

resolution was posted in three places at the attorney's suggestion. Councilwoman Moss seconded. Roll call for vote:

Councilwoman Greene	YES
Councilman Martin	YES
Councilman Walker	YES
Councilwoman Moss	YES
Councilman Hadaway	YES
Mayor Criswell	YES

Approved by roll call.

Councilwoman Greene made a motion to vote on Ordinance 2017-002⁴ for annexing properties of the Forrest, Lambeth, Smith and Evans families, that we have introduced and posted.

Seconded by Councilwoman Moss. Roll call for vote:

Councilwoman Greene	YES
Councilman Martin	YES
Councilman Walker	YES
Councilwoman Moss	YES
Councilman Hadaway	YES
Mayor Criswell	YES

Approved by roll call.

Councilwoman Greene stated that the Resolution No.2017-002 for the re-zoning of the Tim Foster property was recommended to the council by the Planning and Zoning Board. It has been posted and the public hearing was held. Councilwoman Greene made a motion to vote to re-zone the Foster property from R-2 to B-2. Seconded by Councilwoman Moss. Roll call for vote:

Councilwoman Greene	YES
Councilman Martin	YES (based on the recommendation of the planning board-YES)
Councilman Walker	YES
Councilwoman Moss	YES
Councilman Hadaway	NO
Mayor Criswell	YES

Approved by roll call.

Councilwoman Greene stated that we have introduced and posted the Ordinance No. 2017-003 for the closing of the Lister Dairy Rd. Grade Crossing with Norfolk Southern RR. Councilman Martin made a motion to table for a few minutes until we can get it organized. Councilman Walker seconded. All favored, none opposed, motion carried. Councilwoman Greene made a motion to vote on Ordinance 2017-003 for the closing of the Lister Dairy Rd. Grade Crossing with Norfolk Southern RR repealing all prior ordinances. Councilwoman Moss seconded. Roll call for vote:

Councilwoman Greene	YES
Councilman Martin	YES
Councilman Walker	YES
Councilwoman Moss	YES

Councilman Hadaway YES

Mayor Criswell YES

Approved by roll call.

Councilwoman Greene made a motion to accept the low bid of \$14,990.00 from Richard Broadhead and use him for all repairs and painting inside the Police building. Councilwoman Moss seconded. Roll call for vote:

Councilwoman Greene YES

Councilman Martin YES

Councilman Walker YES

Councilwoman Moss YES

Councilman Hadaway YES

Mayor Criswell YES

Approved by roll call.

We will cut a check for \$5,505.00 to Mr. Broadhead for a deposit to purchase materials for job. A draw for payment will be made each week until job is complete.

We received a second bid of \$18,000.00 for painting and repairs inside police building.

Councilwoman Greene presented information and made a motion on the AMIC bond for all council members and all city employees that sign checks or handle money to be bonded. This includes Jeff Reeves with the fire department. This information will give to Mr. Mims for his review and to make recommendations to the council at next meeting.

Councilwoman Greene YES

Councilman Martin YES

Councilman Walker YES

Councilwoman Moss YES

Councilman Hadaway YES

Mayor Criswell YES

Approved by roll call.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

In the absence of Mr. Chambers, Councilwoman Greene reported that L & W Trucking came to the meeting requiring a business license. They will be parking 4-7 trucks on their lot, that are not being used, next to Creola Ace Hardware. They haul steel on flatbeds. No toxic waste per Building Inspector, Don Moss. They will be putting up lights on their lot for some sense of security and preparing the parking lot, putting down gravel.

The next Planning and Zoning Committee meeting will be held September 19, 2017 6 p.m.

PARKS AND RECREATION

No report

UTILITIES AND SENIOR CITIZENS

Councilwoman Moss reported the Joel Pike, Pike Electric, repaired/replaced lights, ballasts, capacitors and flood lights. The invoice of 8/24/17 for the repairs was \$348.00.

Councilwoman Moss stated that we are applying for a CDBG grant for the senior building. Ms. Nayer Madhi will be coming the first of September to look at the senior building.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

Mayor Criswell announced the names he had presented for approval to the council for the Zoning Board of Adjustments: Carl Walker, Harold Martin, David Boucher, Jennifer White and Liz Lassiter. Councilman Martin made a motion to accept. Seconded by Councilman Walker.

Roll call for vote:

Councilwoman Greene	YES
Councilman Martin	YES
Councilman Walker	YES
Councilwoman Moss	YES
Councilman Hadaway	YES
Mayor Criswell	YES

Approved by roll call.

