

**CITY OF TRAVELERS REST
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 17, 2020 6:00 P.M.**

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Meeting ID: 882 8095 3618 Passcode: 450075(Incorrect)

The following members were present: Brandy Amidon, Mayor, Harvey Choplin, Mayor Pro-Tempore, Grant Bumgarner, Rick Floyd, Kelly Byers, Brantly Vest, Shaniece Criss, and Sara Gilstrap. Also present were: Eric Vinson, City Administrator, Charlene Carter, Ben Ford, Police Chief, Greg Robertson, Fire Chief, Phillip Tate, PW Director, Brennan Williams, New Planning Director. The media were notified and did not attend the meeting.

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 Mayor Amidon

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

1. Mayor Pro Tempore Choplin made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on November 19, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Byers and carried unanimously.

D. PUBLIC HEARING

None

E. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (5-minute max)

None

F. ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING

1. Councilmember Byers made the motion for second reading of the Ordinance O-20-20 of the Agreement with Greenville County Schools and The City of Travelers Rest to install Project Connect at Trailblazer Park. Councilmember

Gilstrap made the second and carried unanimously (7, 1). Councilmember Floyd recused himself from the vote due to employment.

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair Byers provided the Public Works committee approved minutes for the prior month. The only report discussion was the large number of work orders on the reports. Director Tate updated committee on the recycling roll cart roll out preparations with a start date of early February. He also stated damaged City signage will be repaired next week.

Chair Floyd provided the summary for Public Safety Committee meeting held and approved the minutes for the prior month. The Public Safety Committee discussed update on new fire truck estimated delivery. Chief Ford stated Police and dispatch has encountered a number of COVID-19 positive cases among staff. Administrator Vinson stated building permits are holding steady and Municipal Court continues to meet and is encountering a backlog of cases.

Chair Vest called on Director Williams for the Planning and Development report. An overview of the Annexation and Rezoning of Hawkins Road parcels was discussed. Mr. Nick Franchino addressed the Committee and plans for the four parcels included in the request. He also answered questions to include price point, HOA fees, green space and the number of units. A motion was made to send to full Council.

The Ways and Means committee did not meet for committee. Chair Bumgarner made a motion to approve the November 2020 financial report. Councilmember Floyd seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

H. ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

Councilmember Vest made the motion for first reading of the Ordinance O-21-20 to Annex and Rezone TR 2020-08 Hawkins Road Tax Map No. 0503020103701, 0503020103710, 050302103706, 0503020103707. Councilmember Bumgarner seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

I. OLD BUSINESS

None

J. NEW BUSINESS

None

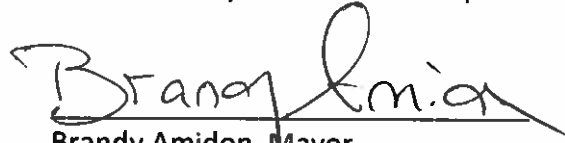
K. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS


Administrator Vinson gave an update on the Budget Amendment workshop planned for January. He also provided information of the Granicus agreement for short-term rentals signed. Clerk Carter gave an overview of the Christmas Toy drive and donations.

Mayor Amidon recognized and commented on the challenging year.

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 Mayor Pro Tempore Choplin and carried unanimously. Concluded 6:30 pm.


Brandy Amidon, Mayor

Completed by

Charlene Carter, City Clerk & Treasurer

Reviewed by

Eric Vinson, City Administrator

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The following members were present at City Hall: Brandy Amidon, Mayor, Harvey Choplin, Mayor Pro-Tempore, Grant Bumgarner, Rick Floyd, Kelly Byers, Jeff George, Brantly Vest, Shaniece Criss, and Sara Gilstrap. Also present were: Eric Vinson, City Administrator, Charlene Carter, Ben Ford, Police Chief, Greg Robertson, Fire Chief, Mac McMakin and Phillip Tate, PW Director, Brennan Williams, New Planning Director, Chris Bailey and family, Mandy Chapman all representing Greater Greenville Association of Realtors. The media were notified and did not attend the meeting.

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 Mayor Pro Tempore Choplin

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

1. Councilmember Floyd made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on October 15, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Criss 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 Public Works committee approved minutes for the prior month. The only discussion was the large number SC811 locates on the reports and the impact to personnel.

