COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF LUVERNE

February 8, 2021

The City of Luverne Council met in regular session on February 8, 2021 at 5:30 p.m., in the City Hall Building. The following members were present:

Mayor Ed Beasley

Kip Smith, Councilman

Kathy Smyth, Councilwoman – by phone conference

Elliott Jones, Councilman

Eddie Billings, Councilman

Mike Jones, Attorney – by phone conference

Michelle Royals, Engineer

Margie Gomillion, Clerk

William Neal, Building Inspector

Christy Johnson, Editor

Visitors:

Dianne Richardson

Merrill Sport

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

The mayor called for the approval of the minutes of January 25, 2021. Councilman Billings made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Councilman Jones seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously approved.

Mayor Beasley stated that the old business of the District 1 Council seat appointment left by the passing of Mr. Charlie Johnson needed to be addressed. Councilman Jones stated according to the family’s wishes and members of the community he would like to make a motion to appoint Ms. Betty Dawson as the council member for the seat of District 1. Councilman Smith seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously approved.

The mayor stated everyone has a copy of Engineer Royals’ departmental reports. Ms. Royals reported the concrete curb and gutter was poured last week and today for the Jack’s turn lane. The remaining concrete should be finished tomorrow and asphalt will be placed in the next couple of weeks.

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 254 calls of service including building checks. The department made over 35 traffic stops, wrote 20 citations and over 15 warnings. The department made 4 misdemeanor arrests. There were 5 animal control calls since the last council meeting.

Engineer Royals reported that all the repair work has been completed from the recent vandalisms at Turner Park and security cameras are being installed today and tomorrow.

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

Mayor Beasley stated he and Engineer Royals have talked about some ongoing projects that may or may not happen.

The mayor stated Merrill Sport’s Electric Board seat has expired and an appointment needs to be made. Councilman Jones made a motion to reappoint Merrill Sport to the Electric Board. Councilman Billings seconded the motion and all was in favor.

Mayor Beasley stated that Mr. Charlie Johnson served on the Water Board and Recreation Board and appointments need to be made. However, the mayor requested that these appointments be made at a later date. Councilman Billings made a motion to table these appointments. Councilman Jones seconded the motion and all was in favor.

Councilmember Smith stated he would like to give a big shout out to the Water Department. There was a big fire this week in Brantley and glad that we don’t have any fire hydrants that I know of that are nonfunctional.

The mayor stated everyone has a copy of Mr. Neal’s report. Mr. Neal stated the LVFD held its election last week with 21 men attending. All the incumbents were reelected to their same positions.

Mayor Beasley asked Mr. Jones to prepare a resolution in honor of Mr. Charlie Johnson.

Councilman Billings made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Jones seconded the motion.

Meeting was adjourned.