

CITY OF TRAVELERS REST
City Council Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday June 8, 2020 – 5:00 P.M.

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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, City Clerk, Patrea St. John, Planning Director, Ben Ford, Police Chief, Phillip Tate, Public Works Director and Greg Robertson, Fire Chief, Mac McMakin, Assistant Fire Chief and City Attorney Mr. Robbie Childs. The media were notified, and members of the public attended through Zoom online.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Amidon called the meeting to order.

Councilmember Bumgarner made a motion to move item 10. Miscellaneous matters to 8. and item 8. Personnel Committee Executive Session to item 10. Councilmember George seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

2. Approval of Non-Committee minutes from May 11, 2020

Councilmember Byers made the motion to approve and Councilmember Criss made the second 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 Gilstrap made a motion to approve minutes from Committee meeting held May 11, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember George.
- c. The Committee had reviewed the Public Works Report for May. Councilmember George commented positively about the steps from the trail to the museum. He asked Director Tate about the Safety program mentioned in the report is a tool safety program. Director Tate hopes to work in conjunction with the fire department. Mayor Amidon asked for an update about the graffiti at the old Ingles building and status. Director Tate responded certified mail had been sent regarding the issue to the owner.
- d. Administrator Vinson explained Pinestone Development Road

Construction Agreement as Eastern Drive at former City Hall will be closed. A new access will be added in the rear parking lot, the developer will incur the expenses and timeline will correlate with Phase I of Pinestone Development. Councilmember George made a motion to send agreement to full Council and Councilmember Gilstrap seconded the motion.

e. Administrator Vinson gave an overview of the Greenville County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as a collaborative effort with Greenville County and all Cities located within. He described numerous meetings and efforts over the prior 24 months to encompass the area and needs of Greenville entirely. Councilmember George made a motion to send to agreement to full Council and Councilmember Gilstrap seconded the motion.

f. Councilmember Gilstrap made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember George seconded the motion.

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 May 11, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember George and carried unanimously.

c. The Committee reviewed the Public Safety Reports for May. Chair Floyd asked for an update if employees were healthy and safe. Chief Robertson and Chief Ford responded they are. Additional discussions included golf cart use and education, inspections for Fire resuming in several weeks, Furman to re-start August 15. The Committee and Council requested public information and education for issues regarding golf carts, biking on the trail and stop signs on the trail. There was a reduction in Building permits for May and Municipal Court has not been rescheduled.

d. Councilmember George made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember Byers seconded the motion.

5. Planning and Development Committee

Committee members: Brantly Vest, Grant Bumgarner, Kelly Byers, Harvey Choplin and Shaniece Criss

a. Chair Vest called the meeting to order by roll call.

- b. Councilmember Criss made a motion to approve minutes from Committee meeting held on May 11, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember George and carried unanimously.
- c. The Committee received the Planning report and update for May
- d. Director St. John provided information for a request to rezone property located at 230 Main St. A motion was made by Councilmember Bumgarner with Councilmember Byers second to send to full Council.
- e. Director St. John provided a summary of the City's existing ordinance for food trucks and provided a summary of other municipal governments similarities and differences. She mentioned the recent complaints and inquires by Council members was the reason for the discussion. Chair Vest asked about the food trucks at the Farmers market and what gaps did she see that may be an issue for the City. Councilmember Criss asked what the permit costs are (\$25) and discussed HOA requesting the food trucks. Administrator Vinson commented on the impacts to neighborhoods. Councilmember Bumgarner mentioned some complaints revealed some food trucks were operating without a business license and DHEC permit.
Director ST. John focused on some details like a similar neighboring brick and mortar business giving permission for a food truck to set up within specified feet. Chair Vest asked if the City was working with Northcliff? Councilmember Byers discussed parking in residential driveways as opposed to City Streets. She also commented on reviewing possible loopholes. Councilmember Criss asked and stated again this is just for information. Administrator Vinson also stated there is a difference between public and private functions and will be evaluated as such. Mayor Amidon stated we are not discouraging food trucks, but all businesses need to follow the rules.
- f. The Committee had no further business and Councilmember George made a motion to adjourn with a second from Councilmember Criss.

7. Ways and Means

Committee members: Grant Bumgarner, Harvey Choplin, Rick Floyd, Jeff George and Shaniece Criss

- a. Chair Bumgarner called the meeting to order by roll call.
- b. Councilmember Floyd made a motion to approve minutes from Committee meeting held on May 11, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Choplin and carried unanimously.

- c. Chair Bumgarner stated we have no budget amendment or changes
- d. Chair Bumgarner requested a motion to adjourn Ways and Means Committee. Councilmember Choplin provided the motion and Councilmember Floyd seconded the motion.

8. Miscellaneous Matters

Administrator Vinson read a recent Thank you from Joann Turner for the recent food drive. He also presented the new maps of the Trail and accommodations in Travelers Rest.

Mayor Amidon provided a big Thank you to Beth and Dean for helping on the Census Challenge with the City of Greer.

9. New Business

Councilmember Bumgarner made a motion to resign to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Contractual and Legal matters related to Solid Waste Provisions. Councilmember Byers seconded the motion. Administrator Vison, PW Director Tate and City Attorney Robbie Childs also attended.

Councilmember Bumgarner made a motion to return from executive session with a second from Councilmember George and carried unanimously.

Mayor Amidon remarked the Executive Session was for information only.

10. Personnel Committee

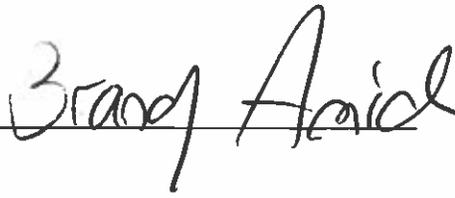
Committee Members: Harvey Choplin, Rick Floyd, Grant Bumgarner, Kelly Byers and Brantly Vest and Mayor Amidon and Councilmember Gilstrap, Criss and George.

Councilmember Bumgarner made a motion to resign to executive session with full Council to discuss personnel related matters for the Evaluation of the City Administrator. Councilmember Byers seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Councilmember Bumgarner made a motion to return from executive session and Councilmember George seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business before Council and/or Committee, 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