

## **SUMMARY OF OCTOBER 28, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor and Council met on October 28, 2021, via Zoom. The Mayor, Clerk and council members Brian Kopenick, John Barber, Donna Gantt and Marilyn Walton were present. In addition Ms. Elizabeth Allen from the Health Department; Mark Beatty from NEGRC and Patricia Mitchell from Magic Insurance were guests.

Minutes of the September meeting and the September Financial Reports were approved.

A vote on the Zoning Ordinances was tabled to allow for a work session and additional input from Mayor, Council and concerned citizens.

Mayor and Council received an update on Covid numbers from Ms. Allen; an update from Mr. Beatty on the Firefly Trail and some information from Ms. Mitchell as to her background and what her company has to offer particularly for those on Medicaid and Medicare. Mayor Walton offered to have her attend a work session wherein she and Mayor and Council could discuss possible ways that she could help the City and the City could help her and this could be brought before Mayor and Council at the November meeting.

Mayor Walton gave an update on the loan application for the new City Hall. It turns out that an environmental study will be necessary. Mayor Walton has one estimate already with respect to the cost of this study and is hoping to get two more for council to consider.

Mayor Walton reported that the Cities Summit to be held in January would be in person and encouraged any council members wanting to attend to get this information to the Clerk. Registration opens November 1<sup>st</sup>. The City will not be billed for this until after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. Ms. Gantt advised that she had already notified the Clerk that she would like to attend.

The Clerk advised that the training budget would need another amendment to cover the current year's training expenses. She recommended that the budget be increased by \$750.00. This recommendation was approved.

Mayor Walton asked council to be thinking about how they wanted to move forward with the City Web Site and the Newsletter as council member Walton who has been handling both of these would no longer be on the council after December.

There was discussion on how to use the remaining funds from the CSX Community Service Grant. Council Member Gantt advised that she had been approached by Hull Grove Baptist Church about partnering with them to have a food drive sometime between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Ms. Gantt is to get more information about particulars and report back to Mayor and Council but the consensus was that this was a good idea. A special called meeting might need to take place to finalize details.

Council member Walton discussed moving forward with contracting with L'Goff to do the City Christmas Decorations. Motion passed to move forward and in this regard a 50%

deposit in the amount of \$1,750.00 is due immediately so that decorations could be ordered, etc. The Clerk will leave a check at City Hall for council member Walton to retrieve.

Council Member Koepnick discussed the information he had received and provided to everyone concerning the location/relocation of the flag poles at the Well but no action was taken.

Mayor and Council approved returning to “in-person” meeting beginning with the November meeting at the Jackson EMC Building. The Clerk advised that the November meeting would need to be moved due to the Thanksgiving Holiday and recommended that the meeting be moved up a week to November 18<sup>th</sup> and this was approved.

Mayor Walton advised that he has been working with Officer Roach of Code Enforcement to have eye sores in the City cleaned up. One citation has been issued at a location on Glenn Carrie Road de to the owners not cleaning up the area by the deadline provided. All areas of the City are being looked at with respect to being cleaned up.

There being nothing further the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Pou, Clerk