

The Van Buren Town Council held its regular meeting on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Van Buren Town Hall. Council President Tony Manry called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Member Jerry Caudill motioned to approve the previous minutes, Council Member Mark Towery seconded. 3-0. Minutes were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS: Jim Lobdell questioned Tony about still being on the council. He also asked if there were any decisions made in an executive meeting instead of a public meeting. He is wanting meetings to be ran better. There was also a question about Dollar General being annexed into town. Linda Long was back to discuss the donation for the Christmas tree. She is still waiting on more information and a quote for how much the tree will be. Mark motioned to again table the decision until there is a quote. Jerry seconded. 3-0. Linda Saunders asked if the holes in the alley by the Lions Club could be filled in. Tony said he will talk to Donnie about getting those filled.

UTILITIES: Utility Sup. Donnie Plummer was not present. Mark read the report that Donnie had prepared. Both plants are running well. Meters have been read, there were two residents tagged for leaks. Lead and copper tests came back all good. Taylor & Sons are working on a quote for the sidewalk up to Dollar General. He is still waiting on two more quotes. Laborer, Jeremy Shaw, is training with Donnie at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Best Way, Waste Management and GFL has all been contacted about trash quotes. Best Way is the only company that has responded thus far. Donnie will be attending Best Equipment Customer Appreciation on October 20th and Alliance Fall Conference one day next week. The meter at the Weaver North Plant is coded for the wrong meter size, Jerry motioned to have it changed to the correct size. Mark seconded. 3-0. The irrigation meter is off at Dollar General, the account needs to be put on hold. Jerry motioned to have it put on hold, with the knowledge of knowing that Dollar General will inform Donnie when it is back on. Mark seconded. 3-0. Donnie will be on vacation October 24th-28th 2022.

POLICE REPORT: Marshall Dale Osborn reported that all is well. He will be getting an estimate on new tires for the 2020 Ford Explorer. Dale is getting packets ready regarding some properties to take to area plan. The Deputies are getting their training completed. The New domestic battery law books have come in. They are still working on getting properties cleaned up.

Mark motioned to approve water bill adjustments. Jerry seconded. 3-0.

Mark motioned to approve APVs. Jerry seconded. 3-0.

Council signed the Payroll Docket

Jerry motioned to approve budget reduction for the 2023 budget. Mark seconded. 3-0.

Mark motioned to adjourn. Jerry seconded. 3-0. There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Board Members