COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF LUVERNE

June 24, 2024

The City of Luverne Council met in regular session on June 24, 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:

Brock Flynn Billy Crumpton Ryan McGhee

Mayor Beasley called the meeting to order. The mayor called on Councilman Smith to lead the pledge of allegiance to the flag and Mike Jones to say a prayer.

The mayor called for the approval of the minutes of June 10, 2024. Councilman Billings made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Councilwoman Dawson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously approved.

Mayor Beasley called on Mike Jones to speak. Mr. Jones stated the council had mentioned doing something about the airport in regards to the situation. I checked the criminal code and there is already a code section in place about unauthorized entry onto an airport. I have provided that to the chief. It is a class A misdemeanor with carries a penalty up to a year in jail and up to $6,000 fine. That’s in place and can be used for that situation anytime. The other thing is you all asked about rules and regulations for the park. Margie helped me and we checked with Greenville and Troy. They don’t have any rules. Basically, they leave it up to their park director to handle. They have signs that say no alcohol, no profanity and those sort of things posted at the facilities. I will be glad to come up with something if you want it. They have a rental agreement, but no rules for little league and that sort of stuff.

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

Mayor Beasley called on the clerk to read the chief’s report. Since the last meeting, the police department had 164 calls for service not including building checks, 29 traffic stops, wrote 14 citations, and gave 15 warnings. The department has made 7 misdemeanor arrests. There has been 3 animal control calls since the last meeting.

The mayor called on Councilman Billings to report on the park. Councilman Billings stated we have two teams left. The 6U girls and 8U boys both will be at state this coming weekend. We have some projects going on. Merrill has a quote for $700 to spray the entire property for ants once a year.

Mayor Beasley stated the ladies at the library have been busy this summer. They have an excellent program going on for the kids.

The mayor called for a report on Fire/Rescue. Councilman Smith stated everything is going good. Hopefully within the next month we will start servicing equipment.

Mayor Beasley reported I attended a zoom call this morning with ADEM and we secured a grant for $100,000 for the booster station out on Hwy 29. The money would be here in 2025. I spoke to Brock this morning before the meeting and he said $100,000 should cover the project.

The mayor stated the water board met last Monday and made some recommendations. The first recommendation from the water board is the Jeffcoat Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements needing an additional $190,069 to complete the entire scope of the project. After some discussion, Councilman Jones made a motion to complete the entire scope of the Jeffcoat Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements project costing approximately $190,069. Councilman Smith seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously approved.

Mayor Beasley stated the second recommendation from the water board is installing a 6 inch water meter for Sister Schubert’s costing approximately $87,575. After further discussion, Councilwoman Smyth made a motion to move forward with installing a 6 inch water meter for Sister Schubert’s costing approximately $87,575. Councilman Jones seconded the motion and all was in favor.

The mayor stated the last recommendation from the water board is the Sanitary Sewer System Improvements on US Hwy 331 lining the 8 inch sewer line and manholes costing approximately $86,570. After some discussion, Councilman Jones made a motion to line the 8 inch sewer line and manholes on Hwy 331 costing approximately $86,570. Councilman Billings seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously approved.

Mayor Beasley called on Brock Flynn to speak. Mr. Flynn stated Mr. Troy Jones, owner of the Luverne Veterinary Hospital, is willing to pay for all the pipe and materials in the amount of $22,936.52 and the city will do the labor to move the storm drain off his property behind the veterinary hospital. Mr. Flynn stated what we will accomplish by this is to put that pipe back on the city’s right-of-way and get it out of the middle of his property. We will cut some trees down and the street department will do the labor on the storm drain. After some discussion, Councilman Smith made a motion to approve Mr. Troy Jones paying for materials in the amount of $22,936.52 and the city doing the labor moving the storm drain located on Mr. Jones property to the city’s right-of-way. Councilman Billings seconded the motion and all was in favor.

Councilman Smith stated he wanted to confirm the fireworks will be performed on Friday, July 5th at dark. Councilwoman Smyth stated there is a flyer going out on social media for the fireworks and Garrett Walley already has an ad running about the fireworks on the 5th on the digital billboard about the fireworks. They donated the ad.

Councilman Billings stated back to the rules and regulations for the park he thought it would be wise to have some ground rules. Most of our problems are with parents misbehaving and if we can put something in writing that they are aware of that you get one warning or you get two warnings and after that you’re gone for the rest of the year. Councilman Billings will continue to work on this.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilwoman Dawson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Billings seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned.