

Town of Ceredo
Town Council
Regular Session
January 8th, 2024

The Town of Ceredo Town Council met in regular session on Monday, January 8th, 2024 at the Ceredo City Hall. The Mayor, Paul A. Billups, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Those present included the Mayor, Paul A. Billups, and Councilmen, Steve Diamond, Oscar Adkins, Joe Ratcliff, Ron Jarrell, and Robert Leslie.

Reading and Approval of the Minutes

The Mayor asked if Council had any additions or corrections to the minutes of the December 4th, 2023 Regular Session. None being heard and on a motion by Steve Diamond and second by Ron Jarrell, Council voted to accept the December 4th, 2023 Regular Session minutes as presented. All were in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Robert Leslie, presented the financial report for December, 2023, and the Mayor thereafter asked if Council had any questions. None being heard, on a motion by Oscar Adkins and a second by Steve Diamond, Council voted to accept the Treasurer's report for December, 2023 as presented. All were in favor, motion carried.

Delegations

Carroll Browning, representing the Antique Automobile Club, requested a donation of \$1,250 to assist with the 2024 Ceredo Antique Car Show. The event has been held in Ceredo for over twenty years, and historically draws a large crowd to the town. On motion by Joe Ratcliff with second by Oscar Adkins, the request was unanimously approved by council.

Rusty Webb, Esq. appeared to present council with the first of thirteen checks from the West Virginia First Foundation, being a distribution from the opioid litigation settlement. The first installment was \$114,000. The Mayor and Council expressed appreciation to Mr. Webb for his representation of the Town in that litigation.

Mayor's Comments

The Mayor informed Council that the town's health insurance carrier, PEIA, has announced a 14% rate increase to become effective July 1, 2014.

The Mayor advised Council that through an agreement with the Crescent Hill Cemetery Board a number of aged, distressed long-needle white Pine trees will be removed from the cemetery and replaced with a small vegetation in the Spring. In conjunction with that project, the trees along Route 60 East will be trimmed and dead trees removed.

Distracted Driving Ordinance

Second reading of an ordinance restricting distracted driving was held. On motion by Steve Diamond and second by Oscar Adkins, the ordinance was unanimously approved to become effective immediately.

Air B&B Ordinance

Second reading of an ordinance regulating B&B lodging businesses in town was held. After discussion, motion was made by Bob Leslie and seconded by Joe Ratcliff to approve the ordinance. Council voted unanimously, the ordinance was approved.

Ordinance to Revise the Town Building Code

A proposed ordinance to revise Article 1711, Ceredo Building Code, was presented for first reading. The revision is required to reference the most recent editions of the state building and fire codes that are referenced in the current ordinance. On motion by Ron Jarrell and second by Steve Diamond, council voted unanimously to approve the revision on first reading.

Council Work Tablets

Town Clerk Jacob Skeens made a presentation to Council concerning the purchase of Apple Work Tablets for each councilman. Skeens explained the benefits and savings of using electronic transmission for documents and notifications to and from council members. The devices will replace the monthly “Council Books” and provide instant access to archived material. On motion by Bob Leslie and second by Steve Diamond, the council voted unanimously to approve the purchase.

Board Appointments

The Mayor announced the following appointments: Floodwall Board – Oscar Adkins, Steve Diamond, and Bob Leslie. Sewer Board – Ron Jarrell, Joe Ratcliff, and Oscar Adkins. Water Board – Steve Diamond, Bob Leslie, and Ron Jarrell.

Adjournment

No further business was brought before the Council. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Paul A. Billups, Mayor

ATTEST: Jacob Skeens, Clerk