They will elect a Chairman and begin work.

Councilwoman Greene reported that the notebooks for the Board of Adjustment members are on the back table for them to pick up.

FINANCE

Councilwoman Greene gave the financial report, giving a copy to the Council. (see details of report listed below). Also copies available to citizens attending the meeting wishing to have one. All revenues for the month as of August 23rd totaled: \$ 43,140.48. Also, a Find Report will be available tomorrow for August 1-24, 2017 after all checks are cut.

Court Bond Account	\$	1,834.66
Court Fund		32,417.90
Special Court Fund		8,334.52
Fire Department		15,300.20
General Fund		103,499.15
Police Department		7,103.46
S.A.I.L. Center Account		674.27
7-cent Special Gas Tax Acct.		16,967.82
4-cent Gas Tax Acct. (incl 5 cent)		<u>14,188.37</u>
Total: (in bank)	\$	213,638.42

Councilwoman Greene made a motion to approve the Finance Report. Seconded by Councilman Walker, all favored, none opposed, motion carried.

POLICE AND FIRE

POLICE:

The Police account has a balance of \$6670.00 with a total of \$432.96 was reported for checks written in August.

Councilman Martin mentioned that SARPC will be hosting a Planning and Zoning Workshop on Tuesday, August 29th. The City will cut a check for 10 employees to attend. The registration is \$25. Per person and includes lunch. SARPC has 170 RSVP's so far. It will be held at the International Trade Center.

FIRE:

Volunteer Fire Chief Jeff Reeves stated that all is quiet now.... just training tonight.

Mayor Criswell reported that we met with Le Moyne Water Board Tuesday, August 15, 2017.

We offered advice and help. We both have had many complaints on brown water.

Jeff Reeves stated that the fire department flowed plugs in June for the ISO inspection and again in July when they had the Bennett structure fire. The Chief asked everyone to report leaks and if you see anyone stealing water or messing with the plugs-please let the fire department know.

Mayor Criswell spoke with Larry Parker of Le Moyne Water two days ago. Mr. Parker stated they are now on a flushing cycle that the board has put him on. Hopefully, this will eliminate the brown water problem.

STREETS

Councilman Walker stated that Ducey Rd. is in dire need of work but it's been too wet. It will have to dry out before we can grade it. We will get the county grader with operator. We pay the operator when job is complete.

Mayor Criswell stated that we are the only municipality that does not have a Public Works Department. We are proposing to create that department. We need a backhoe. We can't afford a new one so we need one with experience. We went to Beard Equipment and Thompson Equipment and asked them to look in their rental/lease fleet and find something they are moving out with approximately 2500 hours. We need backhoe, with a ditching bucket to clean out ditches, a diesel with a mechanical thumb. Councilman Walker went with me to Beard Equipment, Councilman Walker got up on the machine and operated it and blessed it. We can get one from Beard Equipment for \$35,000. With an offer for John Deere to finance the balance, whatever we don't pay. We understand all the concerns, but we just don't have anything to work with. We also want a local dealer to service equipment and John Deere will finance it.

We received a second quote from Thompson Equipment for \$58,000.00.

COMMUNITY GROUP

None

ADDITIONAL NOTES

None

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION

Mayor Criswell stated that our revenues are good.

Mayor Criswell reported that he met with the AMIC Insurance adjuster and filed claims on damages to the Old City Hall and Police building that was sustained during the recent storm. AMIC won't pay everything due to maintenance on the buildings being minimal for the past 15 years. Buildings need to be maintained to keep them in shape. Normal maintenance requires your attention at least every two years. We will use insurance check for PD repairs. The Fire Department will be getting a \$2,500.00 grant soon that will help them.

Mayor Criswell announced that City of Creola will be hosting the next Municipality Dinner on 9/21/2017 7 PM at Creola Assembly of God Church. Judge Edmond Naman will be our guest speaker. This is a great time for us to visit with other municipalities, legislators, judges, lawyers, county commissioners, school board representatives, etc. and for them to know what's going on. Mayor Criswell stated that we have just about finished our move to the new City Hall. The ribbon cutting for the new City Hall will be announced soon. We are waiting on our signs. We have our new chairs for meetings. They are nice and look good.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Councilman Hadaway

SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Moss seconded.

Meeting adjourned @6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Sue Cain
City Clerk

c.m. 8.24.2017