MINUTES - November 14, 2024

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

Council members Present: Lonnie Holt, Shawn Shelton, Bonnie Sutterfield, Kim Shelton,

Others: Rich Hiter, Water Superintendent, Bobby Wallis, Fire Chief, & T. J. Woodbury, Asst. Fire Chief.

Mike Treat read the Minutes from November 9, 2024 Special Meeting. A correction to the minutes of the Special Meeting to read "An offer of \$10,000.00 was made by Greg Powell for the parking lot parcel & the block & stone building or \$4,500.00 for the parking lot only" with motion by Kim, 2nd by Lonnie to accept the minutes as corrected. Kim, Lonnie, Bonnie, & Shawn voted to accept. Sharon did not vote.

A Bond Ordinance #111424 was needed to replace Bond ordinance #41124B due to some minor changes. As there were no guests, the council member being familiar with the ordinance, there being no questions or discussion, the meeting continued with the Council giving consideration to "An Ordinance Authorizing the Construction of Betterments and Improvements to the Water System of the Town of Big Flat, Arkansas; Authorizing the Issuance of Water Revenue Bonds for the Purpose of Financing all or a Portion of the Cost of construction; Providing for the Payment of the Principal of and Interest on the Bonds; Repealing Ordinance No. 41124B Prescribing Other Matters Relating Thereto; and Declaring an Emergency." (See attached Excerpts from the Minutes of the Meeting.)

Water Dept. Report and Bank Reconciliations were given by Rich who further reported that the city's water system was working without problems & no water was purchased from Fifty-Six during October. There was a problem with the pump at Fifty-Six with a large amount of water being sent to Big Flat causing overflow of the city tank. Delvin Freeman, Water Superintendent of Fifty-Six notified Rich that something had caused a malfunction of the computerized system causing the pump to "turn on" Council discussed situation to be considered a water loss and when billed would pay the lost amount at the agreed upon rate of \$3.00/1,000 gal. Glenda reported that easements were in process of being signed.

Fire Dept.: No runs for October. Bobby announced that a Fire Truck had been donated to the BFVFD by the Tracy Area Fire Protection District. Discussed preparations for ISO Inspection most likely in 2026. Discussed putting the word out that the pumper truck no one can drive was going to be put up for sale & start with a price of \$12,500. Turnouts have been ordered. No progress on getting pump on tanker truck.

Mike then read the minutes from the regular October along with Bank Reconciliations for the General Fund, Building Fund. Street Fund, Fire Fund & ARPA Fund. There being no correction, motion by Bonnie, 2nd by Shawn to accept October Minutes as read. Lonnie, Shawn, Bonnie, & Kim voted to accept - passed

Motion by Bonnie, 2nd by Shawn to accept the October Minutes from the regular meeting as read. Lonnie, Kim, Shawn, & Bonnie voted in favor – passed.

As the 2025 City Proposed Budgets had been given to the Council Members for their review several days before the meeting & there were no questions/comments a motion was made by Kim, 2nd by Bonnie to adopt Resolution # 111424 titled "Resolution for the Adoption of the Proposed Municipal Budget for the City of Big Flat, AR. for the Twelve (12) Months Beginning January 1, 2025 and Ending December 31, 2025 Appropriating Money for each Item of Expenditure-Therein Provided for & For Other Purposes". Lonnie, Kim, Shawn, & Bonnie voted in favor – passed.

As the Council voiced satisfaction with the service of Shelton Trash Hauling a motion by Bonnie, 2nd by Lonnie to renew the Trash Hauling Contract with Shelton Trash Hauling for the period January 1, 2025 ending December 31, 2025 for \$850.00/monthly. Lonnie, Bonnie, and Sharon (via phone) voted – passed. Shawn & Kim abstained.

Glenda reported the Domino Shed & Uncle Willie Huffines Park would be nominated December 4th with the object of being listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Greg's Offer: Questions arose concerning if all of parcel 5 was included in Greg's offer or just the section on which parking lot is located. Council requested Glenda to get an "official" plat of the entire parcel plus parcel