

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
BETHEL HEIGHTS CITY HALL
January 16, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

The Bethel Heights City Council met in a regular scheduled meeting in the Bethel Heights City Hall. Mayor Cynthia Black called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL: The following members answered the roll call: Debra Cheval, Karen Taylor, Jim Swanson, and Jacob Meckem.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE: Recorder/Treasurer Janet Nelson, Deputy City Clerk Lisa Gibson, and Officer Miguel Cordova were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA: Alderwoman Cheval moved to approve the agenda for January 16, 2018. Alderman Meckem seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

APPROVE MINUTES: December 19, 2017. Alderwoman Cheval moved to approve the minutes of December 19, 2017. Alderman Swanson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

APPROVE TREASURY REPORT: December 2017. Members reviewed the treasury report. Alderman Swanson moved to approve the treasury report for December 2017. Alderwoman Cheval seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

REVIEW OF WASTEWATER TREASURY REPORT: December 2017. Members reviewed the wastewater treasury report.

PUBLIC FORUM:

COMMENTS ON WRITTEN REPORTS: Police Department, Fire Department, Wastewater Department, Street Department, & Building Permits. Mayor Black stated that Officer Cordova is here due to Chief Moore being out with the flu.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

OLD BUSINESS:

Call to Order

Roll call

Officials

Pledge

Agenda

Motion to Approve
Motion Passed

Minutes

Motion to Approve
Motion Passed

Treasury Report

Motion to Approve

Motion Passed

**Review of Wastewater
Treasury Report**

Public Forum

**Comments on Written
Reports**

**Presentation of Ordinances
and Resolutions**

Old Business

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Inland Waste Solutions:** Mayor Black stated that the city entered into a contract with Inland Waste Solution in 2016 and it included a price structure for 5 year rates. Mr. Kevin Gardner stated that per the contract included a 3% increase for the coming year. Alderwoman Taylor stated that she has a complaint with the trash being picked-up and then the trash containers being left in the street blocking the mailboxes. Alderwoman Cheval motioned to approve the price increase per the contract. Alderwoman Taylor seconded the motion. Mayor Black called the roll and the following votes were recorded: Cheval-yes, Taylor-yes, Swanson-yes, and Meckem-yes. Motion passed.
2. **Hwy 265 Ownership/Resolution:** Mayor Black stated that with the widening of Hwy 265, Arkansas Department of Transportation has requested once the road is complete that the City take over the maintenance. Alderwoman Cheval questioned if that included mowing, plowing, and street maintenance. Mayor Black stated that it would be mowing and once the road is complete, the state will no longer maintain the area.
3. **Appropriate Funds- \$28,000 for Hwy 265 Sewer Relocation:** Mayor Black stated that a bid was received and must be approved by the state. The state wants the project completed by February 28th. Alderwoman Cheval motioned to appropriate \$28,000 from sewer and enter into a contract with Crosswater Construction to relocate the sewer line. Alderman Meckem seconded the motion. Mayor Black called the roll and the following votes were recorded: Cheval- yes, Taylor- yes, Swanson- yes, and Meckem-yes. Motion passed.
4. **By-Laws:** Mayor Black asked if anything in the by-laws needed to be changed or added. Members agreed no changes needed.
5. **Black History Month:** Mayor Black stated that it has been asked that the City support it by doing a proclamation. Alderwoman Cheval stated that she didn't have a problem with the city doing a proclamation. Mayor Black stated that she would move forward with it.

ADJOURN MEETING: Alderwoman Cheval moved to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Swanson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

New Business
Inland Waste Solutions

Motion to Approve

Motion Passed
Hwy 265
Ownership/Resolution

Appropriate Funds- \$28,000
for Hwy 265 Sewer
Relocation

Motion to Appropriate

Motion Passed
By-Laws

Black History Month

Adjourn Meeting
Motion to Adjourn
Motion Passed

APPROVED: Cynthia J. Brown
Mayor

ATTEST: Janet Nelson
Recorder/Treasurer

