

## Council Meeting- February 16, 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, Pam Carter and Amy Smitha. Absent Frank Page.

City Attorney: Steven Gregory

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

All present pledged allegiance to the flag.

### Minutes – Regular Meeting of February 2, 2023

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

All voted “aye” and the motion carried. Absent, Councilmember Page.

### Ambassador Presentation

Mayor Ethington presented Miss Tayan Stansfield with an ambassador certificate in celebration and honor of being chosen as Miss Teen Earth USA 2023.

### Downtown Reinvestment Fund

Trace Kirkwood, Historic District Coordinator, presented council with a recommendation for the Downtown Reinvestment Fund. Mr. Kirkwood and the committee, comprised of Councilmember Hardesty and Councilmember Zaring, are excited to see Dillion and Lauren Leonard’s enthusiasm and interest in renovating 537 Main Street. They recommend that council award the Leonards’ the full amount of \$100,000. Mr. Leonard presented council with their proposed costs, plans for the renovation and eventual usage of the building. Mayor Ethington thanked the committee, Trace Kirkwood and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard for all their work getting to this point.

After some discussion, Councilmember Hardesty made a motion to approve the reimbursement fund award for the full amount to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard. Seconded by Councilmember Zaring.

All voted “aye” and the motion carried. Absent, Councilmember Page.

### Appointment, Mayor Ethington

Mayor Ethington brought before council for approval the appointment of Kenny Harris to the Housing Authority for a four-year term to expire February 1, 2027.

Councilmember Carter made a motion to approve the appointment. Seconded by Councilmember Smitha.

All voted “aye” and the motion carried. Absent, Councilmember Page.

## **Stormwater MS4 Update and Presentation**

Jennifer Herrell, City Engineer, presented council with a presentation explaining the MS4 program for our new councilmembers and to acclimate Public Works employee Shain Nutter, who was recently promoted to the GIS Technician position. Reported that we are on our third MS4 Stormwater permit and are due for a new permit around 2023-2024.

## **Public Comments**

Ann Tipton, Shelbyville resident residing on Apache Road, returned for the tabled issue of the road island removal request. Jennifer Herrell, City Engineer, reported the total cost for the removal would be \$4,500.

Councilmember Hardesty made a motion for the city to remove the island at the entrance of Apache Road. Seconded by councilmember Zoeller.

All voted "aye" and the motion carried. Absent Councilmember Page.

## **City Attorney's Report**

Steve Gregory reported that the city has received funds from the National Opioid Settlement in the amount of \$54,000. These funds could be used for enforcement, education, and treatment. Mr. Gregory also informed council that there is now a second suit, involving two more pharmaceutical companies and three pharmacy chains, that he plans to file for on the city's behalf.

## **City Clerk's Report, Meagan Whitacre**

None.

## **Department Reports**

Jennifer Herrell, City Engineer, welcomed Shain Nutter into his new position as GIS Technician. She reported that this year's spring clean-up would be April 10 through April 14, 2023. She is in the process of completing the Household Hazardous Waste application and hopes to have it completed within the month. Reported that they recently installed seven large Greenway Trail signs and thirteen mile marker signs in cooperation with the park.

Chief Rob Rothenburger, City Fire, also reported that they had successfully GPS mapped out the Greenway Trail system in cooperation with emergency management services to better help and identify where people are in an emergency. Chief presented council with a report of their 2022 Fire Prevention Program.

## **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Ethington shared with council dates of community events; Chamber Speak Easy from 6p.m.-10:30p.m. at the Gatsby on February 18, NAACP Soul Food Fundraiser to support three scholarships at Clay Street Baptist Church on February 24, and a Chamber Mid-Day Mixer, 11:30a.m. at Servpro on March 2.

## **Council Reports**

Several councilmembers expressed their thanks and appreciation for Mr. and Mrs. Leonard's interest in the city's downtown.

Councilmember Carter expressed appreciation for our Police Department after attending and participating in their scenario training. Councilmembers Zaring and Smitha also attended the training and expressed their appreciation as well.

A motion was made to adjourn the regular scheduled council meeting at 7:37 p.m. by Councilmember Smitha and seconded by Councilmember Zaring.

All voted "aye" and the motion carried. Absent, Councilmember Page.

The Next Regular Scheduled Council Meeting will be on Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

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H. Troy Ethington, Mayor

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Meagan Whitacre, Deputy City Clerk