

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Will be meeting on October 21, this is a regular meeting and they are continuing to work on the updates for the book.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

No business

CREOLA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Floors will be buffed Friday at 2:00

PARKS AND RECREATION

No business

UTILITIES AND SENIOR CITIZEN

FINANCE

Councilwoman Greene made a motion to accept financial report.

Councilman Heathcoe seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

Council discussed the budget, Councilman Howell had questions about the figures, and if chief Taylor was sure the city could afford a raise for the employees, mayor Nelson stated that he did not think the city couldn't afford not to give the raises, he stated that it had been 5 years. Councilman Howell asked why the \$50K was borrowed and it was explained that we had big items to pay last year. City clerk and chief stated that the revenues were up and even with adjusting the revenues for the next year to reflect possibility of oil production being reduced. Councilman Howell stated that they had just given per diem, mayor stated that was several years ago and it was only for the police department personnel that worked 12 hours. Chief stated that the city is about 20% below the other municipalities in salary, with a 5% raise, it will bring city closer but still behind. Councilman Howell stated that Melvin Taylor made more than he did last year so the overtime needs to be addressed. Mayor stated everyone was aware of the salaries, but it was cheaper to pay the overtime than to hire more employees and pay benefits. Chief also explained that several personnel spots were never filled at the police department after resignations and retirements.

COMMUNITY GROUP

Becky Smith stated the group is having a "Follow the Light" motorcade on December 20, 2014, a citizen is donating live animals for nativity scene, solar lights will be used throughout the city as a path to the nativity scene. Mayor verified that this will be a continuous drive thru and police department will ensure safety. Council has no objections, Becky asked for solar light donations.

There is a chili cook-off coming up at Methodist Church

Toys for Tots deadline is 12-12-14, city hall and SAIL center are drop off stations.

LIP Day is 11-1-14.

POLICE AND FIRE

Chief Taylor announced the annual 10mile run is 11-22-14 but will not interfere with Christmas parade.

Councilman Ivy made a motion for city to participate in the run providing police support.
Councilman Howell seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

Councilman Ivy stated the Mount Vernon contract can be considered at next meeting if necessary.

Councilwoman Greene stated that Lenzing donated \$300 to Fire Department.

STREETS

Brown Road project was completed; the next project is Ellison Avenue.

Bobby will get something for the ants before 11-1-14.

Motion by Councilman Howell and seconded by Councilman Ivy to get a golf cart for LIP day.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Councilman Howell stated that the Eagle scouts will have drawings for the park project by next meeting.

Adjournment

Councilman Ivy made a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Heathcoe seconded, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.