

MINUTES – December 12, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Big Flat City Council was called to order by Glenda Wiseman, Mayor, Council Members Present: Sharon White, Lonnie Holt, Bonnie Sutterfield, Shawn Shelton, & Kim Shelton.

Guests & Others: Bobby Wallis, Fire Chief, T. J. Woodbury, Asst. Fire Chief, Christian Brown, and Greg Powell.

Mike Treat read the November Minutes & Bank Reconciliations for General Fund, Building Fund, Street Fund, Fire Fund, & ARPA Fund.

Water Dept. Report: Rich Hiter read the Bank Reconciliations then reported he had paid Fifty-Six for the water which was lost due to a malfunction of the computer system at Fifty-Six pump house reported in October minutes. Presented a bill to the council for mileage to & from Fifty-Six pump house during part of 2023 & part of 2024 caused by extreme problems with the pump motor. A motion was made by Shawn, 2nd by Lonnie to reimburse Rich Hiter, Water Operator the amount of \$3,125.00 for mileage to & from Fifty-Six pump house due to extreme problems with pump motor. Noted Water Project loan closing on Dec. 18.

Fire Dept.: Bobby reported no runs. Requested funds for six (6) new batteries needed for donated tankers. Motion by Sharon, 2nd by Lonnie to allow \$1,500.00 of fire funds to purchase six (6) batteries for tankers 1983 AM General M-818 & 1980 GMC. All Voted – Passed. Insurance will be added to present policy. Fire Text bill due. After discussion that was of no use, consensus was not to renew.

Motion by Bonnie, 2nd by Sharon to accept minutes & reports as read. All Voted – Passed

As council had agreed to sell the property currently under lease to Greg Powell, Greg was asked for his offer. He reported it to be \$6,000.00. Council countered with \$10,000.00 plus closing costs. Greg countered with \$10,000.00 with each party paying one-half on closing. After a bit of discussion, Council agreed & a motion was made by Sharon, 2nd by Lonnie to accept \$10,000.00 & split closing costs by half for the property presently under lease to Greg Powell. (See attached for description.) All Voted – Passed Glenda was then requested to contact Baxter County Abstract to get a contract & set date for closing.

Glenda reported that Eric Payne, Big Flat County Judge elect had accepted invitation to come for January meeting & swear in Council. Paperwork has been received.

City received letters from Arkansas Heritage to the effect that the nomination for Uncle Willie Huffines Park & the Domino Shed had been accepted by the State Review Board of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program & were forwarded to the National Register Office in Washington, D.C. for consideration to be placed on the National Registry. Decision will be passed on at earliest opportunity.

Tree at west end of Domino Shed has been taken down by Ted McCoy for a cost of \$750.00

Rural Special has inquired re purchasing the Safety Foam remaining from the "Fun Park, Phase Two" Grant. After discussion for what to charge, a motion by Kim, 2nd by Sharon to ask \$2,200 for all 198 2 x 4 blocks. All Voted – Passed

Bonnie made motion to adjourn, Kim 2nd, All Voted – Passed. Adjourned.

Snacks brought by Bonnie & Sharon were then enjoyed.



Mike Treat, Recorder/Treasurer