COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF LUVERNE

July 8, 2024

The City of Luverne Council met in regular session on July 8, 2024 at 5:30 p.m., in the City Hall Building. The following members were present:

Mayor Ed Beasley

Betty Dawson, Councilwoman

Kathy Smyth, Councilwoman

Kip Smith, Councilman

Elliott Jones, Councilman

Eddie Billings, Councilman

Mike Jones, Attorney

Mike Johnson, Chief

Margie Gomillion, Clerk

Visitors:

Steve Defee

Mayor Beasley called the meeting to order. The mayor called on Councilwoman Dawson 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 June 24, 2024. Councilman Billings made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Councilman Jones seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously approved.

Mayor Beasley reported he met with Mr. Boswell and two representatives with ALDOT about the airport. The mayor asked Mr. Defee about the license for the airport. Mr. Defee discussed it being on hold with ALDOT because of their recommendations of some things that need to be done that we have done for the most part. Mr. Defee stated if we are intending to file for the 50/50 funding we have to have it done by September 1st. The mayor stated we need to meet with Senator Barfoot and Representative Sells to request some help with funding. They will be in town this Friday at Turner Park. The chief stated while we are discussing the airport, I spoke with the wedding party that was on the runway other than the photographer. The chief discussed his conversation with them. The chief stated he is going forward with the warrants on the wedding party which includes the bride, groom and photographer. After some discussion, the council was in agreement to move forward with the warrants.

The mayor called on the city clerk for the administrative report. Routine work was performed.

Mayor Beasley called on Councilman Billings to read the chief’s report. Since the last meeting, the police department had 154 calls for service not including building checks, 20 traffic stops, wrote 10 citations, and gave 10 warnings. The department has made 13 misdemeanor and 2 felony arrests. There has been 5 animal control calls since the last meeting.

The mayor called on Councilman Billings to report on the park. Councilman Billings stated there is mostly clean up at the park, grass cutting and trash pickup. The 8U boys finished state runner-up, 6U girls finished 3rd in state and 8U rookies finished in the top four. Some things that are going to be going on is: all day cook out and games July 12th, kickball tournament July 20th, church kickball tournament & festivities July 27th and had two previous birthday parties. Mr. Sport has a list of different projects he is working on such as: repainting the pickle ball courts, fixing the net on the tennis court and things along those lines.

Mayor Beasley called for a report on Fire/Rescue. Councilman Smith stated everything is going good. Close to a year ago we signed an agreement with Goshen and Glenwood as far as mutual aid goes and that’s been working real good.

Councilwoman Smyth stated the Physicians Choice Dialysis is closing. The mayor stated he has spoken with Dr. Tompkins. He is going to set up a meeting with David Hughes, Director of the Hospital, to see if we can keep a dialysis service available here in the city.

The mayor presented an event request from Stae Sanders with the Crenshaw County Volunteer Fire Association for a Live Band promotion for the rodeo & city on August 1, 2024 at Turner Park from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and the 37th Annual Crenshaw County Rodeo at the Tom Harbin Center on August 2-3, 2024. Councilman Billings made a motion to approve the Live Band promotion for the rodeo & city on August 1, 2024 at Turner Park from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and the 37th Annual Crenshaw County Rodeo at the Tom Harbin Center on August 2-3, 2024. Councilman Jones seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously approved.

Councilwoman Dawson discussed two churches, Good Hope Baptist on 331 and Family Worship Center on Dawson Street that are in really bad shape and in need of clean up or repair. She has been in contact with the owners of both properties. Chief Johnson is checking on these properties to see what can be done so they are not such an eyesore and hazard to the community.

Councilman Smith stated all the additions to the new park and where they are adding a road for Pepsi looks good.

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.