

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

The City Council of Forrest City, Arkansas met in regular session on March 19, 2019. Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Alderman Fields offered prayer after which the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Evansingston. The following answered roll call: Mayor Williams, Clerk Cochran, and City Council members: Williams, Metcalf, Evansingston, Fields, and Metcalf.

Attorney Wright and Alderman Reeves, Poteat, Capps, and Oswald were Absent.

Alderman Williams made the motion to approve the March 5, 2019 regular meeting minutes. The motion was second by Alderman Fields. Roll Call: All Ayes. Alderman Evansingston said Nay.

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to amend and add to the agenda, under new business, opening of roof bids for Fire Station #2. Alderman Fields made the motion. The motion was second by Alderman Williams. Roll Call: All Ayes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

To Abolish or Rescind the Ordinance Permitting Alderman Evansingston to Hold Employment

Alderman Metcalf expressed his concerns about the absence of council members. He stated there are some critical votes that need to be made on the agenda tonight. He said council members absent tonight (Alderman Capps, Reeves, Oswald, and Poteat) are the same ones who were absent when the city council voted to give the employees and council members a bonus. He stated he thinks it is important for all council members to be present when making decisions.

Alderman Metcalf then stated he thinks the council should postpone making any decisions on unfinished and new business until the full body can be present. The discussion to abolish or rescind the ordinance was tabled until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Permission to Bid for Park Uniforms

Alderman William made the motion to allow Mayor Williams to bid for park uniforms. The motion was second by Alderman Metcalf. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Ordinance Paying Mayor's Retirement

The ordinance was tabled until the next meeting.

Resolution to Amend the 2018 Budget

Mayor Williams read the Resolution amending the 2018 budget. Alderman Fields made the motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was second by Alderman Metcalf. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Ordinance to Adopt 2012 Electrical Codes

The ordinance was tabled until next meeting.

Fire Station #2 Roof Bid Opening

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

Bids were opened as follows: Mater Roof and Remodel, LLC, Jonesboro, AR for \$64,500.00, Henry E. Peacock and Associates, LLC, Forrest City, AR for \$78,178.00. Jonesboro Roofing Company, Jonesboro, AR for \$135,487.00, Sharpe, Robbins and Popwell, LLC, Bartlett, Tennessee for \$116,919.62

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GENERAL FUND BILLS

Alderman Metcalf made a motion to approve and pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$18,605.42. 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 \$11,959.46. The motion was second by Alderman Williams. Roll Call: All Ayes

SOLID WASTE FUND BILLS

Alderman Evansingston made a motion to approve and pay the Solid Waste Fund bills in the amount of \$30,157.81. 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 \$47,233.25. The motion was second by Alderman Fields. Roll Call: All Ayes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and Updates

Mayor Williams gave his State of the City Address (See attached).

For additional context, reference the March 19, 2019 tape.

Alderman Williams made a motion to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. The motion was second by Alderman Metcalf.

Cedric Williams, Mayor

Derene Cochran, City Clerk-Treasurer