

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

The City has implemented changes to our Public Meetings due to COVID-19. We invite the public to join us. You may connect by smart phone, tablet or computer and use this weblink: View on Facebook live <http://www.Facebook.com/DiscoverTravelersRest> or Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85469982557?pwd=c3JMZUtzNkxQTK1QazFEbi9pYURhdz09> Meeting ID 854 6998 2557 Passcode 116223  
Zoom was unavailable for this meeting.

The following members were present at City Hall: Brandy Amidon, Mayor, Harvey Choplin, Mayor Pro-Tempore, Grant Bumgarner, Shaniece Criss, Kelly Byers and Jeff George. Absent were Rick Floyd and Brantly Vest. Also present were Eric Vinson, City Administrator, Charlene Carter, City Clerk, Ben Ford, Police Chief, and Greg Robertson, Fire Chief, Phillip Tate PW Director and Mac McMakin, Assistant Fire Chief. The media were notified.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Amidon called the meeting to order.

**2. Public Works Committee**

Committee members: Kelly Byers, Sara Gilstrap, 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 September 8, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gilstrap. Chair Byers commented on the SC 811 Utility locate program recently added increased work load and demands.
- c. Councilmember George made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember Gilstrap seconded the motion.

**3. Public Safety Committee**

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

- a. Co-Chair Byers called the meeting to order by roll call
- b. Councilmember Choplin made a motion to approve minutes from Committee meeting held on September 8, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember George and carried unanimously.
- c. The Public Safety Committee were updated that both Fire and Police

departments are fully staffed. Co-Chair Byers asked questions regarding SCDOT cameras located at State Park Rd and Hwy 25 which are live feeds for monitoring, but not recorded. Mayor Amidon commented on posted signage for 25 mph speed limit on Main Street. She also requested the trail be monitored and stop signs be reviewed and enforced. Chief Ford explained they are issuing warnings and educating the public.

Administrator Vinson commented building permits were up with 18 new Single family permits for September. Municipal Court is meeting twice per month.

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

#### **4. Planning and Development Committee**

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

- a. Co-Chair Bumgarner called the meeting to order by roll call.
- b. Councilmember Choplin made a motion to approve minutes from Committee meeting held on September 8, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Byers and carried unanimously.

#### **5. 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. Councilmember Bumgarner made a motion to approve minutes from Committee meeting held on September 8, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Byers and carried unanimously.
- c. Administrator Vinson provided a memo to include updates to the Employee Health Insurance benefits. The update includes premiums will meet budgeted increase and no additional funds will be requested. An option of an HSA Program with City matching funds up to a \$1,000.00 per year will be an available option. The City will also apply some savings to add an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) and increase the City's contribution to family coverage for all employees from 50% to 55%. Open enrollment is the month of October. Mayor Amidon also asked if there is smoking cessation options available to employees due to the tobacco surcharge and there are. Councilmember's Bumgarner, Choplin and Criss praised the additions.

## 7. Miscellaneous Matters

Administrator Vinson mentioned the absentee voting being held at Renfrew Church starting October 12, 2020. He stated interviews have been conducted for the Planning and Development Director's position vacancy and continues. He stated Clerk Carter will lead the United Way campaign in November. A new addition of a mural at a designated storm drain in Trailblazer Park will be completed by the Reedy River water Quality group to educate the public.

Mayor Amidon commented on the movie Saturday went very well. Mayor Pro-Tempore Choplin asked about mask complaints and the community's response. Chief Ford stated complaints have been minimal.

## 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. 5:32 pm

  
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Brandy Amidon, Mayor

Completed by

  
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Charlene Carter, City Clerk & Treasurer

Reviewed by

  
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Eric Vinson, City Administrator