

**REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION**  
**609 29<sup>th</sup> Street, Vienna, WV 26105**  
**June 24, 2021**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Invocation was given by Fred Fenton. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Jim Leach.

**The Vienna Astros were recognized for being the 8U season champions in Vienna Rec with a 17-0 record.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Vienna City Council met in Regular Session on June 24, 2021. Mayor Randy Rapp called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Attendance was taken by Recorder Melissa Elam with the following Council members present: Kim Williams, Tom Azinger, Mike Elam, Jim Leach, City Attorney Russell Skogstad, Recorder Melissa Elam, and Mayor Randy Rapp. Absent: Roger Bibbee.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Bruce and Kara Stouffer (4705 8<sup>th</sup> Ave.): Asking for an update on stormwater work. The rain this past week was another flooding incident for them. They are running out of options and don't know what to do next.

Mayor Rapp responded. Their house is the lowest point in the neighborhood. He acknowledged all the things the Stouffers have done and the city has done to try to fix it. He mentioned there may be funds available if Council chooses to use them that way.

Craig Metz responded and feels the residents have gone far beyond what anyone would do to try to fix it.

The Stouffers asked if there is anything else the city needs from them to try to stop the flooding. Mayor Rapp said no.

**REPORT OF THE MINUTES:**

The minutes of the Regular Council Session scheduled on 6/10/2021 have been printed, posted, and circulated. The minutes were approved as posted.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **RESOLUTION: To Approve the New Business Economic Development Tax Credit Application for Rare Hospitality International, Inc. (Longhorn Steakhouse)**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VIENNA**, that it hereby approve the NEW BUSINESS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT APPLICATION for RARE HOSPITALITY INTERNATIONAL, INC. (LONGHORN STEAKHOUSE) as set out in the attached application, incorporated by reference herein.

**Councilman Tom Azinger moved to approve the New Business Economic Development Tax Credit Application for Rare Hospitality International, Inc. (Longhorn Steakhouse). Motion seconded by Councilman Mike Elam.**

Councilwoman Kim Williams asked how much the credit will be. Mayor Rapp responded that there is no way to know because it is based on their sales. Ms. Williams asked if every business that is qualified to apply for the exemption will apply for it if they consider coming to our area. Mayor Rapp responded that he hopes so.

Councilman Jim Leach likes that the exemption helps get businesses get established.

Councilman Tom Azinger told Council to consider we aren't getting taxes from the property right now anyway so it isn't a loss.

**Roll call vote taken by Recorder Melissa Elam. Councilman Mike Elam, Councilman Tom Azinger, Councilman Jim Leach, Recorder Melissa Elam, and Mayor Randy Rapp voting “yes”. Councilwoman Kim Williams voting “no”. Vote: 5-1.**

**2. BID APPROVAL: HVAC for the Senior Center**

Sealed bids for the installation of HVAC for the Senior Center were opened on Friday, June 11, 2021, at 10:00 am with the following results:

BIDDER	RESULTS
Alpha Technologies	1 Unit - \$9,000 3 Units - \$24,600
Murray Sheet Metal	1 Unit - \$7,995 – Trane \$8,295 3 Units - \$22,575 – Trane \$23,495
Tri State	1 Unit - \$13,210 3 Units - \$25,610
Ashez HVAC	1 Unit - \$6,694 3 Units - \$20,082
D&R Heating & Cooling	1 Unit - \$5,699 3 Units - \$18,573

After careful review of the bid proposals, the recommendation for Council approval for the installation of HVAC for the Senior Center is:

D&R Heating & Cooling                      \$18,573.00 - 3 Units

**Funding the project:** Funding for this project is budgeted in the City’s General Fund account # 01-905-65-59.

**Councilman Jim Leach moved to approve the Bid Approval for the HVAC for the Senior Center. Motion seconded by Councilman Mike Elam.**

There was no further discussion.

**Roll call vote taken by Recorder Melissa Elam. Councilman Mike Elam, Councilwoman Kim Williams, Councilman Tom Azinger, Councilman Jim Leach, Recorder Melissa Elam, and Mayor Randy Rapp voting “yes”. Vote: 6-0.**

**3. DISCUSSION: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND PLANS**

Craig Metz presented a map and cost estimate for a water line replacement and upgrade that would go from wells 7 and 8 at 32<sup>nd</sup> Street to 20<sup>th</sup> Street along River Road. There are only 4” connectors which makes it impossible to send water up to other areas of the city. Our water emergency a few years ago highlighted this inability. This upgrade would allow us to push water to anywhere in the city if we had a well failure. There would also be a connection put in for Minibel and the housing complex for future tie in. Councilman Tom Azinger asked about the railroad tracks on River Road and Mr. Metz said they would be removed. Councilman Jim Leach doesn’t feel this project is urgent and thinks we should wait for prices to come down. Mr. Metz emphasized that you don’t know when a crisis is coming. He also gave the example that if we use ARP funds to upgrade sewer it will cost \$1.5 million but if we have to go out to bid and borrow the money and raise rates the cost goes up to \$1.95 million. Mayor Rapp explained that because the Vienna Utility Board was not able to meet last month to decide on their project recommendations, he asked Mr. Metz to come and present this water project as his own pick and the 12<sup>th</sup> Street sewer project (Mr. Metz’s pick). Councilwoman Kim Williams asked how long it would take to get the water line project completed. Mr. Metz responded it would be done by November.

Mr. Metz next presented the sewer line upgrade that would go from 17<sup>th</sup> Street to 12<sup>th</sup> Street. There is an undersized line. It overflows into Pond Run and backs up into people’s homes. Councilman Azinger asked if the upgrade would help with stormwater in the area behind TJMaxx. Mayor Rapp said it wouldn’t and that that issue is not in city limits because it is a Parkersburg line. \$1.5 million is the estimated cost of the sewer upgrade cost. Because it has not been officially recommended by the VUB, council does not have those estimates. Councilwoman Kim Williams asked about the cost estimate difference and Mr. Metz explained it

