

**CITY OF TRAVELERS REST
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 2020 6:00 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, Jeff George, Sara Gilstrap and Brantly Vest. Also present were: Eric Vinson, City Administrator, Charlene Carter, Ben Ford, Police Chief, Greg Robertson, Fire Chief, Mac McMakin and Phillip Tate, PW Director. Councilmember Rick Floyd was absent. The media were notified and did not attend the meeting and we had 6 attendees through Zoom.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Mayor Amidon called the meeting to order
2. Council and staff recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. OTHER BUSINESS

1. The invocation was given by Councilmember Gilstrap.

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

1. Councilmember Choplin made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on August 20, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember George and carried unanimously.

D. PUBLIC HEARING

None

E. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (5-minute max)

None

F. ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING

None

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair Byers provided the summary of the Public Works Committee meeting held on September 8, 2020 and discussed the following August public works monthly report was reviewed, and minutes were approved. They also discussed contractors assigned to clean up downtown areas. An overview was also provided of the City's enrollment into the SC 811 Palmetto Utility Protection Service which includes City being notified and locating specifically Sewer lines to proactively prevent damage to our utility lines.

Chair Floyd provided the summary for Public Safety Committee meeting held on September 8, 2020 to review reports for August and discussed and approved the minutes for the prior month. The Public Safety Committee inquired on update of fire truck delivery. Fire has 2 new hires starting on September 29th. Police personnel update with the hiring of dispatcher Kayla Campbell as a police officer and interviews being conducted for dispatcher vacancy. Police call volume about the same with influx of people during the Labor Day weekend downtown. Corporal Rob Lewis is biking the trail and offering a presence in the community. Police and Fire are attending the same calls if possible. Building permits were lower in August and Municipal Court is meeting twice per month.

Chair Vest provided the summary for Planning & Development Committee meeting held on September 8, 2020. The committee approved August 10 minutes and discussed the short-term rental code and motion to move on to full Council and request for a Resolution for the MASC Hometown Economic Development grant and City matching funds, a motion was approved to move to full Council

Mayor Pro Tempore Choplin stated the personnel committee did meet with full Council for an executive session on September 8, 2020. The committee received the information as such only with no action taken.

H. ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

1. Councilmember Vest made a motion before Council to approve Ordinance O-18-20 Code Amendment for Short-Term Rentals. Councilmember Bumgarner made the second. Councilmember Vest added the Ordinance was updated since committee with the owner tenant radius at 50 miles and the *occupancy definition* has been updated as well. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Councilmember Vest made a motion before Council of the Resolution R-03-20 MASC Hometown Economic Development Grant Local match funding and support. Councilmember Bumgarner seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

I. OLD BUSINESS

None

J. NEW BUSINESS


None

K. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

1. Mayor Amidon read aloud the Proclamation for National Red Ribbon week for October 23-31, 2020.
2. Mayor Amidon read aloud the Proclamation for Mr. Samuel Luther Benson recognizing his commitment to Travelers Rest and ordered September 18, 2020 be recognized as his day.

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. Concluded 6:13pm.



Brandy Amidon, Mayor

Completed by


Charlene Carter, City Clerk & Treasurer

Reviewed by


Eric Vinson, City Administrator