

**Minutes**  
**August 6, 2007**  
**Regular Council Meeting**

Mayor Ford called the meeting to order.

The following Council Members were present constituting a quorum: Larry Estvanko, Larry Mann, Jerry Robinson, William Simmons and Gene Yearty.

Mayor Ford recognized that John Denney a local candidate for Carroll County Commission was present.

The first item on the agenda was the consent agenda and a motion to accept was made by William Simmons second by Jerry Robinson unanimous by Council.

The Minutes from the July 2, 2007 meeting were read and a motion to accept was made by Larry Mann second by Jerry Robinson unanimous by Council.

The Minutes from the July 26, 2007 meeting were read and a motion to accept was made by William Simmons second by Jerry Robinson unanimous by Council.

Planning and Zoning was the first item on the agenda with nothing to discuss.

Old Business: Ethics Committee appointment was the first item to be discussed; Mayor Ford announced his nomination was Gene Merritt. A motion to accept the nomination was Gene Yearty second by Larry Estvanko unanimous by Council.

Temporary Political Sign Ordinance was next on the agenda. Mayor Ford advised the Council that he had given them a copy of last year's ordinance and wanted to know if they wanted to make any changes. If any changes are made then there would have to be two readings. After discussion on this item Gene Yearty made a motion not to make any changes to the ordinance but to require city hall to provide each candidate a copy of the sign ordinance second by Larry Estvanko unanimous by Council.

Rules of Decorum Clarification were next and Mayor Ford explained that this item was put on the agenda to clarify the Rules of Decorum: The rules are if a citizen wants to speak then they should not be put on the agenda but under public comment. It also states that if anyone wants to speak they have to request in writing to City Hall three business days prior to the Council Meeting. Mr. Simmons requested to make some changes to the Rules of Decorum and was informed by Mr. Thomas that no changes could be made until next months meeting because it was not advertised as part of the August agenda.

New Business: First Foundation for Childhood Literacy was the first item under new business. Penny Ayers and Martha Saunders with the foundation stated this program had been active in Carroll County for two years and they provide free hard back age appropriate books to registered children between the ages of 0-5 years. The books are mailed out once a month including a parent's guide and activities for the children to do. The cost to the foundation is \$35.00 per child and they are asking for the city to spread the word and help find a representative for the Temple area. Mayor Ford thanked them for coming and told them the city would be glad to keep the literacy about the program in City Hall.

Watershed Protection Plan Progress Report and Plan Review were tabled until the next month's meeting.

Building Permit Fee Schedule was next; Mayor Ford informed the Council that Roger Bickford would be presenting information on a new fee schedule that he would like to see them adopt. After discussion Gene Yearty and Larry Estvanko recommended to table this until next month's meeting giving them more time to review the new proposed schedule.

Mayor Ford gave an update on the Villa Rosa Pump Station. He said due to problems with the electrical panel the start up date had been postponed until Monday August 13, 2007.

Sam Russell gave a proposal to the Mayor and Council on uniform rentals for the Public Works Department and Sewer Department. He told them that the cost would be \$43.00 a month for each employee and the employees are willing to contribute \$20.00 a month toward the uniforms. Each employee would receive 11 uniforms each and all repairs and maintenance would be done by the company. A motion was made by Jerry Robinson to rent uniforms for five employees (3 in Public Works and 2 in Sewer) second by Larry Mann unanimous by Council.

Mr. Russell also asked for four phones to be upgraded from an I-265 entry level phone to an I-580 with camera features. He explained this feature would assist in verifying illegal dumping, erosion and theft of water. The upgrade would cost around \$645.00. William Simmons made a motion to upgrade the four phones second by Larry Mann unanimous by Council.

Mayor Ford advised the Council that streets for the 2008 LARP Program needed to be identified and turned in by August 31, 2007. Gene Yearty requested E. Buchanan be added to the list and Sam Russell asked for Sage St from the Wood Products to Super Foods be added. A motion to identify these two streets was made by Larry Mann second by Gene Yearty unanimous by Council.

Police Department Budget Amendment for Drug Seizure was next and Mayor Ford explained the police budget needed to be amended due to some line items being taken down to zero in anticipation to receiving the drug money. According to the guidelines set up by the U.S. Attorney's office the drug money is suppose to be in addition to the budget. Larry Mann stated he thinks the budget need to be revisited. Mr. Thomas advised the Council the budget would have to be amended so this item was tabled until next month's meeting.

Water/Sewer Deposit Refund Policy was discussed next and the Council was presented with policies from surrounding cities. Larry Estvanko requested this be tabled until next month's meeting.

Employee Random Drug Testing Policy was discussed next; Mayor Ford presented to the Council a copy of a policy that he would like to see adopted. Under this policy a program is set up through Tanner Occupational Health. They have a computer software program that randomly selects a percentage of employees to test and their recommendation is 50%. The City would provide names and social security numbers of employees, they would assign a number to each employee and then the numbers are randomly selected. Jerry Robinson made a motion to accept the new policy second by William Simmons unanimous by Council.

The opening of the sealed bids for the sale of the real estate at 75 James St. was next, C.A. opened the two bids. Phillip Falkner's bid was \$10,555.00 and Integrestore, Inc.'s bid was \$8,300.00. Gene Yearty made a motion to accept the highest bid second by Larry Mann unanimous by Council.

Checking Account Signatures was the last item on the agenda. Mayor Ford explained Kim Pope needed to be added to the signature cards because the city is required to have one elected official and one city employee to sign checks. A motion to add Kim Pope to the signature cards were made by William Simmons second by Jerry Robinson unanimous by Council.

Mayor Ford explained to the Council he did not have time to get the purchase of an air conditioner for the Senior Center on the agenda but he would like to add it because Shirley had requested to be able to purchase a window unit for the kitchen. Gene Yearty made a motion to approve the purchase second by Larry Estvanko unanimous by Council.

William Simmons made a motion to postpone the September 3, 2007 Regular Council Meeting until September 10, 2007 due to Labor Day second by Jerry Robinson unanimous by Council.

Larry Mann reminded the Mayor and Council about the Public Advisory Committee they had discussed at an earlier meeting. Each Council member was to nominate someone to this committee. He said he would like to nominate Sharon Mobley and William Simmons nominated Shelonda Harris.

Motion to adjourn to go into executive session was made by Larry Mann second by William Simmons unanimous by Council.

Motion to return to regular session was made by Gene Yearty second by Larry Mann unanimous by Council.

A motion to deny appeal #1 was made by Jerry Robinson second by Larry Estvanko unanimous by Council.

A motion to deny appeal #2 was made by Larry Mann second by Gene Yearty unanimous by Council.

A motion to postpone appeal #3 due to further investigation was made by Gene Yearty second by William Simmons unanimous by Council.

Motion to adjourn was made by William Simmons second by Gene Yearty unanimous by Council.

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Mayor Rick Ford

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Kim Pope, City Clerk