

## **SUMMARY OF MARCH 24, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor and Council met for the regular meeting on March 24, 2022, in person at the Jackson EMC Community Meeting Room. The Mayor, Clerk and council members John Barber, Donna Sherrer-Gantt and Mike McElroy were present. Council member Brian Koepnick appeared via telephone due to being unable to attend in person due to a medical procedure.

Roderick Flanigan was welcomed as a guest. He was present to speak to council about working with the council on the proposed mural. Former council member, Marilyn Walton, was also present at the meeting.

Minutes of the February meeting and the financial reports were approved.

The Mayor and Council heard from Mr. Flanigan concerning his qualifications, prior experience, prior work and his quote previously provided. Mayor and council shared with Mr. Flanigan their vision for the mural and the desire to make this a collaborative effort between the city, Mr. Flanigan and members of the community. Mayor Walton spoke to funding for the project and that although opportunities for grants for this year were not immediately available he felt like that the City could afford to move forward with the project using funds from the miscellaneous line item which could be replenished when grant funds become available. Motion was made and approved to proceed with the project at a cost of \$8,757.24.

Council member Koepnick reported that the lawn maintenance contract had been signed and Mr. Austin was in the process of doing the initial clean up work and working on the flower beds. Council member Koepnick also reported that there was a possibility of the city being able to be a part of the GDOT wild flower project in the future.

Mayor Walton reported that he was working with the IDA and the Sheriff to renew the Intergovernmental Agreements.

The Mayor advised council that the City would have to make a decision in the near future whether to have the NEGRC assist the City with their Comprehensive Plan or join the County in using the Consulting Firm that they have hired. There is an informational meeting with the firm and the Commissioners and any other interested parties on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Zoning Ordinances as presented in October, 2021.

Mayor Walton responded to a question about the status of the funding for the proposed city hall and advised that everything had been submitted to USDA and we were just waiting on approval so that an underwriter could be obtained for funding. Mayor Walton also advised that he had been contacting residents to request assistance in cleaning up and beautifying the city.

Mayor Walton then presented his State of the City address thanking everyone for their perseverance throughout this last year with all the challenges the City faced due to the Covid 19

Pandemic and expressed his appreciation for the privilege to serve Hull as its Mayor and that although it's not always an easy job he considers it an honor and a pleasure to serve.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Pou, Clerk