Crossett City Council met in regular session on April 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Crossett Public Library.

Roll call was taken as follows:

Present: Mayor Crystal Marshall, City Attorney David Tyler Mills

Councilmembers: Dan Pevy, James Knight, CT Foster

Absent: Clerk/Treasurer Clark Terrell,

Councilmembers Chris Gill, Kerstin Mondragon, Sheila Phillips

Mayor Marshall opened the meeting with prayer and pledge of allegiance led by Brentleigh Swan, who also entertained the gathering by singing “Jesus Loves Me”.

Motion by Councilman Knight, seconded by Councilman Foster to approve the minutes of the March 18th financial and regular meeting. Roll call vote. All vote yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Councilman Pevy, seconded by Councilman Knight to approve the financial reports for March, 2024. Roll call vote. All vote yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Marshall updated the council on several projects:

* + EC Youth Center final walk-through is scheduled for Thursday, April 18.
  + East Crossett Wastewater Project is underway. Director of Public Works Jeff Harrison stated that the project is approximately 35-40% complete. Currently they are about 2 weeks behind because of the rain.
  + City Auditorium HVAC replacement is also continuing. We are currently waiting on equipment but have received pre-shipment notification. Everything is ready to go as soon as equipment arrives.
  + Crossett Port Authority Board has voted to remodel Bathhouse C at the RV Park. This will make the facility ADA accessible and will update lighting and fixtures. This project will be paid for with Port Authority funds. They are working on finalizing the contract.

Mayor Marshall informed the council that City Attorney Mills is working with Crossett Public Schools attorney to finalize a contract agreement for 2 SRO officers. The second officer will be funded completely by the school. This funding will include all salary and FICA match, insurance, training and vehicle as well as any other expense. The employee will work for Crossett Police Department and be paid by the city.

Mayor Marshall asked Assistant Fire Chief Michael Willhite to brief the council on the industrial fire at Alrez. Chief Willhite explained that on April 2, the rosen unit that heats fluid developed a crack in the tubing inside the boiler. This led to the possibility of an explosion. The area adjacent to the plant was evacuated for safety. We were very fortunate that instead of exploding, it caught fire releasing some of the stress. The fire was contained to the heating building. Nine agencies assisted offering mutual aid. Mike Smith, Director of Crossett Economic Development Foundation commended the fire department on excellent job. He added that the owner of the company was on-site the next day and damages were accessed. He added that the owner of the company has expressed willingness to replace any city equipment lost in the fire.

Mayor Marshall asked council if they had anything to bring to the table. Hearing none, she opened the floor to the audience. Economic Development Director Mike Smith stated that they are working on renovations to the Crossett Community Center with funds provided by Weyerhouser provided grants.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Clark Terrell, Clerk/Treasurer Crystal Marshall, Mayor