

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF HULL MAYOR AND COUNCIL

April 23, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Paul Walton at 7:00 p.m.. Those in attendance in addition to the Mayor were the Clerk, and council members Brian Koepnick Yvonne Davenport, and, Marilyn Walton. Council member, John Barber, was not present. Due to the current State of Emergency due to Covid 19 the meeting was held via Zoom.

A moment of silent prayer followed the pledge of allegiance.

Prior to beginning the meeting Mayor Walton thanked everyone for their cooperation in conducting the meeting via Zoom.

The February and March minutes were approved after a motion by Brian Koepnick and a second by Yvonne Davenport.

The March and April Financial Reports were approved after a motion by Marilyn Walton and a second by Yvonne Davenport.

Under old business Mayor Walton advised that he would like to proceed with the public hearings on Zoning beginning in June. Depending on the current state of affairs the meetings would be conducted via Zoom unless that was not an option.

Mayor Walton advised council that the annual meeting of GMA scheduled for June had been cancelled for this year. There will be a virtual meeting at some point going forward that would be free. Any monies already paid toward attendance at the convention will be refunded.

Council member, Brian Koepnick, reported that he had met with Mr. Sorrells regarding the Lawn Maintenance Agreement and he had agreed to lower his price to \$1,000.00 per month with a few minor tweaks to the cutting requirements. Brian reported that he was going to speak with the DOT about removing the bamboo along Glenn Carrie and the other concern would be handled by a street sweeper which will be discussed under new business. The contract was approved after a motion by Brian Koepnick and a second by Yvonne Davenport. Mr. Sorrells also indicated that he had the required insurance and would provide proof. Brian will contact Mr. Sorrells and make arrangements to meet with him and the Clerk to get the contract signed.

Under new business, Mayor Walton again thanked everyone for their cooperation with conducting the meeting via Zoom and that he was still learning the mechanics of same. He also reported that based upon information that is constantly being updated through webinars, etc. this may be the way we have to meet for some time to come due to Covid 19. Mayor Walton also advised that he had talked with the local business owners and churches, the department of public health, the fire department, BOE, BOC and Chamber of Commerce and everyone is committed to working together until the current situation improves.

Mayor Walton advised council about a landscape beautification grant that the City was eligible to apply for under the Roadside Enhancement Beautification Council (REBC). He had been in contact with a Mr. Chris DeGrace and had been able to get them to extend the deadline to apply from April 28th until May 15th. Mayor Walton and Council member Koepnick had met with an architectural firm with regard to assisting the City in coming up with a landscaping design which is required as a part of the grant application and Mayor Walton has spoken with NEGRC about

