

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
FORREST CITY CITY COUNCIL  
FORREST CITY, ARKANSAS  
February 19, 2019**

The City Council of Forrest City, Arkansas met in regular session on February 19, 2019. Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. Alderman Williams offered prayer after which the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Oswalt. The following answered roll call: Mayor Williams, Clerk Cochran, Attorney Wright, and City Council members: Metcalf, Fields, Capps, Oswalt, Evansingston, and Poteat. Alderman Williams came in at 6:10 p.m. Alderman Reeves was absent.

Alderman Fields made the motion to approve the February 5, 2019 Minutes. The motion was second by Alderman Metcalf. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Bid Opening for Park Storm Damaged Light Poles**

Mayor Williams asked if there were any bids in the audience. There were none.

One bid was opened from Powerhouse Electric for repairs for light poles storm damaged at the Forrest City Sports Complex in the amount of \$33,829.00.

Mayor Williams stated the bid would be looked over and reviewed.

Alderman Capps asked if the bid price was in line with the insurance payment. Mayor Williams stated yes.

**ETC Updates**

Mayor Williams stated the ETC updates was done in the special called meeting.

**Cloverleaf and Highway Bypass Mowing Resolution**

Mayor Williams stated the city is already mowing and taking care of the Highway #1 bypass, but a resolution is required for the city to start receiving payments from the State Highway Department.

Attorney Wright read **A Resolution Authorizing The Mayor to Contract For Mowing And Trimming of Highway Right-Of-Way For Hwy 1 & I-40 And Others Related Purposes.**

Alderman Oswalt made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was second by Alderman Evansingston. Roll Call: All Ayes

**An Ordinance Authorizing The Purchase of A Fire Truck**

Attorney Wright read **An Ordinance Waving The Requirement of Competitive Bidding; Declaring An Exceptional Circumstance; Authorizing Expenditure of \$85,000.00 For Purchase of A 2006 Pierce Enforcer Fire Truck; And Declaring An Emergency** sponsored by Alderman Oswalt.

Alderman Oswalt made a motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance for the second reading by title and sections only. The motion was second by Alderman Poteat. Alderman Capps asked Chief Renigar if the fire truck comes with a warranty. Chief Renigar stated the truck will be purchased as-is with 62,000 miles; but the company did service the truck in its entirety. Roll Call: All Ayes

Attorney Wright read the ordinance for the second reading by title only. Alderman Oswalt made a motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance for the third reading by title only. The motion was second by Alderman Williams. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Attorney Wright read the ordinance for the third reading by title only. Alderman Oswalt made a motion to adopt the ordinance. The motion was second by Alderman Capps.

Alderman Oswalt made the motion to adopt the emergency clause. The motion was second by Alderman Poteat. Roll Call: All Ayes.

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**GENERAL FUND BILLS**

Alderman Oswalt made a motion to approve and pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$21,256.64. The motion was second by Alderman Fields. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**STREET FUND BILLS**

Alderman Fields made a motion to approve and pay the Street Fund in the amount of \$22,394.77. The motion was second by Alderman Poteat. Roll Call: All Ayes

**SOLID WASTE FUND BILLS**

Alderman Metcalf made a motion to approve and pay the Solid Waste Fund bills in the amount of \$22,533.33. The motion was second by Alderman Fields. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**FORREST CITY WATER UTILITY**

Alderman Williams made a motion to approve and pay the Forrest City Water Utility bills in the amount of \$44,032.58. The motion was second by Alderman Poteat. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS and Updates**

Mayor Williams thanked and acknowledged the public works department and fire department for a lot of cleanup around the city and removing things for public safety. He stated he has received a lot of compliments on the work that the public works department has been doing.

Alderman Oswalt commended the public works department as well. He stated he sent Jason Evansington an e-mail about an issue, mainly because he wanted Jason to put it on his list; the department was out the next day taking care of the issue. He stated the citizens are saying they are amazed at the cleanup.

For additional context, reference the February 19, 2018 tape.

Alderman Metcalf made a motion to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. The motion was second by Alderman Fields.

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Cedric Williams, Mayor

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Derene Cochran, City Clerk-Treasurer