MINUTES - May 16, 2024

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

Guests & Others: Bobby Wallis and Karen Martin

The Minutes & Bank Reconciliations for April for the General Fund, Building Fund, Street Fund, & Fire Fund were read. 50/50 Grand Fund & ARPR Fund remain unchanged

Water Dept. Report: Large water leak by City Hall found & repaired. Another large leak close to the junction will be repaired on Saturday. Water loss for May should be much improved. Water Audit finished with "no findings". Charge \$1,750.00. Water Increase & Bond Ordinances were removed from posting places & Certificate of Posting sent to Mr. Moyers. Electric bill for meter at E-Pump House is now in name of Big Flat Water System.

Fire Dept. Report: Three calls reported. One cancelled. Donation of Geiger Counters & Dosimeters by Rich Hiter to BFVFD. Bobby & T.J. to set up in Gathering Place & Fire House #1 to sell food as fund raiser for Fireworks Fund.

Motion by Lonnie, 2nd by Sharon to accept Minutes, Bank Reconciliations & Reports as read. All Voted – passed.

Glenda reported city had received an offer from Ralph Wilcox, National Register & Survey Coordinator for the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program that the City Park, aka Uncle Willie Huffines Park, has been determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Mr. Wilcox & his committee have offered to nominate it to the National Register which would be an honorary designation by the National Park Service recognizing its significance as a product of the work of the Green Thumb Program during the late 1960s & early 1970s. There is no cost to the city, no restrictions on its use or on the City as owner. A motion was made by Bonnie, 2nd by Kim to adopt a resolution to give permission to Mr. Wilcox & his committee to place the City Park for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. All Voted – passed.

Kim reported approximately10 vendors are interested in setting up for Homecoming.

The lease of the parking lot to the Gathering Place acknowledging the change in ownership was made by a motion by Sharon, 2nd by Lonnie to adopt Resolution #51624 stating that the building had been sold by C.E. Properties to Gregg Powell who now is the lessee of the parking lot property owned by the City of Big Flat. All Voted – passed.

It was noted that the City Property had recently been revalued by the AR. Municipal League for insurance purposes. The information was given to City Council for consideration in how to best determine the need to increase the amount of insurance to cover the replacement cost of the city property.

The renovation & updating of the Community Center has begun with Charles Hafner doing the work.

With no further business Bonnie made motion to adjourn, 2nd by Kim, all voted - passed - adjourned.

Mike Treat, Recorder/Treasurer