Chair Floyd provided the summary for Public Safety Committee meeting held and approved the minutes for the prior month. The Public Safety Committee discussed update on new fire truck estimated delivery, new fireman introduction Christopher Scott. The Police Chief also discussed elevated calls at Walmart and traffic issues during the Ville to Ville race on Saturday. Administrator Vinson stated building permits are holding steady and Municipal Court continues to meet and handle cases twice per month.

The Ways and Means committee did not meet for committee. Chair Bumgarner made a motion to approve the October2020 financial report. Councilmember Criss seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

H. ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

Councilmember Byers made the motion to approve first reading of Ordinance O-20-20 to enter in an agreement with Greenville County Schools to implement and install Project Connect at Trailblazer Park. Councilmember George seconded the motion. Motion carried by 8. Councilmember Floyd recused himself from discussion and vote due to employment.

I. OLD BUSINESS

None

J. NEW BUSINESS

None

K. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Mayor Amidon recognized Chris Bailey and Mandy Chapman from Greater Greenville Association of Realtors Presentation of Grant Award for \$5,000 for Outdoor Placemaking along the Trail. The City thanked the organization for providing us resources and the opportunity to improve the community.

Mr. Brennan Williams was introduced as the Planning and Development Director for the City. Upcoming events such as The Farmers Market Merry Marketplace and Merchants Meeting were provided.

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 6:25 pm.



Brandy Amidon, Mayor

Completed by


Charlene Carter, City Clerk & Treasurer

Reviewed by


Eric Vinson, City Administrator

**CITY OF TRAVELERS REST
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 15, 2020 6:00 P.M.**

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Zoom was not broadcast due to no request for citizen participation as noted on agenda.

The following members were present at City Hall: Brandy Amidon, Mayor, Harvey Choplin, Mayor Pro-Tempore, Grant Bumgarner, Rick Floyd, Kelly Byers, Jeff George, Brantly Vest, Shaniece Criss, and Sara Gilstrap. Also present were: Eric Vinson, City Administrator, Charlene Carter, Ben Ford, Police Chief, Greg Robertson, Fire Chief, Mac McMakin and Phillip Tate, PW Director. The media were notified and did not attend the meeting.

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 Floyd

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

1. Councilmember Criss made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on September 17,2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Floyd and carried unanimously.

D. PUBLIC HEARING

None

E. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (5-minute max)

None

F. ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING

1. Councilmember Vest made a motion to approve Ordinance O-18-20 Code Amendment to allow Short-term Rentals. Councilmember Byers seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair Byers provided the Public Works committee approved minutes for the prior month. The only discussion was the large number SC811 locates on the reports and the impact to personnel.

Chair Floyd provided the summary for Public Safety Committee meeting held approved the minutes for the prior month. The Public Safety Committee stated Police and Fire are both fully staffed, reducing speed limit and signage on Main Street, building permits increased with 18 new single-family permits, Municipal Court is meeting twice per month.

The Ways and Means committee did not meet for committee. Chair Bumgarner made a motion to approve the September 2020 financial report. Councilmember George seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tempore Choplin stated the personnel committee met to approve prior minutes.

H. ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

None

I. OLD BUSINESS

None

J. NEW BUSINESS

None

K. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

None

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 6:08pm.



Brandy Amidon, Mayor

Completed by
Charlene Carter
Charlene Carter, City Clerk & Treasurer

Reviewed by Eric Vinson
Eric Vinson, City Administrator

**CITY OF TRAVELERS REST
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September 17, 2020 6:00 P.M.**

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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

**CITY OF TRAVELERS REST
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 20, 2020 6:00 P.M. MINUTES**

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Meeting ID: 820 3825 1036 Passcode 694793

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, Robbie Childs, City Attorney, Charlene Carter, Ben Ford, Police Chief, Greg Robertson, Fire Chief, Mac McMakin and Phillip Tate, PW Director. The media were notified and did not attend the meeting and we had 8 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 Vest.

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

1. Councilmember Criss made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on July 16, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Floyd and carried unanimously.

D. PUBLIC HEARING

None

E. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (5-minute max)

Brian and Denise Chase 30 Montford Court Travelers Rest, SC (in person)

Mayor Amidon welcomed and introduced and received a packet of information from the Chase's.

Mr. Brian Chase addressed City Council regarding the need for clear guidelines and ordinance for short-term rentals.

