

**LAKEVIEW CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 20, 2011**

I Call to Order

Mayor Dennis Behling called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

II Responding to the roll call were Bea Crites, Joe Gies, , Bill Svehla; Ken Fortier arrived late. Chuck Birmes and Della Scott had excused absences.

III APPROVAL –

August Council Meeting Minutes

- A. Ald. Crites moved to accept Minutes as presented.
- B. Ald. Svehla 2nd the motion.
- C. Motion carried

August Financials

- A. Ald. Gies moved to accept the records as presented.
- B. Motion seconded by Ald. Crites
- C. Motion carried.

IV. Police Report

- A. Mayor Behling stated that the August report was being presented and asked if there were any questions concerning the report, none asked. The Mayor stated that report would be available to the public.
 - 1. Mayor Behling asked Chief Manley to make Council aware of a situation.
 - a. Chief Manley stated that Officer Ed Thomas was resigning his position effective Oct. 1, to take a position with AR State Parks but would remain available for part time duty with the City. This will necessitate hiring a full time replacement, which the Chief is currently addressing.

Building Inspector Report

- A. Mayor Behling stated that the August report was being presented and asked if there were any questions concerning the report, none asked. The Mayor stated that report would be available to the public.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Ordinance 11-02 re: Rules of Procedure 2nd Reading
 - 1. Ald. Gies made a motion to suspend the rules and have the 2nd reading by title only
 - 2. Ald. Svehla 2nd the motion
 - 3. Motion was passed with 4 yeas and 0 nays. Mayor Behling acted as the fourth vote to meet the requirement for a quorum.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. 2012 Mil Rate
 - 1. Must be submitted by October 6.
 - 2. Ald Crites made a motion that the 3 mil levy be retained, Ald Svehla 2nd the motion, motion passed with 4 yeas and 0 nays. Mayor Behling acted as the fourth vote to meet the requirement for a quorum.
- B. Future Farmers' Market
 - 1. As Mayor Behling stated, there has been discussion as to extending the Market.
 - 2. Mrs. Barton, Treasurer, stated that after talking with vendors they were agreeable to a meeting in October to address extended time and also other issues and concerns. This would include the possibility of hosting garage sale vendors in the park along with the

Farmers' Market when they have the large joint city garage sale in September. To be continued.....

- C. Signing of Bank Reconciliation – No longer required by State.
 - 1. Council members agreed that the Reconciliation was redundant of the Financial Statement they received with their Financial Reports.
 - 2. Mayor Behling also stated that only an Annual Financial Statement will be required to be published instead of the Bi-annual reports. This will save the Cities publishing fees.
- D. Petition Circulation re: Tax on Natural Gas
 - 1. Mayor Behling presented each of the Council Members a copy of the petition to increase the severance tax on natural gas so that it would be more equal to that of surrounding states. They are to solicit signatures to place this matter on the ballot. The registered voters must be from Baxter County only.
 - 2. It would not impact the price of gas to Arkansas as that is currently provided by surrounding states which already have this rate in effect.
- E. Alcoholic Beverages in Civic Center
 - 1. Mayor Behling had submitted a letter to the Municipal League regarding the legality of this matter.
 - 2. It came up due to the fact that a request for hosting a wedding reception with alcohol being served for purposes of toasting had been submitted. At this time, there is no allowance for alcoholic beverages being served due to the public nature of the Park and the buildings. However, if the facility is being used for a closed reception/party, it no longer has access to the general public.
 - 3. Mayor Behling stated that he would amend current policies and bring this matter back to Council.
- F. Questionnaire for Hazard Mitigation Plan
 - 1. Questionnaires are part of a plan being developed by North AR Economic Development for Baxter County which would allow cities within Baxter County to apply for federal mitigation funds in the event of a natural disaster. After completing the questionnaires, return them to Mayor Behling and he will submit them as a packet.
- G. Employee Handbook – August Draft
 - 1. Since there were no suggested changes, Mayor Behling will finalize the Handbook for adoption .
- H. Ald Crites requested information concerning the Urban Deer Hunt.
 - 1. Mayor Behling stated the figures he had received were 13 registered at Lakeview and 10 registered to Bull Shoals making it a total of 23. The hunt will continue through November, 11th and reopen for the month of January 2012.

VII. Items from the Floor

- A. None from the General Audience

VIII. Adjourn

- A. Ald. Crites made a motion to adjourn
- B. Ald. Svehla seconded
- C. Motion carried
- D. Meeting adjourned 7:33 PM