

Summary of February 25, 2021 Council Meeting

Mayor and Council met on February 25, 2021 with Mayor and all council members being present.

Minutes and Financial Reports were approved as presented;

The City Clerk reminded everyone about the upcoming special election on March 16, 2021, and that early/advance voting was currently taking place at the Board of Elections Office in Danielsville. Voting on election day will be at the civic club.

City Attorney Frederell Green updated Mayor and Council on the status of the requested refund from Hawkins and McNair with respect to the 2019 audit.

Auditor, Keith Terrell, reported that the 2019 audit had been completed and submitted by the February 15th deadline along with the required report. Mr. Terrell did advise that there had been some challenges in getting this completed due to the lack of communication with the former auditors.

Council member, Marilyn Walton, advised that she was working on the newsletter which should go out in the next week or so.

Mayor Walton advised that there had been some new challenges which had arisen with respect to the Zoning Ordinances specifically concerning signage. Mayor Walton advised the Mayor and Council needed to have a work session with NEGRC to address this issue. This matter was tabled until the March meeting due to scheduling issues

Mayor Walton advised that the REBC Landscaping project was near completion and he anticipated that the work would begin by mid March.

Mayor Walton advised that he had been in contact with Senator Frank Ginn about the presentation of the new City Charter for approval. There was some additional language needed and this had been referred to the City Attorney. It is anticipated that the Charter will be approved during this session of the Legislature.

Mayor Walton reminded everyone about the Food Distribution taking place on Saturday.

The Clerk advised Mayor and Council that she was aware of the need for the city to update its use of technology going forward and in this regard as requested that her son who has experience with Quick Books and accounting principles be utilized by the City to get everything set up with Quick Books going back to January, 2020.

The Mayor and Council heard from both candidates, Rita Parham, and Donna Sherrer Gantt, with respect to the upcoming election.

Mayor Walton advised that unless there were some objections Mayor and Council would resume "in person" meeting starting with the March 25th meeting. Meetings to be held at the meeting room at Jackson EMC. In addition to other activities the new council member will be sworn in.

Mayor Walton advised that he and council member Walton had been invited to speak at several schools in the county with respect to Black History Month.

Submitted this 26th day of February, 2021.