

Regular Meeting - Minutes

September 12, 2017

The Mayor and Council of the City of Winterville met at Winterville City Hall for the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2017. Mayor Ferrelle called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Also present were Councilpersons Mary Quinn, Gary Snow, and Kenneth Tweedell (arrived at 7:15 pm), Municipal Clerk Wendy Bond, and City Attorney Al Stone.

The pledge of allegiance was recited by all present.

Approval of Minutes: Councilperson Quinn moved to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2017 regular City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Snow. Two votes were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Mayor Ferrelle stated the city took a beating from Hurricane Irma, and he was very proud of the Fire Department and the first responders that worked so hard to keep the citizens of Winterville safe.

Old Business: None

New Business:

The First Item of New Business: Vickie Burroughs came before Mayor and Council seeking permission to conduct the 2nd annual fundraiser. For a suggested donation of \$5.00, the American Legion Post #20 will place an American flag accompanied by a marker bearing a chosen Veteran's name and Branch of Service in a display from November 8 until November 14, 2017 at Pittard Park. Donations help provide assistance to Veterans, service members, and their families. There were no objections and no call for a vote.

The Second Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle read aloud the Proclamation for Constitution Week September 17-23, 2017. A copy is attached. Councilperson Quinn moved to affirm the proclamation as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Snow. All votes were in favor.

The Third Item of New Business: Roger Cauthen gave a verbal summary and an update on Draft Version 6.0 of the Tree Ordinance. Planning and Zoning has reviewed the ordinance and has recommended approval. A Public Hearing will be held Tuesday October 3, 2017 at 5:30 pm before the regular scheduled workshop meeting to receive input from the public. Mayor Ferrelle earlier appointed Councilpersons Quinn and Tweedell to serve as the Tree Committee, and City Attorney, Al Stone, requested that Quinn and Tweedell review Rev. 6.0 and forward to him to review.

The Fourth Item of New Business: Sean Doonan of New Urban Tree Forestry, has offered to adopt the large oak tree in Wesley Whitehead Park. They will maintain the tree by mulching, fertilizing and pruning to keep the tree healthy and in turn use the tree as a training tool for their business saving the city up to \$4,000.00 in costs to care for this tree. Council will ask for a liability insurance binder and/or a hold harmless agreement. There were no objections by council and no vote was taken.

The Fifth Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle stated he is still waiting on the latest revision of the Historic Preservation Commission Ordinance draft. The Nuisance Abatement Ordinance is still a work in process.

The Sixth Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle announced the resignation of Councilperson Markus Boenig effective September 6, 2017. This vacancy will require a special election in conjunction with the general election Tuesday, November 7, 2017, to fill Boenig's unexpired term scheduled to end December 31, 2019.

Mayor Ferrelle read aloud a section of the City Charter regarding issuing business licenses. No action was taken on the matter.

Committee Reports:

Public Finance – Clerk Bond provided a financial report for the year to date ending August 31, 2017. Copies are available for public view. Councilperson Quinn stated the expenses are higher than budgeted in some departments and the finance committee recently met regarding the financial status of the budget and are confident that revenues will catch up as property taxes and other late year revenues are received.

Winterville Community Center – JoAnn Snow gave a brief report of the Community Center. The 2nd Annual 5k race will be held rain or shine on Saturday September 16, 2017.

Police Department – John Finley submitted a written report. (Attached.) Councilperson Tweedell commended and thanked the Public Safety workers for their hard work and dedication during and after the storm.

Fire Department – Asst. Chief Michael Gabriel stated the Fire Department has been busy running calls.

Public Works – No report. They have already been busy cleaning up the aftermath of the storm.

Library Report – Tonya Sands was present and submitted the attached report.

Clerk's Report – Wendy Bond had no additional report.

City Attorney's Report – Al Stone will be attending his 34th attorney continuing education seminar soon.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Ferrelle gave an informal verbal report to the attending public.

Public Comment – George Chandler stated the city received bids for the Bookstore Restroom Project but further review is needed before proceeding with the construction.

Councilperson Tweedell moved to adjourn at 7: 55pm. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Snow. All votes were in favor.

Clerk

Date