

CITY OF TRAVELERS REST
City Council Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday August 10, 2020 – 5:00 P.M.

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Meeting ID: 853 4667 7399 Passcode: 4211456

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, Brantly Vest and Sara Gilstrap. Also present were Eric Vinson, City Administrator, Charlene Carter, City Clerk, Ben Ford, Police Chief, Phillip Tate, Public Works Director and Greg Robertson, Fire Chief, Mac McMakin, Assistant Fire Chief and FGP Shelley Haroski. The media were notified, and members of the public attended through Zoom online.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Amidon called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Non-Committee minutes from July 6, 2020

Councilmember Bumgarner made the motion to approve and Councilmember Vest made the second and carried unanimously.

3. Public Works Committee

Committee members: Kelly Byers, Sara Gilstrap, 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 July 6, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember George.
- c. The Committee had reviewed the Public Works Report for July. The Committee was advised The City of Travelers Rest received the SCDHEC Recycling Grant in the amount of \$21,990.00.
- d. Councilmember Gilstrap made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember George seconded the motion.

4. Public Safety Committee

Committee members: Rick Floyd, Harvey Choplin, Jeff George, 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 July 6, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Byers and carried unanimously.
- c. The Committee reviewed the Public Safety Reports for July. Chair Floyd asked for an update if employees were healthy and safe. Chief Robertson and Chief Ford responded they are. Chief Robertson gave an update on a Grant Award for Radio Communications 800 Megahertz in the amount of \$120,000.00 with City match. Chief Ford stated Walmart calls were steady and they had numerous calls regarding non-mask wearing in businesses. He also mentioned he hoped to have police candidate in the next few weeks. Building permits remained steady for the month.
- d. Councilmember Byers made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember George 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 Bumgarner made a motion to approve minutes from Committee meeting held on July 6, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Byers and carried unanimously.
- c. The Committee received an overview from Administrator Vinson regarding the Short-Term rental properties, map and identified listings. Chair Vest clarified the City's current policy of allowable only in Commercial District C-2 and Service District S-1. He also discussed some other municipalities ordinance regulations included in the information provided in writing by Director ST John. Councilmember Bumgarner mentioned he had been contacted with a complaint. Committee members discussed a possible hybrid for some regulations, but at this time only received as information.
- d. The Committee had no further business and Councilmember George made a motion to adjourn with a second from Councilmember Criss.

6. Personnel Committee

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

- a. Chair Choplin called the meeting to order by roll call.
- b. The Committee and Council received information and presentation given by

Administrator Vinson and Find Great People HR, Shelley Haroski on the City of Travelers Rest Personnel Handbook. The handbook has not been updated since 2007. After some discussion and questions being answered Councilmember Byers motioned to move onto full Council. Councilmember Vest made the second.

- c. Administrator Vinson provided a power point regarding the City's survey results completed in April.

6. New Business

- a. Mayor Amidon introduced Resolution R-02-20 for Pinestone Development Textile Mill Certification. Administrator Vinson provided an overview. Councilmember Bumgarner made the motion with a second from Councilmember Floyd. The Resolution passed unanimously.
- b. Mayor Amidon introduced the current vacancies we have on the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Planning Commission. Both commissions had resignations and will need to fill the vacancies. We provided two applications, Council discussed and will request additional applicants. Council will discuss at the Aug 20 meeting.

7. Miscellaneous Matters

None

8. 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