

MINUTES – August 15, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Big Flat City Council was called to order by Glenda Wiseman, Mayor.

Council Members Present: Lonnie Holt, Bonnie Sutterfield, Sharon White, Kim Shelton, & Shawn Shelton

Others Present: Bobby Wallis, Fire Chief & T.J. Woodbury, Asst. Fire Chief

The July Minutes & Bank Reconciliations for General Fund, Building Fund, Street Fund, Fire Fund, & 50/50 Grant Fund were read. ARPA Fund remains unchanged.

Water Dept. Report: Rich Hiter, Water Operator, reported water loss at 6.6% for past month. Replaced one original meter which was not recording correctly. Customer's water bill was adjusted accordingly. Easements for Water Project will be needed. Engineer to send template for notice for customers where needed. Project moving more quickly with possibility of bids being advertised end of September.

Fire Dept: Bobby reported 2 runs. Council members had been given information re a Tanker Truck & Fire Engine which were up for bid by the Gassville Fire Dept.. Discussion took place considering age of both, maintenance records, & value compared to probable cost. Council unanimously decided against making bids & for Fire Chief to immediately place Big Flat on the Forestry List for opportunity to receive the needed truck(s) at no cost from Forestry. In the meantime the search for needed equipment to purchase will continue. Instructed Fire Chief to have pump purchased several years ago installed on tanker truck.

Motion by Lonnie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sharon to accept Minutes & Reports as read. All Voted – passed.

Motion by Sharon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonnie to correct May 18, 2024 Minutes from “no findings” on 2023 Water System Audit to read – re incomplete Adjustments Report – letter sent to Legislative Audit with correction stating “Adjustment Report would be made at the end of each month”. All Voted – passed.

As Amended Budgets were given to Council member in July & with no further questions/discussion re same, motion made by Kim, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lonnie to adopt Resolution 81524A titled “A Resolution Providing for the Adoption of Amended Budgets for the City of Big Flat, AR. for the Twelve (12) Months Beginning January 1, 2024 & Ending December 31, 2024. All Voted – Passed

As Agreement w/Engineering Services, Inc. had previously been given to Council Members, after short discussion, motion was made by Bonnie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shawn to adopt Resolution #31824B titled “A Resolution Entering into An Agreement with Engineering Service, Inc. of Springdale, AR. (“The Agreement”) for Planning, Design, & Construction of the Rehabilitation of the Big Flat Water System”. All Voted – passed

As noted in July Minutes, a check was made through “GoDaddy” and bigflatar.com is available for a domain for Big Flat Website. Motion by Shawn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lonnie to purchase bigflatar.com for the city's website domain at the cost of \$45 for Three (3) year contract. All Voted – passed

Discussion re the increase in cost of Property Insurance. Discussion & consideration is being given to keeping insurance on buildings which are being rented and would be rebuilt/repared if damaged or destroyed, playground equipment as is new & would be replaced and then each year consider other buildings as improvements are made to them and as finances are available.. Decision tabled until September meeting.

Mike reported mini-split unit had been installed with price reduction from \$3,680.00 to \$2,941.69.

Ralph Wilcox along with 2 other employees of the Historical Preservation Office visited to look at Senior Center and Domino Shed for possibility of being placed on the National Register. Reported from visit that Domino Shed was eligible for nomination and would be placed on nomination list if Council so desired. Consensus was to have him do so. Resolution will be passed in September.

Motion by Sharon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shawn to adjourn. All Voted – passed. Adjourned



Mike Treat, Recorder/Treasurer