

Council Minutes- December 19, 2019

The following regular council meeting was called to order by Mayor David B. Eaton at 6:30 p.m. with the following councilmembers present: Pam Carter, Mike Zoeller, Frank Page, Shane Suttor, Troy Ethington and Jon Swindler.

City Attorney: Steven Gregory

City Employees Present: Chief Bruce Gentry, Trace Kirkwood, Fred Rogers, Bryan Slone, Chief Kevin Baker and Meagan Whitacre.

Invocation: Dr. Maurice Hollingsworth, First Baptist Church

All present pledged allegiance to the flag.

Minutes- Regular Meeting of December 5, 2019

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the regular scheduled council meeting of December 5, 2019 as read by the members prior to the meeting, by Councilmember Carter and seconded by Councilmember Zoeller.

All voted “aye” and the motion carried.

Re-appointments, Mayor Eaton

Mayor David Eaton proposed the following re-appointments be voted on collectively; George Best, Tom McGinnis, and Walt Reichert to the City Tree Board for 3-Year Terms to Expire January 1, 2023. Elizabeth Ariza to the Joint Human Rights Commission for a 4-Year Term to Expire January 4, 2024. Kerry Magan to the 109 (Shelby County Landfill) Board for a 3-Year Term to Expire January 1, 2023.

A motion was made by Councilmember Page to approve the re-appointments collectively. Seconded by Councilmember Ethington.

All voted “aye” and the motion carried.

2018-2019 Audit Presentation, Baldwin and Associates

Drew Ulmer, representative for Baldwin and Associates, presented the council with copies of their audit report for the City of Shelbyville’s fiscal year 2018-2019. He reported that the audit went as planned and was still in draft form because it also contains financials from the Water and Sewer department that are not finalized. He commended the Mayor, City Administrator and his staff for being well prepared for this year’s audit. Baldwin and Associates identified and made recommendations in areas where internal controls can be strengthened and found no non-compliance. The city remains in strong financial condition.

Council Approvals – Mayor Eaton

The Mayor requested council to approve a feasibility study for a police station expansion to be conducted by Chris Cottogim. The price of the study is not to exceed \$8,000. Chris Cottogim was the building’s original architect.

A motion was made by Councilmember Zoeller to approve the commencement of the feasibility study. Seconded by Councilmember Suttor.

All voted “aye” and the motion carried.

The Mayor presented council with a request to allow C-Tech Solutions, Inc to conduct an irrigation system evaluation and design recommendation for Weissinger Golf Course for a cost of \$5,975.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ethington to approve the irrigation system evaluation and design recommendation for Weissinger Golf Course. Seconded by Councilmember Swindler.

All voted “aye” and the motion carried.

Public Comments

Danielle Story, KIPDA Director of Community and Economic Development, introduced herself to the council members. She stated that KIPDA (Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency) is available to assist with areas such as: community and economic development, social services, transportation and grant assistance.

City Attorney Report

Steven Gregory reminded the council members that at the previous council meeting they received a packet for the Triple S Recommendation of a re-zone for two properties on Midland Industrial Trail and Discovery Boulevard. An ordinance has been drafted for its first reading on January 2, 2020. This ordinance involves the re-zoning of both properties and an annexation of one of these properties, to be completed simultaneously. Since the council members voted to hear this matter based on the record, no additional hearings will be held and no new information can be heard. He urged the council members to give the packets a good review.

Clerk Report

No Report.

Department Reports

Chief Kevin Baker, City Fire, announced that the department has added two full time firefighters, Breamon Harris and Shane Graves. There are two bids out for a ladder truck that are due back on January 17, 2020; one bid is for the equipment and the other bid is for the apparatus itself. The department’s Christmas drive was able to help 37 families, including 65 children.

Chief Bruce Gentry, City Police, reported that all roll call training was now online through KLC. Chief Gentry will be attending an FBI weeklong course for leadership in small departments in May. Reports are up for thefts occurring with unlocked cars. The department is doing away with shotgun ammo and converting the ammunition and guns to bean bag rounds. The department is switching over cell service from Verizon to AT&T and moving the crime stopper’s line to a cell number. A little under \$500 was raised during no shave November for cancer research. They are finishing up taser recertification.

Trace Kirkwood, Historic District, reported that he had placed a couple of cameras downtown to provide a time-lapse of the construction of Stargazer Plaza.

Bryan Slone, Weissinger Hills Golf Course, reported that the number of rounds in November was up from last year. Season passes for 2020 were now on sale. The irrigation system has been winterized and the course cleaned up. The PGA staff attended the Fall PGA Education Conference. Winter golf programs start on Tuesday January 3rd at the FAC with juniors focusing on fitness, speed and swing technique. The course received an “A”, 100% on Health inspection.

Fred Rogers, City Administrator, commended Jennifer Herrell, City Engineer, for taking on more work this year and expanded the depth of her responsibilities and handling it with great expertise.

Mayor’s Report

The Mayor reported that tomorrow morning at 6 a.m. would be the County Fire Department’s annual Christmas Breakfast. The offices will be closed on Tuesday December 24th and Wednesday, December 25th in observance of the Christmas Holiday. Closing early a couple hours on New Year’s Eve, Tuesday, December 31 and closed on New Year’s Day, Wednesday, January 1, 2020.

Council Reports

No reports were made.

A motion was made to adjourn the regular scheduled council meeting at 7:09 p.m. by Councilmember Swindler and seconded by Councilmember Zoeller.

All voted “aye” and the motion carried.

The next council meeting will take place on January 2, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

David B. Eaton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Meagan Whitacre, License Clerk