COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF LUVERNE

August 22, 2022

 The City of Luverne Council met in regular session on August 22, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., in the City Hall Building. The following members were present:

Mayor Ed Beasley

Betty Dawson, Councilwoman

Elliott Jones, Councilman

Eddie Billings, Councilman

 Margie Gomillion, Clerk

William Neal, Building Inspector

Absent:

Kip Smith, Councilman

Kathy Smyth, Councilwoman

Mike Jones, Attorney

 Visitors:

 Jeff Strowd

 Marcus Green

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

 The mayor called for the approval of the minutes of August 8, 2022. Councilman Billings made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Councilman Jones seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously approved.

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

The mayor called everyone’s attention to the chief’s report. Since the last meeting, the police department had 262 calls for service, not including building checks. The department made 55 traffic stops, wrote 31 citations and gave 24 warnings. The department made 3 misdemeanor arrest. The city had its first homicide of the year. Officers are working around the clock to ensure the investigation is done properly and promptly. There was 10 animal control calls since the last meeting.

Mayor Beasley called on Councilman Billings for a recreation report. Councilman Billings stated the committee did not meet last week for the quarterly meeting because too many people had conflicts. We will be meeting this Monday at which point and time we are going to take up trying to set some firm rules and guidelines for Turner Park like we have at Douglas Park as far as using our materials and things along those lines.

The Mayor stated that everything is going well at the library.

 Mayor Beasley stated everyone has a copy of Mr. Neal’s report. Mr. Neal stated the fire department had a lot of calls but nothing major. Mr. Neal stated under building inspector we have gotten a lot of places cleaned up. I signed a couple of certified letters at Mr. Jones’ office in reference to cleaning up. I also wrote letters to remind some people as part of their building permit they have to put a fence around their in ground pool. The two worst locations discussed a few weeks ago on W. 6th Street have been cleaned up. The utilities have been cut off to the property next to Douglas Park that is real bad and Mr. Colquett is trying to evict the tenant.

The mayor reported he met with Greg Henderson, CEO of Southeast Gas, last week. The city will receive $5,500 and the Crenshaw County Economic & Industrial Development Authority will receive $5,500 for economic development in September. Mayor Beasley stated he had a phone conference this morning with ADECA and we are eligible for some money for the Pepsi project. It could be as much as $500,000 or could be as little as $100,000. Ashton Estes with South Central Alabama Development Commission is working on the grant for us.

Mayor Beasley presented Resolution-ACT 2022-229 to provide funds to the Employees’ Retirement System to cover the cost of the one-time lump sum payment to the retirees. Councilman Jones made a motion to adopt the Resolution-ACT 2022-229. Councilwoman Dawson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously approved. The resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION—ACT 2022-229**

(Local Unit Retirees and Beneficiaries of Deceased Retirees)

**Be it resolved that the City of Luverne, through its governing authority, elects to come under the provisions of Section 2 of Act 229 of the Regular Session of the 2022 Legislature.**

**The City of Luverne agrees to provide all funds necessary to the Employees’ Retirement System to cover the cost of the one-time lump sum payment as provided for by this Act for those eligible retirees and beneficiaries of deceased retirees of City of Luverne with the aforementioned lump sum payment being paid in October 2022.**

**Done this 22nd Day of August, 2022.**

Councilwoman Dawson stated she received an email today that the Crenshaw County Training School historical landmark will be on the review board Wednesday. Also, I met with Ms. Pamela Campbell on Saturday at the Crenshaw County Historical Society museum. Ms. Campbell was asking for some help from us or anything we can do to help with improvements like bigger signs, lights and perhaps a walking trail. Councilwoman Dawson stated she would like to work on that with Ms. Campbell to see if we can get some help for her. The mayor suggested starting with the county commission but of course we want to do all we can do also.

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

Meeting was adjourned.