

**CITY OF TRAVELERS REST  
COUNCIL MEETING COMMITTEE MINUTES  
Monday April 6, 2020 – 5:00 P.M.**

Travelers Rest City Council Committee's conducted its Regular Meeting on April 6, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. The City has implemented changes to our Public Meetings due to COVID-19. We invite the public to join us by one of the means listed below: Join the Zoom Meeting by smart phone, tablet or computer by following this weblink: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/812442879> Meeting ID: 812 442 879 Connect by phone call with voice only: Dial 1 929 205 6099 Meeting ID 812 442 879

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, Greg Robertson Fire Chief and Mac McMakin, Assistant Fire Chief. The media were notified and did not attend the meeting.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Amidon called the meeting to order.

**2. Approval of Non-Committee minutes from March 9, 2020**

Councilmember Criss made the motion to approve and seconded by Councilmember George and carried unanimously.

**3. Public Works Committee**

Committee members: Kelly Byers, Sara Gilstrap and Jeff George

- a. Chair Byers called the meeting to order by roll call.
- b. Councilmember George made a motion to approve minutes from Committee meeting held March 9, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gilstrap
- c. Administrator Vinson provided information for the Duke Energy Franchise Agreement Renewal. The agreement will continue at the current 5% rate over the next 10 year period. He did respond that the rate was consistent with other municipalities our size. He recommended to the Committee the City move forward to adopt. Councilmember George made a motion to send the Duke Energy Franchise agreement by ordinance for approval to City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gilstrap and carried unanimously.

- d. The Committee reviewed the Public Works Report for March.  
Chair Byers asked if there had been any disruption in Ace Environmental trash service due to the COVID-19? The Notice implementing changes for COVID-19 precautions will be effective April 8, 2020 and were discussed. Administrator Vinson advised the City will continue to provide public information through multiple sources. Councilmember George asked if Ace had been agreeable and they have. Chair Byers also mentioned the new trash/recycle combo receptacles looked great on the trail and downtown. Director Tate mentioned the site locations installed and the grant application will also include a request for more as part of the budget.

#### **4. Public Safety Committee**

Committee members: Rick Floyd, Harvey Choplin, Brantly Vest and Kelly Byers

- a. Chair Floyd called the meeting to order by roll call.
- b. Councilmember Choplin made a motion to approve minutes from Committee meeting held on March 19, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Byers and carried unanimously.
- c. The Committee reviewed the Public Safety Reports for March.  
The Police department discussed applications received for the police officer position and Officer Lollis training at the Academy.  
The Committee primarily discussed the COVID -19 regarding the types of calls, precautions and safety to avoid exposure. Chair Floyd also discussed public safety practices to protect businesses from looting. The Building permit and inspections report stayed consistent for March.
- d. Councilmember Byers made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember Choplin seconded the motion.

#### **5. Miscellaneous Matters**

Mayor Amidon shared appreciation for the Travelers Rest website and the information provided for public resources. Administrator Vinson responded to Councilmember Choplin's questions on revenue and budget projections. Councilmember Criss commented on the public forums being resourced to keep community informed.

#### **6. Adjournment**

There being no further business to before Council and/or Committee, Councilmember Bumgarner made a motion to adjourn. The motion was

seconded by Councilmember Choplin and carried unanimously.

Brandy Amidon  
Brandy Amidon, Mayor

Completed by

Charlene Carter  
Charlene Carter, City Clerk & Treasurer

Reviewed by

Eric Vinson  
Eric Vinson, City Administrator