COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF LUVERNE

January 11, 2021

 The City of Luverne Council met in regular session on January 11, 2021 at 5:30 p.m., in the City Hall Building. The following members were present:

Mayor Ed Beasley

Kip Smith, Councilman – by phone conference

Kathy Smyth, Councilwoman

Elliott Jones, Councilman – by phone conference

Eddie Billings, Councilman

 Margie Gomillion, Clerk

 William Neal, Building Inspector

 Christy Johnson, Editor

 Absent:

Mike Jones, Attorney

 Charlie Johnson, Councilman

 Michelle Royals, Engineer

 Mayor Beasley called the meeting to order.

 The mayor called for the approval of the minutes of December 14, 2020. Councilman Billings made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Councilwoman Smyth seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously approved.

 Mayor Beasley stated the Rescue Squad proposal discussion will be tabled until the next meeting. The council was in agreement.

 Councilman Smith reported that he spoke with Mrs. West at the center today about rearranging to get the electrical room cleaned out and adding her another office. Councilman Smith stated he did a sketch and sent it to Engineer Royals so she can look at it to get it in the works. Also, Councilman Smith reported Mr. Neal had someone to check the generator at the fire station. The generator was up and running just waiting on the next cycle for it to come around and run on its own to make sure it is still working.

 The mayor stated everyone has a copy of Engineer Royals’ departmental reports.

 Mayor Beasley called on the city clerk for the administrative report. Routine work was performed.

The mayor stated everyone had a copy of the chief’s report. Since the last meeting, the police department had 620 calls of service including building checks. The department made over 48 traffic stops, wrote 12 citations and over 36 warnings. The department made 18 misdemeanor and 3 felony arrests. There were 2 animal control calls since the last council meeting.

Mayor Beasley stated everyone has a copy of Mr. Neal’s report.

The mayor stated there are some board appointments for the Industrial Development Board that need to be made. Mr. Randy Smyth has requested not to be reappointed to the Industrial Development Board. Mayor Beasley stated Randall Parker has agreed to serve unless someone else has a nomination. Councilman Jones made a motion to appoint Randall Parker to replace Randy Smyth on the Industrial Development Board. Councilman Billings seconded the motion and all was in favor.

Mayor Beasley stated the appointments for Gary Sport and Wayne Rolling will expire this month for the Industrial Development Board. Councilman Smith made a motion to reappoint Gary Sport to the Industrial Development Board. Councilwoman Smyth seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously approved. Councilman Smith made a motion to reappoint Wayne Rolling to the Industrial Development Board. Councilwoman Smyth seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously approved.

The mayor discussed a request for an event to be held on the Airport Road at the Tom Harbin Center from Mr. Steve Defee to have the annual Swamp Supper Men’s Ministry. The Swamp Supper Men’s Ministry will be held on February 27, 2021 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. After some discussion, Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the Swamp Supper Men’s Ministry to be held on February 27, 2021 on the Airport Road. Councilman Jones seconded the motion and all was in favor.

Next, Mayor Beasley discussed a request for an event to be held at Turner Park from Mrs. Lisa Brown on behalf of the Crenshaw County NAACP to have a Martin Luther King program. The Martin Luther King program will be held on January 18, 2021 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. After some discussion, Councilwoman Smyth made a motion to approve the Martin Luther King program on January 18, 2021 at Turner Park. Councilman Billings seconded the motion and all was in favor.

Councilman Smith stated at the last meeting it was discussed for each councilmember and mayor to make a list of the top five things they would like to see implemented or done differently within the Rescue Department. Councilman Smith stated if everyone would either email or text their list he would compile them and have it at the next meeting.

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

Meeting was adjourned.