The Chickasaw City Council met in regular session, via Zoom video conference call, on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 7:00 PM with the following members present: Barry Broadhead, Derrick Jones, Adam Bourne, Jennifer White, James Hanson and Mayor Byron Pittman who presided. City Clerk Jessica Veals and Attorney Jay Minus were also present. A reporter from the Call News was also present. Mr. Bourne opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Broadhead made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2020 and July 28, 2020 work session meeting minutes as previously distributed. Motion carried and so ordered.

CORRESPONDENCE

A resignation was presented for Jordan Towery, Public Safety Officer. Mr. Bourne made a motion seconded by Mr. Jones to accept his resignation in “good standing”. Motion carried and so ordered.

A resignation was presented for Brandon Breland, Public Safety Officer. Mr. Broadhead made a motion seconded by Mr. Hanson to accept his resignation in “good standing”. Motion carried and so ordered.

REPORTS

Attorney’s Report: Mr. Minus had nothing to present.

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Parks and Recreation: Miss White had nothing to vote on.

Finance: Mr. Bourne made a motion seconded by Mr. Broadhead to place the accounts payable in the amount of $14,062.84 in line for payment. Motion carried and so ordered.

Mr. Bourne made a motion seconded by Mr. Broadhead and Miss White to approve a 10% pay raise for Chief Fillingim. Motion carried and so ordered.

Public Service: Mr. had nothing to vote on.

Maintenance and Sanitation: Mr. Broadhead made a motion seconded by Mr. Hanson to approve Ronnie’s Equipment to repair the city street sweeper truck motor at a cost not to exceed $8,000.00. Motion carried and so ordered.

Mr. Broadhead made a motion seconded by Mr. Bourne to reschedule the Tuesday, August 25, 2020 council meeting to Wednesday, August 19, 2020 due to the municipal election.
Motion carried.

Mr. Broadhead stated that the inconsistent garbage pickup in the city is causing an issue with health hazards in the city. Advanced Disposal has missed garbage pickup for several residents for weeks and due to health issues, including the COVID-19 virus, Mr. Broadhead stated this was an emergency health situation for the city. Mr. Bourne, Miss White and Mr. Hanson agreed that the residents have called complaining about the lack of garbage pick-up and that the garbage in several areas of the city was unhealthy and completely unacceptable. Miss White said her garbage had not been picked up for over 3 weeks and that was true for all of her neighbors. White stated that when Advance did make a pickup they refused to pick up garbage that was in trash bags sitting next to the cans provided Advantage for pickup. Use of trash bags by the citizens, however, had been caused by Advantage’s failures to empty the cans as required by the contract. Mr. Broadhead stated he had driven all over the city and found trash was left uncollected all over the city and that he was aware of hundreds of complaints by citizens.

Mr. Jones stated that he did not agree that the lack of garbage pick-up was a health emergency due to COVID-19. Mr. Pittman agreed that the lack of garbage pick-up needed to be addressed but did not agree that it caused a health emergency for residents. The city clerk stated that City Hall contacts Advanced Disposal daily with any garbage related complaints. Mr. Broadhead made a motion seconded by Mr. Bourne to declare a health emergency in the city for Advanced Disposal failing to maintain scheduled garbage pick-up in the city, and for Jay Minus to review terminating the contract with Advanced Disposal by September 30, 2020. City Attorney, Jay Minus, advised that a roll call vote was needed. Roll call vote went as follows: James Hanson, “Yes”; Barry Broadhead, “Yes”; Jennifer White, “Yes”; Adam Bourne, “Yes”; Byron Pittman, “No”; Derrick Jones, “No”. Motion carried and so ordered.

Mr. Broadhead made a motion seconded by Mr. Bourne to enter an emergency contract with another garbage and sanitation company, pending attorney review. Roll call vote went as follows: James, Hanson, “Yes”, Barry Broadhead, “Yes”; Jennifer White, “Yes”; Adam Bourne, “Yes”; Byron Pittman, “Yes”; Derrick Jones, “No”. Motion carried and so ordered.

Public Safety: Mr. Jones had nothing to vote on.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Pittman had nothing to vote on.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

There being no further business, Mr. Hanson made a motion seconded by Mr. Broadhead to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. Motion carried and so ordered.

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Jessica Veals, City Clerk