

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
FORREST CITY CITY COUNCIL
FORREST CITY, ARKANSAS
March 20, 2018**

The City Council of Forrest City, Arkansas met in regular session on March 20, 2018. Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Alderman Williams offered prayer after which the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Echols. The following answered roll call: Mayor Bryant, Clerk Cochran, Attorney Cline and City Council members: Echols, Fields, Metcalf, Reeves, and Williams. Absent were Alderman Capps, Poteat and Oswalt.

Alderman Echols made the motion to approve the March 6, 2018 regular minutes. The motion was second by Alderman Fields. Roll Call: All Ayes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

Accrued

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Contract with ETC Engineers

Attorney Cline read **A Resolution Authorizing City of Forrest City to Enter Into Contract With ETC Engineers & Architects, Inc. (ETC) For Professional Engineering And Related Services In Connection With ADEQ Consent Administrative Order** Alderman Fields made the motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was second by Alderman Metcalf. Roll Call: All Ayes.

A & P Re-Appointment

Alderman Reeves stated the former A & P Commissioner Hannah McMahan does not want to continue with the A & P Commission, but he has someone else in mind.

GENERAL FUND BILLS

Alderman Reeves made a motion to approve and pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$19,994.58. Motion was second by Alderman Williams. Roll Call: All Ayes.

STREET FUND BILLS

Alderman Metcalf made a motion to approve and pay the Street Fund bills in the amount of \$7,369.77. Motion was second by Alderman Fields. Roll Call: All Ayes

SOLID WASTE FUND BILLS

Alderman Fields made a motion to approve and pay the Solid Waste Fund bills in the amount of \$4,444.77. Motion was second by Alderman Williams. Roll Call: All Ayes.

FORREST CITY WATER UTILITY

Alderman Echols made a motion to approve and pay the City Water Utility bills in the amount of \$61,717.04. Motion was second by Alderman Fields. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Mayor Bryant requested a brief recess from 6:05 p.m. until 6:12 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and Updates

City Hall

Mayor Bryant told the council a decision needs to be made at the next council meeting on how or if we are going to move forward with the city hall.

Resolution Amending the 2017 Budget

Mayor Bryant explained to the council that the city needs to pass a resolution to amend the 2017 budget. Alderman Echols asked what the changes to the amended budget are. Mayor Bryant stated the amended budget contains actual figures for 2017. Mayor Bryant read a **Resolution Amending The 2017 Budget**. Alderman Echols made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was second by Alderman Metcalf. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Mayor Bryant gave council members handouts on the 2018 budget information for their review so when the committee have a budget meeting, the budget that was passed earlier could be amended.

Pool

Mayor Bryant stated all council members should have a copy of the bid sheet. He stated the low-bid from Hydco, Inc. was \$3,298,000. After some research and recommendation from the architect, the decision was made to use Wagoner General Contractors in the amount of \$3,304,720, which is next to the lowest bid. Alderman Reeves asked Mayor Bryant when the contractors would begin the project.

Mayor Bryant stated the contractors will start in the spring when the area dries up. Alderman Metcalf made the motion to allow Mayor Bryant to accept the bid from Wagoner General Contractors and move forward with the pool project. The motion was second by Alderman Fields. Roll Call: All Ayes.

State of The City Address

Mayor Bryant gave his state of the city address (See Attached).

For additional context, reference the March 20, 2018 tape.

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

Larry Bryant, Mayor

Derene Cochran, City Clerk-Treasurer