

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 12, 2021

The Mayor and Council met on July 12, 2021, 6:30 p.m. at 4 Homer Street for the Regular Monthly/Special Called meeting.

PRESENT: Mayor Richard Presley, Councilmembers Junior Hardy, Richard Parr, Scott Harper, City Administrator/City Clerk Barbara Thomas. Councilmember Kathleen Bush was not present for the meeting.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:

Mayor Presley opened the meeting with the invocation and pledge to the flag. The invocation was given by Mayor Presley.

MINUTES:

The minutes of Regular Meeting of June 7, 2021, was approved as read upon a motion made by Councilmember Richard Parr, seconded by Councilmember Scott Harper. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Presley asked Council if they were ready to vote on the rezoning of one acre of land at 38 North Main Street owned by Peter McCaffrey. Mr. McCaffrey asked that the zoning be changed from Agriculture to RR3.

A motion was made by Councilmember Scott Harper, seconded by Richard Parr to accept the recommendation of the Planning Board to not approve the RR3 due to spot zoning. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Richard Parr, seconded by Councilmember Scott Harper to accept the Local Fiscal Recovery Grant in the amount of \$392,668.50. Motion carried.

The bids for the equipment trailer were tabled until the Council could go look at it to make sure it can haul the Excavator. This will be on the next meeting agenda.

It is time to apply for the 2021 LMIG Grant. The city will receive \$33,079.34 with a 30% match of \$9,923.80 from the city. The Council discussed paving West Freeman Street.

A fence will be installed at the lower end of the Amphitheater at the Maysville City Park. A bid came in from Chapman Fence for \$4,950.00. A motion was made by Councilmember Scott Harper, seconded by Councilmember Richard Parr to approve the bid of \$4,950.00 from Chapman Fence. Motion carried.

The Intergovernmental Agreement for the use and distribution of proceeds from the 2022 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax for Capital Outlay Projects was tabled and will be put on the next meeting agenda for approval. The county is wanting to extend the 2022 SPLOST

A discussion was held about where the city limits start on Ridgeway Church Road. Mayor Presley and Councilmember Scott Harper met with Chairman Charles Turk to discuss the city limits on that road. The road needs to be restriped due to faded lines and the passing lane needs to be reviewed to see if it needs to be changed. This will on the next meeting agenda for more review.

Mayor Presley stated that he has been approached again about putting speed bumps in Oak Ridge Subdivision. This discussion was held earlier with City Attorney Abbot Hayes, Jr.. Mr. Hayes seems to think it would be a big liability on behalf of the city. This will be discussed at a later meeting.

Banks County has asked for a more detail on the percentages for 2022 SPLOST. Buildings and Grounds will be used to build another parking lot on top of the back area of the park. Parks & Recreation will be used to create more trails and maybe another Pavilion. Public Safety will be used to buy another police car and equipment. Water and Sewer will be used to upgrade the waterline and sewer lines in Banks County.

EMI has volunteered to host a retreat at Brasstown Valley Resort in October 2021. The Council will look at some dates in October. The retreat will be an overnight and all-day session with the Mayor and Council taking the opportunity to discuss strategies for enhancing the city services and plans for implementing the City's mission and vision.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m...

Barbara Thomas

October 4, 2021

Certified by:

Date: