

Mayor Spencer Knight called to order the regular meeting of the Rutledge city council. Council members Brenda Thompson, Tom Strott, Bill Spann and James Bratcher were present as were members of the public.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tom Strott made motion that the minutes of the May 18, 2009 meeting be approved as submitted. Brenda Thompson seconded, all voted in favor and motion carried.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Debbie Rutherford gave an update on checking account balances and utilities billed out for the previous month.

CITY PARK UPDATE

Mayor Knight informed the council that the grading on the park should be completed in about a week. He stated we will then come back and make sure everything is properly laid out with the lay of the land. I hope by the end of the month we will be ready to pour concrete. He said the tennis courts will be just seeded and strawed for now.

Bill Spann asked about the basketball court at James Street.

Mayor Knight advised that would stay there.

TELEPHONE SYSTEM QUOTE

Debbie informed the council that the phones in city hall were not working properly. She stated that only one was completely functional.

She stated that Itech Solutions had submitted a quote for a phone network system with three phones and would have auto-attendant and could grow to support up to 15 lines and 45 phones.

Tom Strott said that he believed 1900.00 is excessive for a phone system and we should get more quotes. The mayor and council agreed.

APPROVAL FOR ELECTION MANAGER

Debbie Rutherford advised the council that this was an election year and many of the workers that the city had used in the past would not be available this election. She stated that she would ask for approval to hire Judy Senft to be the election manager.

She said that Judy handled the election for the City of Madison before the Board of Elections took over.

She advised that the pay requested is \$25.00 per hour.

Tom Strott stated that Judy had done a really good job in Madison.

Brenda Thompson made motion to hire Judy Senft as the election manager at \$25.00 per hour.

Tom Strott seconded, all voted in favor and motion carried.

NUNNALLY STREET WATERLINE AND HYDRANT REPAIR

Ricky Blevins addressed the council and stated that Nunnally Street has two waterlines that run down it. He said there is a cast iron pipe and then it turns into plastic. He stated they evidently ran a new line and did not disconnect the old.

Tom Strott asked how many houses were tied to it.

He said we are not sure because they are hard to locate because of the plastic, we can't cut it off.

He said there are at least five on a 2 ½ inch line.

Tom Strott made motion to approve the proposal of \$3604.80 to repair the line, fire hydrant and make the five taps on Nunnally Street.

Bill Spann seconded, all voted in favor and motion carried.

MILLAGE RATE HEARING DATE

Debbie Rutherford advised the council that the millage rate hearing date needed to be advertised in the paper. She said the date would be July 20, 2009 at 6:30 to set the millage rate and the regular meeting would follow at 7:00.

BUDGET WORK SESSION DATE AND BUDGET DISCUSSION

Debbie Rutherford stated that a work session for the budget needed to be scheduled and attentively set it for July 6, 2009 at 7:00.

Eva Young was present to discuss the recreation budget and summer camp. Eva went over all the yearly events and costs that the recreation department sponsors. She stated the summer camp this year was going to be a music camp.

She said they were using a well known musician by the name of Curtis Jones.

She said the total cost for camp is \$2995.00 and we are \$320.00 short. The council stated the city had enough in the budget to cover the extra for camp.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-PERSONNEL

Brenda Thompson made motion to exit regular session for the purpose of entering executive session to discuss personnel issues. James Bratcher seconded, all voted in favor and motion carried.

Tom Strott made motion to exit executive session. Bill Spann seconded, all voted in favor and motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

