

**CITY OF GAS**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING      REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 14, 2020**

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The Regular Meeting of the City of Gas Council was held January 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room at City Hall with the following present: Mayor Kenneth Baker, Council Members; Mark Henry, Larry Robertson, George Grisier, and Harry Holloway; City Employees: City Clerk, Rhonda Hill, City Superintendent, Steve Robb, and City Attorney, Ross Albertini.

**VISITORS**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Baker called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**SWEAR IN COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Clerk Hill swore in Council Members; Harry Holloway, Larry Robertson and George Grisier.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Council would like to add Darrel Catron to the Agenda.

√ Motion to approve agenda

Mark Henry made a motion to approve the Agenda with the addition. George Grisier seconded the motion. Motion Carried 4-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Bills
2. Approval of Minutes – December 10, 2019
3. Approval of Treasurer’s Report – December 2019
4. Approval of Treasurer’s Report – 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr. 2019
5. Approval of Treasurer’s Report – 2019

√ Motion to approve consent agenda

Mark Henry made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Larry Robertson seconded the motion. Motion Carried 4-0.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Hazard Mitigation Grant**

The City of Gas did not receive a Mitigation Grant.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Employee Health Insurance**

The Current Policy will increase by \$152.18 per month beginning March 1, 2020.

✓ Motion to approve health insurance coverage

Mark Henry made a motion to approve the current health insurance coverage with the increase. George Grisier seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-1, with Larry Robertson opposed.

**Yearly Appointments**

✓ Motion to appoint

Mark Henry made a motion to appoint Iola Register as the city newspaper, Landmark Bank as the city bank, and George Grisier as the Council President. Harry Holloway seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Discussion concerning the appointment of the city website as the official newspaper was tabled.

**KPERS**

The City's portion of the KPERS rate has decreased from 8.89% to 8.61%.

**Resolution No. 2020-46 GAAP Waiver**

This resolution exempts the City from the use of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

✓ Motion to adopt Resolution

Mark Henry made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-46. Harry Holloway seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**Mowing Variance**

Bob and Helen Olivier have requested a mowing variance for their property located on South Stanley Street; only mowing it once a year, hoping to provide a habitat for wildlife.

✓ Motion to deny variance

After much discussion, Harry Holloway made a motion to deny a mowing variance for Mr. and Mrs. Olivier. Mark Henry seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-1, with Larry Robertson opposed.

**Water Income Review**

Due to decreased usage, sales were down by \$29.00 compared to 2018, even after the \$1.00 minimum increase in January of 2019. Council would like to review the quarterly sales at the April meeting.

**Sewer Income Review**

Council would like to increase the minimum rate for all users. Ordinance will be presented at the February meeting.

**Darrel Catron**

Council Member Darrel Catron passed away on January 9, 2020. As there are 2 years remaining in his term, a replacement will need to be appointed to fill the position.

Mr. Catron was elected as a council member on April 8, 1997 by election; October 14, 1997 he was appointed as President of the Council, and on May 1, 1998 he became Mayor when L. R. Parker resigned the position. He would continue serving the community as the Mayor until January of 2018. Due to health reasons he was unable to file for the Mayors position before the deadline in 2017; however he won a council member position in the November 2017 election as a write in candidate, and served in that capacity until his demise. Darrel Catron dearly loved this community that he served for almost 23 years, and he will be greatly missed.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Maintenance – Steve Robb**

- Removing dead pine trees on the west side of the Community Center property
- Completing day to day operations

**Zoning – Steve Robb**

- Building Permit to Kenneth and Peggy Luken for a shed

**City Clerk – Rhonda Hill**

- Received \$78,460.44 from Retailers Sales tax in 2019. An increase of \$10,901.35 from 2018
- 28 Community Center rentals in 2019 up by 4 from 2018

**ADJOURNMENT**

✓ Motion to adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, Mark Henry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry Robertson seconded the motion. **Motion carried 4-0.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

I, *Rhonda J. Hill*  
(Rhonda J. Hill)

Gas, City Clerk, do hereby declare the above to be true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, and do hereby subscribe my name this 11 day of February, 2020.