COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF LUVERNE

February 11, 2019

 The City of Luverne Council met in regular session on February 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m., in the City Hall Building. The following members were present:

Mayor Ed Beasley

Charlie Johnson, Councilman

Kip Smith, Councilman

Kathy Smyth, Councilwoman

Eddie Billings, Councilman 5:40

Mike Jones, Attorney

 Margie Gomillion, Clerk

 Michelle Royals, Engineer

 William Neal, Building Inspector

 Mike Johnson, Chief

 Matt Hutcheson, Editor

 Absent:

 Elliott Jones, Councilman

 Visitors:

 Don Nix

 Randy Rogers

 Mayor Beasley called the meeting to order. The mayor called on William Neal to lead the pledge of allegiance to the flag and Randy Rogers to say a prayer.

The mayor called for the approval of the minutes of January 28, 2019. Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously approved.

Mayor Beasley called on Councilwoman Smyth to speak about the strategic planning. Councilwoman Smyth stated a copy of the strategic plan is in front of everyone. Councilwoman Smyth stated she has not received any edits or corrections to be made. This is the final draft and we will meet Friday morning. The next step will be a public hearing planned for March 11th.

The mayor reported Councilman Jones has asked for the Employee Policy & Procedure be put on hold for Engineer Royals to compare the 1998 policy to the new plan. Once Ms. Royals has completed making any revisions she will turn it over to Attorney Jones to review.

Mayor Beasley called on Engineer Royals’ departmental reports. Ms. Royals stated routine work is being done in all the departments. Ms. Royals stated the rest of the trees will be planted downtown in a couple of weeks.

The mayor stated the city got a good deal on some fast growing oak trees that were planted at Turner Park to provide a little more shade for families in the summer.

Mayor Beasley stated routine work in administration. The clerk reminded the council that Mr. Mike Jones will be honored as Citizen of the Year on Thursday, February 21st at 6:30 p.m.

The mayor called on Chief Johnson for his report. The chief stated everything is running smooth. The police department was awarded an ADECA grant in the amount of $24,000 to update computer equipment. This grant is a no-match with 100% payout. The chief stated he needed to check on one thing as far as the contract and get the mayor’s signature. The mayor asked the chief to take a copy to Mr. Jones to look at it before he signs the paperwork.

Councilman Johnson reported the park director stated they are ready to get started on the project at the park. Engineer Royals stated we received the materials Friday. The engineer spoke with the contractor this morning and he is going to try to get started in the morning. Councilman Johnson stated the bridge at the lake will be passable sometime next week.

Mayor Beasley stated everything looks good at the airport. They are painting a lot of planes and selling more fuel.

The mayor stated everything is going good at the library.

Engineer Royals stated new lights are needed at the nutrition center. About half of the lights were changed last year and there are approximately 25 lights that need to be upgraded to LED. This will cost approximately $2,500. After some discussion, it was decided the lights will come out of the electric budget.

 Councilman Smith stated everything is going good with the fire and rescue. The fire department is working on completing the annual services on the trucks.

 Councilwoman Smyth reported in conjunction with the city through the Economic Development office Mrs. Snellgrove got a grant. Fifteen new trees have been planted around the downtown area. Mayor Beasley stated he would like to commend the chief and his wife for doing the cleanup in front of the police department. They cleaned the beds, took out some dead plants and planted some roses.

 Mayor Beasley reported he has a meeting with Senator Barfoot tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. in Montgomery. The mayor stated he will have a report at the next meeting.

 Councilwoman Smyth stated the city through the Alabama Bicentennial Committee has been approved a $2,500 grant. We should be receiving this by the end of the week. This grant will go toward a cleanup *Don’t Litter on Luverne* type of campaign. The grant will pay for two commercial grade trash receptacles up town. There will be a cleanup day that will be promoted for citizens to participate. The state exhibit will be in Luverne representing Crenshaw County in the month of September. This will be a free exhibit held at the John D. Harrison Cultural Center.

 Councilwoman Smyth made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

Meeting was adjourned.