COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF LUVERNE

September 23, 2024

The City of Luverne Council met in regular session on September 23, 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 Johnson, Police Chief

Margie Gomillion, Clerk

Absent: Attorney Mike Jones

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 September 9, 2024. Councilman Billings made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Councilman Smith seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously approved.

Mayor Beasley stated there was a water board meeting this afternoon and the board voted to recommend approving the 2024-25 budget and due to lack of quorum of the electric board meeting this afternoon I recommend approving the electric board budget. After some discussion, Councilman Billings made a motion to adopt all the 2024-25 budgets as presented. Councilman Smith seconded the motion and all was in favor.

The mayor stated everything was routine for the administrative report.

Mayor Beasley called everyone’s attention to the chief’s report. The chief stated since the last meeting, the police department had 178 calls for service not including building checks, 18 traffic stops, wrote 10 citations, and gave 8 warnings. The department has made 6 misdemeanor and 0 felony arrests. There has been 1 animal control call since the last meeting.

The mayor called on Councilman Billings for the park report. Councilman Billings stated the park is being maintained.

The clerk stated that Mr. Flynn wanted to report that the contractor started working today on the sewer project on Jeffcoat Street. It will take about a month to complete the project. Also, the sewer project for 9th Street, 10th Street, 11th Street and Woodford Avenue will probably start the first of next month.

Mayor Beasley called on Steve Defee for a report on the airport. Mr. Defee stated we are still waiting on ALDOT to send the inspection report back that they recently did.

The mayor stated we have a request to replace a board member on the Library Board. Derri Andress resigned. Mrs. Tomlin has recommended Kayle Sport. Councilman Jones made a motion to appoint Kayle Sport to replace Derri Andress on the Library Board. Councilwoman Smyth seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Yea: Betty Dawson Abstained: Eddie Billings

Kip Smith

Kathy Smyth

Elliott Jones

The motion carried.

Mayor Beasley called on Councilman Smith for a report on Fire/Rescue. Councilman Smith stated we had a good training a week ago with the Fire College burn trailer. Tomorrow night we will have the confine space trailer and will have a lot of good training out of it. We will be starting our new reporting program hopefully the 1st of October.

The mayor stated ADECA is coming for a meeting November 12th concerning a grant. I will have some more information on it as we put this program together.

Mayor Beasley presented the AMEA Economic Development grant proposal request 2024 in the amount of $30,000. Everyone received a copy of this request by email from Councilwoman Smyth. After some discussion, Councilman Jones made a motion to approve the AMEA grant request 2024 in the amount of $30,000 that was submitted by Councilwoman Smyth. Councilman Billings seconded the motion and all was in favor.

The mayor stated terms on the Electric Board has expired for Mike Jones and myself. After further discussion, Councilman Smith made a motion to reappoint Mike Jones and Ed Beasely to the Electric Board. Councilman Jones seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously approved.

Mayor Beasley stated the term for Ronnie Turner will expire on the Airport Authority. After some discussion, Councilman Jones made a motion to reappoint Ronnie Turner to the Airport Authority. Councilwoman Smyth seconded the motion and all was in favor.

Next, the mayor stated his term on the Gas District Board will expire next month. After further discussion, Councilman Jones made a motion to reappoint Ed Beasely to the Gas District Board. Councilwoman Dawson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously approved.

The mayor presented an event request from Crenshaw County Sheriff’s Office for the First Responders Trunk-or-Treat at Turner Park on October 29, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the First Responders Trunk-or-Treat at Turner Park on October 29, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Councilman Jones seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Beasley presented an event request from the Crenshaw County Chamber of Commerce for the Friendliest City Festival and Treats-on-Us on October 26, 2023 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Downtown Luverne. Councilman Billings made a motion to approve the Crenshaw County Chamber of Commerce for the Friendliest City Festival and Treats-on-Us on October 26, 2023 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Downtown Luverne. Councilman Jones seconded the motion and all was in favor.

Councilwoman Dawson reported she has enrolled in the 2024 Municipal Leadership Institute and Graduation Ceremonies in Orange Beach.

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.