

## **Council Meeting- January 20, 2022**

The council meeting was called to order by Mayor David B. Eaton at 6:30 p.m. with the following councilmembers present: Pam Carter, Shane Suttor, Tom Hardesty, Mike Zoeller, Troy Ethington and Frank Page.

City Attorney: Steven Gregory

City Employees Present: Meagan Whitacre, Rob Rothenburger, and Bruce Gentry

All present pledged allegiance to the flag.

### **Minutes – Regular Meeting of December 16, 2021**

A motion was made by Councilmember Carter to approve the minutes of the regular scheduled council meeting of December 16, 2021, as read by the members prior to the meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Hardesty.

All voted “aye” and the motion carried.

### **Appointment - Mayor David Eaton**

Mayor Eaton recommended to council that Billie Smith be appointed to the Joint City-County Recreational Board for a 4-year term, to expire February 1, 2026.

A motion was made to approve this appointment by Councilmember Zoeller. Seconded by Councilmember Ethington.

All voted “aye” and the motion carried.

### **Re-appointments- Mayor David Eaton**

Mayor Eaton proposed the following re-appointments to council; Jennifer Herrell to the City Tree Board for a 3-year term, to expire February 28, 2025 and Pam Larkin to the Code Enforcement Board for a 3-year term, to expire February 28, 2025.

A motion was made to approve these re-appointments by Councilmember Suttor. Seconded by Councilmember Page

All voted “aye” and the motion carried.

### **Ordinance 2022-01-20/An Ordinance Creating the Position of Firefighter Recruit- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Steven Gregory**

City Attorney, Steven Gregory, read a summary of the ordinance creating the position of Firefighter Recruit.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Carter to approve this ordinance for the second reading. Seconded by Councilmember Zoeller.

Upon roll call, all voted “aye” and the ordinance passed. Councilmember Hardesty, Councilmember Ethington, Councilmember Carter, Councilmember Suttor, Councilmember Zoeller, and Councilmember Page.

### **Public Comments**

None

### **City Attorney’s Report, Steven Gregory**

No report.

### **City Clerk’s Report, Carla Wainscott**

No report.

### **Department Reports**

Mayor Eaton informed council that Bryan Slone, Weissinger Golf Course, had included a written report for them in their packets.

Chief Rob Rothenburger, City Fire, presented council with a written report. He also informed council that the city was actively working to hire a potential transfer from Middletown Fire, he lives in Shelby County. Warranty work was performed on the new ladder truck. New OSHA training has begun. Provided a grant update to council. The fire department submitted four project requests for the ARPA funds. New carpeting was installed in the training room, in preparation for using it also as an emergency operations center for the city. At the recent safety committee meeting, tornado and severe weather materials were distributed to those in attendance in preparation for the upcoming season.

Chief Bruce Gentry, City Police, reported that the department has hired many officers; should have 8 total by the end of April 2022. They are both seasoned officers and recruits. The department is settling into the new office space, working out the kinks. The department is working towards purchasing new body cameras and dash cameras with the capability to sync-up and upload as a file together, and able to tag into a specific case. Officer Chesser is still out from COVID but improving; hoping for him to come back April/May 2022.

Darlene Snow, Shelby Main Street Foundation, presented council with a working calendar for 2022 events mainly put on by the foundation. Darlene highlighted a new event called, Love Local, from February 1 through the 28<sup>th</sup> where citizens can write why they love a certain local business. The submittals will be entered into a drawing to win Main Street Bucks that can be used at a local participating business. The business can turn those Main Street Bucks back into Shelby Main Street for cash. Shelby Main Street’s annual luncheon will be held on February 8, 2022.

### **Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Eaton expressed his condolences to the family of John Miller. He was the longest serving Police Chief for the City of Shelbyville. He informed council that the finance report for December 2021 was in their packets. The next special called meeting will be held on February 10, 2022 which will consist of the auditor’s report and several resolutions regarding ARPA funds.

**Council Reports**

Councilmember Carter shared her excitement that the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Project was starting to shape up.

Councilmember Hardesty also expressed condolences to Chief John Miller’s family. He also thanked the Police and Fire Department for honoring the Chief and his family at his funeral. He congratulated Tammy Shaw of the Sentinel News for the great recent article she had in the paper.

A motion was made to adjourn the regular scheduled council meeting at 7:00 p.m. by Councilmember Page and seconded by Councilmember Zoeller.

All voted “aye” and the motion carried.

The Next Council meeting will be a special called meeting held on February 10, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

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David B. Eaton, Mayor

Attest:

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Meagan Whitacre, Deputy City Clerk