

SUMMARY OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor and Council met on September 23, 2021, via Zoom. The Mayor, Clerk and council members Brian Kopenick, John Barber, Donna Gantt and Marilyn Walton were present. In addition, Nefetara Clark from the law firm of Clark and Clark was present.

Minutes of the August meeting, called meeting and August Financial Reports were approved.

Mayor Walton advised that we had received the final draft of the Zoning Ordinances and that we would have the final hearing at 6:30 prior to the October meeting on October 28, 2021 via Zoom. The Clerk will place the proper ad in the newspaper.

Mayor and Council discussed the ARPA funding. The Application for local businesses prepared by the Green and Green law firm was approved. There was discussion about having attorneys Clark and Clark prepare an additional generic application to be used by organizations and citizens wishing to apply for funding. Attorney Nefertara Clark will prepare a form for review by Mayor and Council. Requests have been received from the Chevron and Heaven Bound Ministries however after much discussion no action was taken on these request at this time. There was concern about proof of loss of revenue/income and that no additional funding had been received. Attorney Nefertara Clark will prepare a verification to be used in conjunction with the applications for funding. A motion to extend the deadline to apply for funds from November 1, 2021, until December 1, 2021, was approved. The Clerk was authorized to pay from ARPA funds the invoice provided from the Sheriff's Department for Tasers that had been previously approved. After much discussion about assisting the Hull VFD with purchasing turn-out gear from ARPA funds Motion was made and approved to provide four turn-out suits at a costs of \$11,000.00.

Council voted to authorize spending up to \$9,000.00 from SPLOST funds to place speed bumps and appropriate signage on Davis and Easy Streets. This would include the speed bumps, appropriate signage and installation. The Mayor advised that even though requests for feed back about the placing of the speed bumps had been sent out to the residents of both Easy Street and Davis Street there had been no response from anyone.

Council member Walton asked if anyone had anything that wanted included in the October Newsletter. The Clerk suggested that although it was probably too late for the October newsletter that it might be a good idea to have a Spotlight on members of the council; Mayor; Clerk and City Attorney during the coming year.

Council member Koepnick discussed with Mayor and Council the estimate he had received with respect to placing new/additional flagpoles at the well in conjunction with the landscaping project if grant funds are received. No action was taken and the matter will be discussed further at the October meeting.

The Clerk advised that a \$4000.00 amendment was needed to the Auditing line item to

cover the cost for the Auditor for the 2020 Audit. Due to the delay in getting the 2019 audit completed and the 2020 audit being completed timely bills for both audits were submitted in 2021 and the current budget was insufficient to cover the total expense. The funds would come from the miscellaneous line item. This amendment was approved.

There was some discussion concerning proposed community service projects using the balance of the CSX grant funds. This will be addressed again in October.

There being nothing further the meeting was adjourned.

Sandra Pou
City Clerk