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280 **CITY COUNCIL MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING**

TUESDAY, May 27th, 1997

The motion was made and seconded to adjourn. All were in favor, 5/0/0. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

APPROVED:

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COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 1997 9:00 AM
AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL, ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Regular Meeting May 27, 1997

OLD BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 1700-A to amend Ordinance No. 1700, Zoning, (Third Reading)
2. Authorizing for signage to Historical District at 23 N at Planer Hill, Committee Report
3. Annexation of Lake Leatherwood

NEW BUSINESS

1. Arkansas Entertainers Hall of Fame
2. Authorization to hire a City Planner
3. Set workshop date for vision plan
4. Authorization to offer Individual Medical Policy to those employees not covered by AML Health and Accident Insurance under the cafeteria plan. Resolution 442
5. Banners with advertising for the Zyde-Caj, Ms. Larimer

MAYORS COMMENTS

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS REPORT:

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AND AUTHORITY REPORTS:

1. Auditorium Commission, Position 1, expires August 11,2000; Position 3, expires July 11, 1997; Position 7 expires July 11, 2001.
2. C.A.P.C. Commission,
3. Cemetery Commission,
4. Historic District Commission.
5. Hospital Commission,
6. Parking Authority
7. Parks and Recreation Commission,
8. Planning Commission
9. Carroll County Solid-Wastes Authority
10. Four-County Solid-Wastes Management District
11. Eureka Springs Solid-Wastes Advisory Committee
12. Tourism Advisory Committee:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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Mayor Barbara OHarris called the Council Meeting to order at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, June 10th, 1997, in the jury room in the Western District Courthouse.

PRESENT:
Mayor OHarris, Alderwomen Dickens, Seratt, and Watson, and Aldermen Jeffrey and Freeland. Alderman Christman was absent.

ALSO PRESENT: Earl Hyatt, Sharon Hamm, Kirby Murray, Don Young, Don Matt, Jay Miner and Clerk Lee.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:
Mr. Young led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:
The motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. All were in favor, 6/0/0.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:
The Clerk said that the minutes were not ready. The motion was made and seconded to postpone the approval of the May 27th, 1997 minutes until the June 24th Council meeting. All were in favor, *5/0,0*.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance #1700-A to amend Ordinance #1700, Zoning, (Third Reading):

The motion was made and seconded to suspend the rules and place Ordinance #1700-A on its third and final reading by title only. By roll call, all were in favor, 5/0/0.

Mr. Young read the ordinance by title only.

The motion was made and seconded to approve. By roll call, all were in favor, 5/0/0.

2. Authorizing for signage to Historic District at 23 North at Planer Hill:

Mr. Shepherd will meet with Mr. Runge next week.

The motion was made and seconded to postpone until the June 24th meeting. All were in favor, 5/0/0.

3. Annexation of Lake Leatherwood:

McClelland is still checking on land descriptions to see if the land is contiguous to the City limits.

The motion was made and seconded to postpone until the June 24th meeting. All were in favor, 5/0/0.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Arkansas Entertainers Hall of Fame:

Gayle Larimer, Chairperson of the Auditorium Commission, said that the Auditorium Commission has endorsed getting involved provided the criteria is not too burdensome. The word is that there is grant money involved. $50,000 of the grant would be kept in a revolving fund, for presentation dinners, etc. $225,000 would be available to use to prepare the site. The Auditorium has a lot of space downstairs, and the money would go a long way toward making that space desirable including an elevator, and heat and air. They really appreciate Mr. Troillet, who is an architect, who is a commissioner and can give them advice. The Master Plan is in place and there are employees who already work there. So far, nobody has sent a criteria. The Council decided that until they do, there is no reason to do anything. Once the criteria is available, the City will know what is possible.

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2. Authorization to Hire a City Planner:

Alderwoman Watson made the motion to pursue the hiring of a City Planner. Alderwoman Seratt seconded.

Mr. Young had contacted several sources to obtain job descriptions, and all the information

that the City can use in the writing of a tailor-made job description. Mr. George Whittenberg is willing to help. The Mayor also suggested that the Council ask the Secretary of the Arkansas Planning Association to come next Tuesday night, for the Agenda-setting meeting. Alderwoman Dickens made the motion to postpone discussion until June 17th.
The vote was 5/0/0, to pursue hiring a city planner. Since the vote was done Alderwoman Dickens withdrew her motion to postpone.

Mayor O'Harris said if we have a city planner, we are going to have to talk about a place to put them. She said she had an appointment for the next day to discuss office space with Tom Johnson, who has been working with the City on the old Police building.

3. Set Workshop date for Vision Plan:
The Council has never discussed the Vision Plan, and how it should be used. Alderman Jeffrey said the council needs to decide if everything will be used in the plan, or if something is not used, why. Also will the City follow it to the letter or will it be used as a guideline. Alderwoman Seratt reminded the council that they would be gone a good portion of next week. The council decided to discuss at the July 1st Agenda-meeting, and it will be on the July 8th Council Meeting agenda.

