

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF HULL MAYOR AND COUNCIL

October 28,, 2021

Meeting Held Via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Paul Walton. Those in attendance in addition to the Mayor and the Clerk were council members Brian Koepnick, Marilyn Walton, Donna Gantt and John Barber. In addition, the following individuals were guests: Mark Beatty, NEGRC; Elizabeth Allen, Madison County Health Department and Patricia Mitchell, Magic Insurance.

Mayor Walton called the meeting to order after the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

The minutes of the September meeting and the September Financial Reports all of which had been provided prior to the meeting to Mayor and Council were unanimously approved after a motion by Brian Koepnick and seconded by Donna Gantt.

Mayor Walton advised that due to the comments and concerns expressed at the Zoning Hearing held immediately prior to the regular meeting a vote on the Zoning Ordinances is tabled until Mayor, County, NEGRC and concerned citizens could have a work session with respect to those issues raised at the hearing.

Elizabeth Allen who is an RN at the Madison County Health Department provided an update and answered questions concerning the current Covid Numbers and vaccination rates.

Mark Beatty with NEGRC who has replaced John Devine who has moved on other ventures, gave an update on the progress of the Firefly Trail, possibilities of the City of Hull being connected as a Slpur funding possibilities; determination of ROW and additional ROW that might need to be acquired; grant possibilities, etc.

Patricia Mitchell of Magic Insurance gave an overview of her background; her company and services they offer. Mayor Walton invited Ms. Mitchell to meet with Mayor and Council in a work session to discuss ways that her company and the City could work together to serve citizens in this area. This matter will be discussed further at the November meeting.

Mayor Walton gave an update on the status of the funding for the new City Hall. He reported that we had been waiting to hear whether or not an environmental study would be necessary and it had been determined that this would be required. He had received one proposal which he will forward to everyone but would like to get at least two more for council's review.

Mayor Walton advised that the Cities United Summit held annually in January would be an "in person" event. He encouraged all council members to consider attending some if not all of the training and events planned. Council Member Gantt advised that she planned to attend and would get with the Clerk with respect to her registration. Mayor Walton advised that he had already registered for a leadership training class that only allowed a set number of attendees and if he was not able to get in he would have to wait another year. With the exception of this training GMA will allow the City to pay for the Cities Summit expenses in 2022. The Clerk advised Mayor and Council that a budget amendment to the training budget for 2021 was needed to cover expenses for 2021. The Clerk recommended that we amend the budget by \$750.00 with funds coming from the miscellaneous budget. Motion was made by Brian Koepnick and

seconded by Marilyn Walton to approve this recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Walton advised council that they needed to be thinking about who would take over the administration of the web site and the newsletter once council member Walton's term ends at the end of the year or if the council wanted to continue with the web site and newsletter. This will be discussed again at the November meeting.

Council member Gantt advised that she had been approached by Huff Grove Baptist Church to partner with them to conduct another food distribution to serve the citizens of Madison County. This would be funded in part by funds remaining in the CSX Community Service Grant. It was the consensus of council that this was a good idea but more information is needed before proceeding. Council member Gantt will get back with Mayor and Council with additional details once she has those. Due to timing a special meeting may be necessary to finalize the details of this event.

Council member Walton discussed the information she had provided everyone concerning moving forward with the contract with L'Goff Moving Services to handle the City's Christmas Decorations/Decorating. If council wanted to proceed it was necessary to make a 50% deposit of \$1,750.00 immediately so that materials and supplies could be ordered in a timely manner. Motion was made by Brian Koepnick and seconded by Marilyn Walton to proceed. Motion passed unanimously. The Clerk will get a check to council member Walton right away so that she can get this going.

Council Member Koepnick provided some information he had received with respect to relocating the flags at the Well. There was some discussion about how this would fit into the current landscaping proposal presented in connection with the Hometown Improvement Grant that the City hopes to receive. Council member Koepnick advised that he would be happy to set up a meeting at the Well if council felt that was a good idea. No action was taken at this time.

The Clerk advised that the November meeting date was Thanksgiving and recommended that the November meeting be held a week earlier on November 18th. This will be an "in person" meeting at the Jackson EMC meeting room. This recommendation was unanimously approved after a motion by Brian Kopenick and a second by John Barber. Going forward all meetings will be in person at the Jackson EMC meeting room.

Mayor Walton advised that he had hoped that officer Roach with the Code Enforcement office was going to be present but assumed he had something to come up that prevented his attendance. In this regard Mayor Walton advised that he had been working closely with Officer Roach to address some areas that needed to be cleaned up within the City particularly at this time a property on Glenn Carrie Road. Since the property had not been cleaned up as requested a citation will be issued to the property owner to appear in Court. Mayor Walton advised that he was also looking at other areas within the City that needed to be addressed and encouraged council to let him know of any concerns they may have relative to same.

There being nothing further at this time the meeting was adjourned after a motion by John Barber and a second by Brian Koepnick.

Respectfully Submitted

Sandra Pou, Clerk