COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF LUVERNE

February 25, 2019

 The City of Luverne Council met in regular session on February 25, 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

Elliott Jones, Councilman

 Margie Gomillion, Clerk

 Michelle Royals, Engineer

 William Neal, Building Inspector

 Mike Johnson, Chief

 Barrett Leverette, Editor

 Absent:

 Eddie Billings, Councilman

Mike Jones, Attorney

 Visitors:

 Kristy Knight – Alabama Power

 Mayor Beasley called the meeting to order. The mayor called on Elliott Jones to lead the pledge of allegiance to the flag and Kathy Smyth to say a prayer.

The mayor called for the approval of the minutes of February 11, 2019. Councilman Jones made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously approved.

Mayor Beasley called on Engineer Royals’ departmental reports. Ms. Royals stated routine work is being done in all the departments. Ms. Royals stated she had asked for the approval of the work for the Oxford Building to be put on the agenda. Ms. Royals stated the estimate has not changed but she had intended for Scott Fowler to do the masonry work so she would like to table this until she can decide what to do.

The mayor reported there are a couple of people interested in the 61 on Main building. Mayor Beasley stated he told both the inquiries they would be looking at a minimum $85,000 and possibly more depending on what the council decided.

Engineer Royals stated ALDOT called back about the intersection improvements. They have revised their plans to include four parking spaces on the west side on and two on the east side. ALDOT is asking for the council to approve this tonight and they possibly want to start as early as tomorrow. They have to been done by March 8th to hit all the spring breaks. The mayor stated he is not in favor of this. After some discussion, Councilman Johnson made a motion to leave the parking as it is. Councilman Smith seconded the motion and all was in favor. The council would like an ALDOT representative to come speak with the council.

The mayor stated he met with Senator Barfoot in Montgomery last week. Senator Barfoot is working to help his district.

Engineer Royals asked the council to declare the 2003 International Dump Truck Vin# 1HTMPAFL93H600755 surplus. The repair cost for this truck has been in excess of $6,000 during the last fiscal year. Councilman Jones made a motion to declare the 2003 International Dump Truck Vin# 1HTMPAFL93H600755 surplus. Councilman Smith seconded the motion and all was in favor.

Engineer Royals stated she has done some research to repair the bridge at the lagoon property going into the firing range. The cost to repair the bridge with double line of 72” corrugated metal pipe would be $4,714. Councilman Jones made a motion to allow Engineer Royals to replace the bridge with the 72” corrugated metal pipe. Councilman Smith seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously approved.

Mayor Beasley stated it is a good possibility that we are going to get a helicopter fueling station at the airport.

The mayor stated the library is doing well.

Mayor Beasley reported that we need to replace Ms. Elizabeth Tisdale on the Planning Commission. Councilwoman Smyth suggested to table this until the next meeting.

Councilwoman Smyth reported the Planning Commission will meet Thursday, February 28th at 4:00 p.m. to adopt the Strategic Plan.

The mayor opened the only bid received for gasoline and diesel from J. Bryce Smith Oil Company. J. Bryce Smith bid .19 cents per gallon above dealer cost for gasoline and .19 cents per gallon above dealer cost for diesel. After some discussion, Councilman Jones made a motion to accept the bids from J. Bryce Smith Oil Company. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously in favor.

Councilman Smith stated the city lost a representative that served two terms on the city council back in the early 70’s, his father-in-law, Mr. Henry Guy Edwards. He was the backbone of this community for a long time with the Slacks Factory. He was the plant manager and worked there for a little over 40 years. Councilman Smith stated we are going tonight to pay our respects to Scott Fowler. The mayor stated to pray for the Fowler family because he was a dedicated employee and will be dearly missed.

Councilwoman Smyth stated she would like to congratulate Councilman Smith on his retirement with the postal service.

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

Meeting was adjourned.