

City of Shannon Hills, Arkansas
Regular City Council Meeting
Apr 08, 2008

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Mayor Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present were Mayor Davis, Aldermen Sue Skipper, Toni Cobb, James Smith, Dave Holsomback and Evelyn Cador, Recorder-Treasurer Curt Wilson. City Attorney Patrick Benca and Alderman Baker was absent. Alderman Baker arrived at 6:32pm.

Financial Report: Read by Recorder, as supplied by the accounting firm.

For the period ending March 31, 2008:

General Fund:

Revenues	40,323.76
Expenditures	42,041.38
Checking Account Balance	50,211.08
Cash Reserves (Stevens)	33,011.00
Total Cash Assets	83,391.81

A motion was made by Alderman Smith to accept the Financial Report as given. A second was provided by Alderman Holsomback. Motion was approved via voice vote. There was no opposition.

Minutes: Minutes for the Dec 27, 2007 Special meeting and March 11, 2008 regular Council meeting were presented for approval. Alderman Holsomback moved that both minutes be approved as presented. Alderman Baker provided a second. The motion was approved by voice vote. There was no opposition.

Department Head Reports:

The Department heads presented written reports. Copies of all of the reports are maintained in the office of the Recorder-Treasurer for public inspection.

There was a moment of silence in honor of Mr. "Jay" Pinkston, a long time resident of Shannon Hills, who passed away last week.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Comments:

Fire Chief Mel Aldridge announced that Roy Shere, a fire Dept volunteer and long time resident of the city is on his way to Iraq AGAIN. Mayor Davis stated that because he had been before, (this may be his third tour), that upon his return we should consider giving him a welcome home party. He was given a plaque to honor his previous service.

Police chief Richard Friend asked about the spending freeze and what was allowed. He stated that he had officers who were in need of uniforms and that all officers were needing to go to the firing range to meet annual qualification requirements. Also, the bullet-proof vests currently in use are several years old and would probably not meet requirements.

There followed a rather lengthy conversation about equipment conditions and needs. Near the end of the conversation, Mayor Davis recommended that the Council authorize the purchases and to approve a Five Thousand dollar (\$5,000.00), limit for purchasing seven (7) vests, ammunition sufficient to qualify all of our officers and the needed uniforms. He asked that Chief Friend submit a list of items to be purchased to his office later this week.

Alderman Baker made a motion that the purchases, as discussed, be authorized and that the purchases be limited to a maximum of Five Thousand dollars. Alderman Holsomback provided a second. In a roll call vote Alderman Baker, Cobb, Smith and Holsomback voted "Yes." Alderman Skipper voted "No." Alderman Cador Abstained. The motion is approved.

An unidentified citizen expressed concern about stray dogs. Police Chief Friend responded that although vicious or aggressive animals could be dealt with but that there were few options available with respect to other strays. The situation was discussed for several minutes but no solution was forthcoming. Saline county officials are currently discussing what the county might do with respect to the stray animal problem on a county wide basis. It may be that Shannon Hills may be able to participate in whatever the County may develop but that will take time, if it comes about at all. We will continue to seek a solution to this issue.

Appreciation for the job done by the Fire and Police Departments during the recent bad weather and flooding in the community and area was expressed by several.

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Alderman Baker. A second was supplied by Alderman Smith motion was approved by a voice vote, with no opposition.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Date: _____

Approved: _____
Larance Davis, Mayor

Attest: _____
Curt Wilson, Recorder-Treasurer