

Council Meeting- February 2, 2023

The following council meeting was called to order by Mayor H. Troy Ethington at 6:30 p.m. with the following councilmembers present: Sally Pollett Zaring, Tom Hardesty, Mike Zoeller, Frank Page, Pam Carter and Amy Smitha.

City Attorney: Steven Gregory

City Employees Present: Meagan Whitacre, Jennifer Herrell, Trace Kirkwood, Chief Gentry and Chief Rothenburger.

All present pledged allegiance to the flag.

Minutes – Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of January 19, 2023

A motion was made by Councilmember Carter to approve the minutes of the public hearing and regular scheduled council meeting of January 19, 2023, as read by the members prior to the meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Zaring.

All voted “aye” and the motion carried.

Selection and Approval of Mayor Pro Temp

Mayor Ethington opened the floor for councilmembers to make suggestions for a Mayor Pro Temp. Councilmember Hardesty made a motion to keep Councilmember Page as Mayor Pro Temp. Seconded by Councilmember Zoeller.

All voted “aye” and the motion carried.

Proclamation – Carefree Living at Masonic Home of Shelbyville Day, Mayor Ethington

Mayor Ethington read and presented the proclamation to Rick Reeve representative for the Masonic Home.

Appointment, Mayor Ethington

Mayor Ethington brought before council for approval the appointment of Rachel Wells to the Historic District Commission, filling out the unexpired term of Sanda Jones, term to expire June 30, 2023. Councilmember Page made a motion to approve the appointment. Seconded by Councilmember Carter.

All voted “aye” and the motion carried.

Municipal Order No. 2023-02-02/ An Order Declaring Personal Property Owned By the City of Shelbyville to Be Surplus Property and Authorizing the Sale of Said Property, Steven Gregory (Police)

City Attorney, Steven Gregory read a summary of a municipal order declaring personal property owned by the City of Shelbyville to be surplus property and authorizing the sale of said property as set forth in appendix A, a police department vehicle.

Councilmember Zoeller made a motion to approve this municipal order. Seconded by Councilmember Smitha.

All voted “aye” and the motion carried.

Emergency Vehicle Purchase Request Approval, Ch. Gentry

Chief Gentry, City Police, presented council with a request to purchase a 2020 Chevrolet Traverse and put in an order for a 2023 Dodge Durango. The department keeps a rotation schedule on replacement vehicles; vehicles are replaced when they reach 90,000 miles. With the current market, vehicle purchases are limited.

Councilmember Page made a motion to approve both the vehicle purchase and additional order. Seconded by Councilmember Carter.

All voted “aye” and the motion carried.

Municipal Order No. 2023-02-02(A)/ An Order Declaring Personal Property Owned By the City of Shelbyville to Be Surplus Property and Authorizing the Sale of Said Property, Steven Gregory (Public Works)

City Attorney, Steven Gregory read a summary of a municipal order declaring personal property owned by the City of Shelbyville to be surplus property and authorizing the sale of said property as set forth in appendix A, three Public Works vehicles.

Councilmember Zaring made a motion to approve this municipal order. Seconded by Councilmember Smitha.

All voted “aye” and the motion carried.

Public Comments

Ann Tipton, Shelbyville resident residing on Apache Road, presented council with a signed petition to remove the median at the entrance of the subdivision. She received 51 signatures representing 49 households. The neighborhood does not have an HOA, so Mrs. Tipton has been taking care of the landscaping of the small median. She has become frustrated that several people run over it constantly. She contacted City Engineer, Jennifer Herrell, to find out what could be done about it. Jennifer suggested that with a petition and council’s approval the city could take out the median. After much discussion, Councilmember Zoeller would like the matter to be tabled until the next meeting to allow those in opposition to the removal of the median, a chance to speak.

City Attorney's Report

Steve Gregory reported that he met and spoke with the site manager for the filming of "Wildcat" after filming and he said everything went smoothly, speaking highly of the city staff they worked with, the community, and the Conference Center.

City Clerk's Report, Meagan Whitacre

None.

Department Reports

Jennifer Herrell, City Engineer, reported that there was a copy of her written report in the council packets. There are 2 applicants for the open GSI Tech position that she will review. The Public Works Department worked together with the Police Department on January 31 for the movie being filmed downtown. The department just finished Christmas tree pickup. Public Works recently responded to ice/snow events. Jennifer has visited two local elementary schools to give Stormwater presentations. She thanked council for the approval of her recent vehicle purchase.

Darlene Snow, Shelby Main Street, thanked all city departments involved with the movie filming. All the comments regarding the filming were positive, and all went well. The local shops reported that the movie crew came in and purchased items. She also reported that Shelby Main Street just finished their accreditation, and their annual luncheon will be next Tuesday. The Love Local Event will be going on all February, love letters to citizen's favorite local shops. Main Street Kentucky recently filmed a commercial with 2012 Ms. Kentucky at our local Main Street businesses. She presented council with an events calendar for the remainder of 2023.

Janette Marson, ShelbyKY Tourism, reported that the conference center hosted about 150 crew and cast members for the movie filming; this brings in great tourism dollars for the community. The crew was so highly complimentary of the conference center and the community. She reported that statistics show overnight stays are increasing for those who are visiting our community. She furnished council with a public relations packet showing what ShelbyKY Tourism has been doing.

Chief Gentry, City Police, reported that two new recruits have started the academy. One officer has left to go to another department and one applicant for a lateral position has pulled his application, so the department will soon be seeking to fill these vacancies. The department is currently hosting and undergoing scenario training, the council is invited to participate. The department will host Byrna, pepper ball gun training, and will receive two free spots in return. All cameras have been installed. When the officers pull up to the department, the car and body camera videos will automatically upload to the building. The department recently assisted the FBI with two drug warrants.

Trace Kirkwood, Historic District Commission, announced that the grant to revitalize the facades downtown is about to end in 2024 with funds remaining. He has one person about to apply. In

May, a historical marker will be installed to commemorate the visit of Marque de Lafyette in 1825 by an organization in France.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Ethington reported that the updates being performed by the parks system at Mose Dale Park has been completed. Tomorrow at 2p.m. a service will be held at the Gold Star Memorial recognizing Four Chaplains Day to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the sinking of United States Army Transport Dorchester and subsequent heroism of these men. On February 24th at 7 p.m., the NAACP will be holding a fundraising banquet for scholarships at Clay Street Baptist Church. A recent state publication recognized the 6th Street redesign for how well modern ideas were incorporated into the historic district.

Council Reports

Several councilmembers and the mayor expressed their thanks to the city employees who worked to facilitate the movie filming. New councilmembers are excited about visiting the different city departments and participating in training.

A motion was made to adjourn the regular scheduled council meeting at 7:51 p.m. by Councilmember Zaring and seconded by Councilmember Carter.

All voted "aye" and the motion carried.

The Next Regular Scheduled Council Meeting will be on Thursday, February 16, at 6:30 p.m.

H. Troy Ethington, Mayor

Attest:

Meagan Whitacre, Deputy City Clerk