4. Authorization to offer Individual Medical Policy to those employees not covered by AML Health and Accident Insurance under the cafeteria plan, Resolution #442:
The motion was made and seconded to read Resolution #442. All were in favor, 5/0/0.
Mr. Young read the resolution.
The motion was made and seconded to approve. By roll call, the vote was 5/0/0.

5. Banners with advertising for the Zyde-Caj, Ms. Larimer:
Ms. Larimer said that it is too late to do much about banners this year. When they do them, they want them to be just right. The Mayor asked about the difference between Zydeco music, and Cajun music. Mr. Jeffrey said that Cajun is the old fashioned two-step kind of music. Ms. Larimer said that Zydeco is the more modern southern country Cajun. She said that the several of the B&B's and the Hotels and Restaurants will all be serving some Cajun dishes for the occasion. Mr. Jeffrey asked that next year, the commission hire a Cajun chef to come. He said that it is very entertaining.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:
The Mayor read that Congress has declared the 21 days between June 14th, Flag Day, through July 4th, Independence Day, as a period to honor America. There will be public gatherings and activities at which people can gather and honor their country in the appropriate manner. Help the handicapped, appreciating the aged, and helping the young to understand the opportunities and responsibilities inherent in our constitution.

Governor Huckabee's wife, Janet, will be here July 7th and July 8th. She wants to find

places for young single mothers to come with their children. This is her project.

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Since this time of year is the birthday of Eureka Springs the City will hold a birthday party at Lake Leatherwood to celebrate. Mrs. Huckabee will have her own decorated HRH Janet (Her Royal Highness) canoe, and there will be canoes, and flat bottomed boats, and lots of activities for everyone. Mrs. Huckabee likes athletic activities.

The Mayor also announced that she and Kirby Murray and Don Young had a recent meeting with the State Highway Department representatives. She said she felt that it was productive. They understand the City's insistence on concrete. They that whether it is concrete or asphalt, the whole road will have to come up. She said that they discussed Highways 62, 23, the light at the top of Planer Hill, the Planer Hill sidewalk, a turn lane at the Police Department and stop lights. There is no grant money available to assist in moving utilities, so that the highway can be widened.
That was all she could say for now. The next thing is to see what the State Highway Department will do.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S REPORT:
Mr. Young announced that in February, we took a $22,000 loss, but in March, our check was $75,000, which set a record clear back to 1992. Our April check was $84,524.19, which also set a record. We are playing catch up on the deficit in February; we're only down $3000 for the year, which is minus 1.24%. With the trend set in the last two months, we may have an excellent year. It is early in the year, but it is a good start.

Mr. Young reminded everyone that it is long past time to buy business licenses.

Mr. Kirby Murray came to the council meeting prepared to refute the charges Anna Liggett made about him and the use of dangerous herbicides. She also maligned O. C. Brown, the company that prepares and sprays the areas that the City has done. The City has never sprayed her hillside. Kudzu was growing up the guy wires and would spread across the road. It was his belief that SWEPCO did the spraying, which they do when it is necessary. They have the easements to do so.

The only area on her hillside that was dead was directly under the guy wire. He brought beautiful pictures of the dam, and showed that only the dam is sprayed, not the area around the dam. He believes Lake Leatherwood is the largest hand-cut limestone dam in the nation.
Mr. Murray had letters from the Monsanto Company, and G.C. Brown, which refuted the charges Mr. Liggett made against the products and the Companies involved. The applications were well within the mixing guidelines for local terrain. Alderwoman Dickens said that Mr. Murray made it clear to the Council when he came for the Council's support about using Rodeo that he is not comfortable using herbicides unless it is absolutely necessary. Alderman Freeland said if we can't trust State approval, and County approval, and the other endorsements that we've had, who can we trust? We do the best we can.
Mr. Murray said that is why he has a company that is expert in applying it do the job. They keep records of everything.

Chief Earl Hyatt came recommending Bert Sigg for the position of auxiliary reserve officer. He finds this man to be likeable and professional. He has already been trained and certified as a reserve officer. Mr. Sigg's duties would be those of a regular officer, under the direction of a full time certified police officer. He has the same authority, when he is on duty, as any other officer. He doesn't receive compensation for his time, but is under workmen's compensation. The Council voted unanimously to approve Mr. Sigg 5/0/0.

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Sheila Seratt gave a brief comment on the work session between the Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Auditorium Commission. She said it was productive and that everyone had a better understanding when it was over.

Alderman Jeffrey reminded everyone that there is a vacancy on the Equalization Board.

The motion was made and seconded to adjourn. All were in favor, *5/0/0*. The meeting was adjourned at 10 a.m.

APPROVED: