COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF LUVERNE

August 12, 2024

The City of Luverne Council met in regular session on August 12, 2024 at 5:30 p.m., in the City Hall Building. The following members were present:

Mayor Ed Beasley

Betty Dawson, Councilwoman

Kip Smith, Councilman

Kathy Smyth, Councilwoman

Elliott Jones, Councilman

Eddie Billings, Councilman

Mike Jones, Attorney

Mike Johnson, Chief 5:42

Margie Gomillion, Clerk

Visitors:

Steve Defee

Mayor Beasley called the meeting to order. The mayor called on Councilman Billings to lead the pledge of allegiance to the flag and Steve Defee to say a prayer.

The mayor called for the approval of the minutes of July 22, 2024. Councilman Billings made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Councilwoman Dawson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously approved.

Mayor Beasley reported Mr. Defee and myself have been working on an airport project. We will meet August 22nd at 10:00 a.m. We will know a lot more of what’s going on after this meeting. We feel real good about it. Also, I spoke with Troy Hudson and they plan to have the splash pad in by the end of this coming spring. I’ve already discussed that we will be getting more funding on the splash pad which will be a big help.

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

Mayor Beasley called on the clerk to read the chief’s report. Since the last meeting, the police department had 303 calls for service not including building checks, 48 traffic stops, wrote 30 citations, and gave 18 warnings. The department has made 13 misdemeanor and 1 felony arrests. There has been 3 animal control calls since the last meeting.

The mayor called on Councilman Billings to report on the park. Councilman Billings stated grass cutting and weed eating has been handled. They hosted a church family day & kick ball tournament recently and also hosted the rodeo concert. A couple of bills have been paid for the Randi Laird accident that happened out there. We paid what her insurance didn’t pay. The concessions have been cleaned. A local travel ball team has been practicing out there. They’re just trying to keep everything straight.

Mayor Beasley called on Steve Defee to report on the airport. Mr. Defee stated we had a lighting strike that hit the control panel that works the gate. That has been replaced and is up and running again. Alabama Plane Painting Co. that is in the old hangar may be on the verge of doing some expansion in their business. If this happens it would benefit the airport.

The mayor stated my wife and I attended Ms. Lee Haugh’s 102nd birthday at the library and everything was good.

Mayor Beasley called for a report on Fire/Rescue. Councilman Smith stated at the last meeting I reported we had a unit that was down. That unit is back up and running. Luckily it was just a seal. The last we have heard on the new truck we have ordered is hopefully it will be in our possession by the end of this calendar year. I know we sometimes catch a lot of slack about the rescue, but today they have run hard all day long today.

The mayor called on Councilwoman Smyth. Councilwoman Smyth discussed the approval of Senator Katie Britt’s appropriation. The three following made it: (1) $200,000 to the City of Luverne Police Department, (2) $114,000 to the Crenshaw County School District and (3) $18,000 to the Crenshaw Community Hospital. Melanie Hill with Senator Britt’s office has requested to be on the agenda for our next meeting.

Mayor Beasley presented Resolution 081224 awarding Ivy Creek Construction, LLC for the Water and Sewer System Improvements; DWSRF Project Number FS010315-03 and CWSRF Project Number CS010959-01. Councilman Smith made a motion to adopt Resolution 081224 awarding Ivy Creek Construction, LLC for the Water and Sewer System Improvements; DWSRF Project Number FS010315-03 and CWSRF Project Number CS010959-01. Councilman Billings seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously approved. The resolution is as follows:

**AWARD RESOLUTION**

**NO. 081224**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Luverne plans to construct aWater and Sewer System

Improvements; DWSRF Project Number FS010315-03 and CWSRF Project Number

CS010959-01, and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Luverne, Crenshaw County, Alabama did legally advertise

the bid opening date of July 18, 2024, in accordance with Alabama State Law, and

on that date opened all bids in public and read them aloud, and

**WHEREAS**, the engineers have subsequently checked all bids received, and have

recommended that the contract be awarded to the low bidder.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the contracts for the Water and Sewer System

Improvements; DWSRF Project Number FS010315-03 and CWSRF Project Number

CS010959-01 be awarded to the low bidder of the Base Bid, contingent ADEM’s

approval as follows:

IVY CREEK CONSTRUCTION, LLC

In the amount of $1,742,108.05

Passed this 12th day of August 2024, by the City of Luverne.

Councilwoman Dawson stated she is trying to get with Life South to schedule a blood drive for the city. Hopefully we will have one scheduled in September. I will be attending the Congressional luncheon next Monday in Dothan.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilman Billings made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned.