

**CITY OF HUMNOKE COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL BUILDING IN THE LILLIAN CALVERT LIBRARY  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2023, AT 7 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

The regular council meeting was opened with prayer by Elbert Lee Carter.

**ROLL CALL:** Present were council members: Elbert Carter, Jean Gravett, Janet Teer, Richard and Barbara Terry; city attorney, Michael Crump; and Mayor Sue King. The required number for quorum were present.

**Visitors:** Katie Sharp and 2 other ladies from City of Carlisle re: use of Humnoke's "train."

**ROUTINE BUSINESS:**

The **Minutes of September 11<sup>th</sup>** were provided; **there was a motion and second to approve the minutes as transcribed. Motion passed unanimously by the council.**

**Financial Reports:** The **September 2023**, bank reconciliation reports (6) were provided. The current balances from the two (2) accounts with no activity were: **Community Relief** (\$1,793.39); and **Parks & Recreation Fund** (\$1,668.43, received 21 cents interest). [all reports available for review]. The **ARPA balance** remains at \$24,717.39. The **Siren Grant Funds** are \$14,250; \$640 donated funds toward siren. **There was a motion and second to approve the financial reports as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

**REPORTS:**

- **FIRE Dept Report:** Resent the request for reimbursement to Kenny Snyder on 9/19/23 for the 3/18/23 run in the amount of \$332. Also, filed with Liberty Mutual Insurance for reimbursement for 3/26 auto fire rn.
- **Storm Siren Grant:** Has been ordered.
- **STREETS:** Start date: This week or next.
- **Street Signs:** Anderson Striping, Inc. has been marking placement for street signs.
- **Drainage Study:** PMI, engineering firm, has not sent any further information.
- **Helping Hands of Humnoke-Keep Arkansas Beautiful:** event was changed to **October 28<sup>st</sup>**.
- **FUN PARK Grant:** Grant was denied. Trails for Life: No info.
- **Clean-up Ordinance:** We continue to work on update for Ordinance/code enforcer.
- **City Website:** Updates/additional information will be added as soon as possible.
- **LIGHTS:** After having problems with lights in city hall and the community building, we engaged Scott Harrison to replace lights with LED; labor cost for replacement should be in next month's report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **TEAR-DOWN of OLD GYM:** There was discussion re: contacting Ronald Dean Munnerlyn and the demolition of the gym. Also, discussion re: contacting Mr. Waggoner who contracted with the City but did not follow through with his agreement to demolish and clean up.
- **PROPERTY CLEANUP:** Mayor King has been in contact with Judge Grammer, who gave us the name of a Judge to contact regarding how to enforce codes, rules and regulation; also, how to collect fines. Clean-up day was changed to October 28<sup>th</sup>, with hot dogs and water provided.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Lonoke County Clerk required approval for the 2023 taxes to be collected in the year 2024 for the City of Humnoke. There was motion and second to approve the millage for the City at a rate of .0050 Mills. Motion passed.
- Discussion re: necessary termite treatment needed between the maintenance shop and community building; the City engaged Mr. Randy Alberson to complete this treatment for \$400.
- City of Carlisle requested use of Humnoke's children's train for their homecoming parade and fall fest. There was a motion and second to agree to this proposal; motion passed.
- Discussion re: funds for the Clerk salary, which a portion were supposed to come out of the Water fund. It total amount has been coming out of the General Fund; it was decided to leave this as is since Grand Prairie may be taking the water system in the near future.

**WATER DEPARTMENT:**

**The Council, as Board of Directors for the City Water, resolved the following accounts: There was a motion and second to close out these accounts and those with balance due to be sent for collection. Motion passed unanimously.**

- **Karri Wilson:** Acct #139. Ms. Wilson moved in February 2023 leaving balance of \$348.48. She did not give notice or leave forwarding address; attempts were made to contact her/family members. **balance due of \$248.48 after \$100 meter refund applied to account.**
- **Jo Ann Brown:** Acct #184. Residence was sold to Selena Rose, who came on 8/17 to pay a \$100 deposit. City was not notified of date Ms. Brown's date of sale/turn-off; and no input was put into the system; leaving a balance due of \$99.25. The \$100 meter deposit will cover the balance due. RVS will be contacted re: resolving this account.
- **Doretta Brooks:** Acct #71. Final billing should reflect \$413.16; no payment received. She has **\$200 meter deposit to offset, leaving a balance due of \$213.16.** [She has made no further contact.]

**MOTION TO ADJOURN.** With no further business, there was a motion and second to adjourn; motion passed. *Next regular meeting will be November 13, 2023.*

**Minutes approved on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.**

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**Sue King, Mayor**

**Attest:**

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**Kay Fulmer, Clerk**