

**CITY OF TRAVELERS REST
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 16, 2020 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Travelers Rest City Council conducted its Regular Meeting on April 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The City has implemented changes to our Public Meetings due to COVID-19. The public was invited to join us by the means listed below: Join the Zoom Meeting by smart phone, tablet or computer by following this weblink: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6906093523> Meeting ID: 690 609 3523

The following members were present by Zoom video conference: Brandy Amidon, Mayor, Harvey Choplin, Mayor Pro-Tempore, Grant Bumgarner, Shaniece Criss, Kelly Byers, Rick Floyd, Jeff George, Sara Gilstrap and Brantly Vest. Also present were: Eric Vinson, City Administrator, Charlene Carter, City Clerk, Patrea St. John, Planning Director, Ben Ford, Police Chief, Phillip Tate, Public Works Director and Greg Robertson, Fire Chief. The media were notified and did not attend the meeting.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Mayor Amidon called the meeting to order and commented regarding safety precautions taken at City Hall and the Covid-19 outbreak.
2. Council then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. OTHER BUSINESS

1. The invocation was given by Councilmember Floyd.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

1. Councilmember Criss made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on March 19, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Floyd and carried unanimously.

D. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

E. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None.

F. ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING

1. Councilmember Floyd made a motion to approve Ordinance O-03-20 to adopt the Existing Building Code amending City Code 5.04.060. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bumgarner and carried unanimously.

2. Councilmember Byers made a motion to approve Ordinance O-04-20 to adopt the Small Cell Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gilstrap and carried unanimously.

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Councilmember Byers provided the following summary of the monthly Public Works Reports: Councilmember Byers asked if there had been any disruption in Ace Environmental trash service due to the COVID-19? The ACE Notice implementing changes or COVID-19 precautions will be effective April 8, 2020 were discussed. Administrator Vinson advised the City will continue to provide public information through multiple sources. Councilmembers commented on the new recycling and waste containers installed on the trail and along Main Street.
2. Councilmember Floyd provided the following summary of the monthly Public Safety Reports: The Public Safety Committee report focused primarily on the COVID-19 safety precautions for staff, the type of calls coming in and areas experiencing higher call levels. Chief Ford provided information on the applications for potential officers and timeline for Officer Lollis to complete the Academy. Councilmembers and Chief Ford discussed increased patrol to prevent looting a closed small businesses. Administrator Vinson stated Building permit and inspections remained consistent for March.
3. Councilmember Bumgarner made a motion to approve the monthly February and March Financial Reports. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Byers and carried unanimously.

H. RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

1. Councilmember Byers made the motion to adopt the Ordinance O-06-20 to renew the Duke Energy Franchise Agreement. Councilmember Bumgarner seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

I. OLD BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

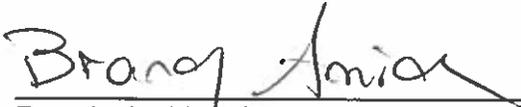
None.

K. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Mayor Amidon opened the floor for comments and discussion. City Administrator Vinson provided City update on calendar of events, and continued services for the community. Mayor Pro-Tempore Choplin asked if Court was still in session and what measures are being taken to protect staff. Councilmembers recognized Papercutters for the 16,000 masks provided in the hand out to the community. Councilmember Criss asked for a how to video to be set up for the mask on website. Administrator Vinson advised the Mural at the park restrooms was complete. A reminder for the April 30 Budget workshop was given. Mayor Amidon thanked Beth and Dean and for keeping the City's Public information updated and community informed. Councilmember Floyd thanked Public Safety for their dedication to services during these challenging times.

L. Adjournment

1. There being no other business to come before the Council, Councilmember Bumgarner made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember George and carried unanimously.



Brandy Amidon, Mayor

Completed by 

Charlene Carter, City Clerk & Treasurer

Reviewed by 

Eric Vinson, City Administrator