Member Shuffield.
Read by City Recorder, Belinda Crites.

(Baker-Y, Hughes-Y, Womble-Y,Shuffield-Y) Motion Carried

Motion to suspend the rules and place on 2nd reading by title only of Ordinance 21-03
by Council Member Hughes
second by Council Member Baker.
Read by Belinda Crites, City Recorder

(Womble-Y, Hughes-Y, Baker-Y, Shuffield-Y) Motion Carried.

Motion to suspend the rules and place on 3rd reading by title only of Ordinance 21-03
and Enact the Emergency Clause by Council Member Hughes.
second by Council Member Shuffield.
Read by Belinda Crites, City Recorder

(Shuffield-Y, Baker-Y, Hughes-Y, Womble-Y) Motion Carried

Motion to acccept Ordiance 21-03 by Council Member Hughes
Second by Council Member Baker

(Hughes-Y, Womble-Y, Baker-Y, Shuffield-Y) motion carried.

Culvert is needed at the end of Nix and Sand Road.

Motion to allow Mayor to check on culvert and see if safe (no fiber optics in the way)
and to take bids and hire if not safe for the city to do.
second by Council Member Baker.

(Shuffield-Y, Baker-Y, Hughes-Y, Womble-Y) Motion Carried

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Council Member Baker.
second by Council Member Womble
Motion Carried and City Council adjorned 6:23 p.m.

Date: Ruth Ann Crites Approved: 8-17-2021

Ruth Ann Crites, Mayor

Attest: Belinda Crites

Belinda Crites, City Clerk