COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF LUVERNE

May 9, 2022

The City of Luverne Council met in regular session on May 9, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., in the City Hall Building. The following members were present:

Mayor Ed Beasley

Betty Dawson, Councilwoman Kip Smith, Councilman

Elliott Jones, Councilman

Mike Jones, Attorney

Margie Gomillion, Clerk

Mike Johnson, Chief

Christy Johnson, Editor

Absent:

Kathy Smyth, Councilwoman

Eddie Billings, Councilman

Visitors:

Steve Defee Abby Whiddon Aniyah Burnett

Brock Flynn Amelia Whiddon Keeshaun Glanton

Minseong Cha Ricky Whiddon

Mayor Beasley called the meeting to order. The mayor called on Betty Dawson to lead the pledge of allegiance to the flag and Mike Jones to say a prayer.

The mayor stated before we get started with city business Councilman Jones has some exciting news for some young folks, moms and dads with some scholarships and other awards. Mayor Beasley called on Councilman Jones. Councilman Jones introduced himself to the honored high school seniors. Councilman Jones stated he was representing the city council, the City of Luverne Electric Department and the Alabama Electric Municipal Authority. Since 1992 AMEA has given out over 3 million dollars in scholarships to deserving students. These funds are not given out for Academic Excellence alone. Students’ integrity, character, and strong moral compass are also taken into consideration. Out of 250 applications we have four students who are here tonight who were selected to receive these awards. Councilmember Jones presented the AMEA scholarships to Minseong Cha - Luverne High School, Aniyah Elise Burnett - Luverne High School, Abby Leigh Whiddon - Crenshaw Christian Academy and Keeshaun Kareen Glanton - Luverne High School. Councilman Jones stated he had one more award to give. Each year there is a benchmark nationally for the working integrity of the electric departments. This year only two cities were chosen to receive these awards and one was the City of Luverne Electric Department. Councilman Jones presented this award to Brock Flynn.

Mayor Beasley called for the approval of the minutes of April 25, 2022. Councilman Smith stated there is one correction on page two, bottom line, where it discusses our grant money locations. Councilman Smith stated he believes that E. 6th Street should be changed to W. 6th Street. The mayor was in agreement. Councilman Smith moved to change E. 6th Street to W. 6th Street. Councilman Jones made a motion to approve the minutes as amended by Councilman Smith. Councilwoman Dawson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously approved.

The mayor called on the city clerk for the administrative report. Routine work was performed.

Mayor Beasley called on chief for his report. The chief stated he didn’t have time to print a report today because they have been so busy. Everything is pretty much the same. He stated the police department had a gentleman to run this morning near Councilwoman Dawson’s neighborhood and we have been over there until just now. The county had warrants on that person.

The mayor stated he spoke with Lee Simmons earlier today. Everything is going smoothly at the park. They have a record number of ballplayers, parents, grandparents and other family members attending the games. We had a problem with the parking but Chief Johnson took care of that situation for us. The chief stated we put up some signs on the drives. We had some signs quickly made but Mr. Defee is going to get us some permanent ones. It seems to have corrected the problem.

Mayor Beasley called on Steve Defee to report on the airport. Mr. Defee stated we are good at the airport. We probably need to go up on the gas because we are selling quite a bit of it.

The mayor stated he spoke with Mrs. Kathyrn at the library and everything is going well.

Mayor Beasley stated everyone has a copy of Mr. Neal’s report. Mr. Neal reported he is going to start contacting more people about property that needs to be cleaned up if he can find the people to contact. The mayor asked about the property on E. 3rd Street and Hawkins. Mr. Neal stated the city had a number and he contacted the owner. The owner was told the grass needs cutting and cleaned up. Mr. Neal stated he gave the owner a contact number for Justin Ray to get it cleaned up real good and make arrangements to have it cut at least once a month through the summer months. The mayor stated we need to do something even if we may have to come up with another ordinance. We probably need to discuss this before the next meeting to see exactly what we need to do.

The mayor reported I have been a little under the weather. I had outpatient surgery and have to go back tomorrow and redo it. I’ve talked to the department heads about little things that are going on. The mayor thanked Mr. Defee for the job he did on Hicks Drive. Mr. Flynn stays busy all the time and the chief is wide open. We have some good working folks. I’m proud of each and every one of them. I’m thankful to have them.

Councilwoman Dawson stated we had our blood drive last Monday. We didn’t get as many as we did the first time but was happy to get five pints and two were turned away. Unfortunately I was one them that was turned away. But we are going to do it again in three or four months.

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

Meeting was adjourned.