

**CITY OF TRAVELERS REST
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 21, 2020 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Travelers Rest City Council conducted its Regular Meeting on May 21, 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/84273185538>
Meeting ID: 84273185538 Pass: 232704

The following members were present at City Hall: 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, Ben Ford, Police Chief Greg Robertson, Fire Chief. The media were notified and did not attend the meeting and we had 4 attendees through Zoom. The meeting was also streamed live on Discover TR facebook page by Officer Shay Wright.

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 and staff recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. OTHER BUSINESS

1. The invocation was given by Councilmember Criss

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

1. Councilmember Byers made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on April 16, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Choplin and carried unanimously. Councilmember Choplin made a motion to approve the Miscellaneous Matters Section K and seconded by Councilmember Criss. All carried unanimously.

D. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

E. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None.

F. ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING

1. Councilmember Byers made a motion to approve Ordinance O-06-20 to adopt

before Council to renew the Duke Energy Franchise Agreement for Municipal Service. Our current franchise agreement with Duke Energy is up for renewal in June 2020. There are no proposed changes to the terms and conditions of the current agreement. As part of the agreement, Duke Energy will pay to the City a sum of money equal to 5% of gross electric receipts. We currently have this same rate of 5%. This agreement will serve for 10 years effective May 22, 2020-May 22, 2030. Councilmember Floyd made the second and carried unanimously.

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Councilmember Byers provided the following summary of the monthly Public Works Reports and discussion points included:

City landscape/trees damaged by motorist on Main Street, crosswalk signage installation time-line update, SCDOT paving project projected end date for November, additional trash and services need for downtown, City celebration of local graduates with signage and lights, positive comments regarding opening of Farmers Market and COVID precautions, Administration advised increase in code complaints such as grass cutting.

2. Councilmember Floyd provided the following summary of the monthly Public Safety Reports: The Public Safety Committee 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 Officer Lollis will complete Academy soon. The Building permit and inspections remained have reduced for the month of April and we have had an increase in code enforcement complaints.
3. Councilmember Vest provided the following summary of the monthly Planning and Development report for April and early May: Updates on the following developments and projects of Pinestone Development, Trailview Townhomes, Glenview Park and Ace Hardware, Zoom has been used for several recent Neighborhood meetings and traffic study has been requested for Whitehawk Meadows. There were questions and discussion regarding the history of the property and if an environmental study was possibly completed years ago. Overall, Council was advised this will go before the planning commission for a decision because it has the correct current zoning needed for development.
4. Councilmember Bumgarner made a motion to approve the monthly April Financial Reports. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Floyd and carried unanimously.

H. ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

All Ordinances for first reading O-07-20 - O-12-20 were presented, summarized and Motioned by Councilmember Bumgarner and Ways & Means Chairman.

1. Consider Ordinance O-07-20 to adopt FY 21 General Fund Budget to include the Rate Fee schedule and CIP plan. The motioned was seconded by Councilmember George and carried unanimously.
2. Consider Ordinance O-08-20 to adopt FY 21 Local Hospitality and Local Accommodations Budget. The motioned was seconded by Councilmember George and carried unanimously.
3. Consider Ordinance O-09-20 to adopt FY 21 Sewer Fund Budget. The motioned was seconded by Councilmember Criss and carried unanimously.
4. Consider Ordinance O-10-20 to adopt FY 21 Victims Advocate Budget. The motioned was seconded by Councilmember Criss and carried unanimously.
5. Consider Ordinance O-11-20 to adopt General Obligation Bond (*Series 2020A, Series 2020B, Series 2020 C*)
The motioned was seconded by Councilmember Byers and carried unanimously.
6. Consider Ordinance O-12-20 to adopt Master Lease Agreement. The motioned was seconded by Councilmember George and carried unanimously.

I. OLD BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

None.

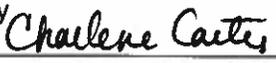
K. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Mayor Amidon opened the floor for comments and discussion. City Administrator Vinson provided City update on including absentee voting at City Hall and Officer Lollis completing the Academy. Thank you for the food drive, lights congratulating graduates are up and a thank you to Public Safety for serving.

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