Mr. Chase thanked Council for the opportunity to speak and addressed the following points to Council:

- People would rather stay in a home instead of a hotel
- During our process of moving here, we encountered a lack of homes available for rent
- We provide a home away from home for families including pets
- There is a vagueness in the ordinance/law in the City
- We have a high standard and believe that setting guidelines provides for a better-quality B&B
- The process currently is complaint and report driven
- Guidelines should be clearly defined and adhered to by everyone
- It should not depend on one person's preference to not have a short-term rental in their neighborhood which leads to a specific group and discretionary use of power
- We were informed by the City recently that short term rentals are considered commercial use occupancy and transient similar to hotels
- The adopted Building Code lists Commercial Districts less than 30 days and short terms are only allowed this district
- Long-term rentals are considered greater than 30 days and allowed in Residential Zoning
- Current rules of the city also show a homeowner can rent out ADU which is again a different set of rules and can also create an increase of in & out of a neighborhood
- We have received 5 stars as B&B
- The properties neighbors have our phone numbers to call with any issues and they know we live within 15 minutes of the location and we keep the properties nicer than some homeowners
- We also have an agreement in place with renters
- Long-term renters can cause more issues including an eviction process and affect the neighborhood more
- We provide & bring in additional revenue to TR in Accommodations taxes, sales tax and Air BB/RBO
- We are requesting a moratorium from the City to allow for continuation while the City works to address guidelines and short-term rentals

Mayor Amidon stated the Council would not specifically respond at this time but is working through the process and appreciates all of their efforts.

F. ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING

None

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Byers provided the following summary of the monthly Public Works Reports and discussion points included: Approval of monthly minutes and award the SCDHEC grant.

Councilmember Floyd provided the following summary of the monthly Public Safety Reports: The Public Safety Committee inquired on staff Health and safety during COVID-19. Chief Ford provided information on mask discussions and responses to public and that he will likely have an officer candidate in the next few weeks. Chief Robertson gave an update of Radio Communications Grant Award \$120,000 with the City's matching funds. Building permits remained steady for July and Municipal Court is meeting twice per month.

Councilmember Bumgarner made a motion to approve the July financial report. Councilmember George made the second and carried unanimously.

The Personnel Committee met with full Council met on August 10, 2020 to receive an overview of the updates to City of Travelers Rest Personnel Handbook. The handbook was last updated in 2007. Administrator Vinson and Ms. Shelley Haroski from Find Great People provided the information. After some discussion and questions, the handbook was motioned to full City Council meeting.

Administrator Vinson also provided a power point of Employee Survey results completed in April. He also stated he is working with Chief Robertson and Chief Ford for improvements to those staff comments.

H. ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

None.

I. OLD BUSINESS

None

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Pro Tempore Choplin made a motion to approve the changes and updates to the City of Travelers Rest Personnel Handbook dated September 2020 and revocation of any policy's or handbook prior to this date. Councilmember Floyd made the second and carried unanimously.

2. Discussion & applications for BZA & Planning Commission

two vacancies on our Boards and Commissions

Board of Zoning Appeals:

Mr. Lamar McCarrell, member of the Board of Zoning Appeals has resigned.

Applicants:

1. Tony Rackley
2. Leslee Alexander

Councilmember Vest made a motion we select the applicant to appoint by ballot provided to each Councilmember.

Ms. Leslee Alexander is appointed to the Board of Zoning appeals to complete the Term vacancy of ending on December 31, 2020.

Councilmember Byers made the second. The Council voted 8 yes and 1 no (Bumgarner).

Planning Commission:

Mr. Murray Dodd, member of the Planning Commission has resigned

Applicants:

1. Tony Rackley
2. Evan Cantrell

Councilmember Vest made a motion we select the applicant to appoint by ballot provided to each Councilmember.

Mr. Tony Rackley is appointed by ballot count to complete the term of the vacancy from August 20, 2020 to December 31, 2022.

Councilmember Floyd seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

K. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Mayor Amidon made a motion to enter in Executive Session to discuss Contractual and Legal matters related to the provision of Solid Waste. Councilmember Choplin made the second and carried unanimously.

Councilmember Byers made the motion to return from Executive Session and affirm the City of Travelers Rest the rejection of mitigation of services with Ace Environmental. Councilmember Choplin seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

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

**CITY OF TRAVELERS REST
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
July 16, 2020 6:00 P.M. MINUTES**

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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 Mayor Pro Tempore Choplin

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

1. Councilmember Criss made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on June 18, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Floyd and carried unanimously.

D. PUBLIC HEARING

None

E. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

F. ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING

1. Councilmember Vest made a motion to allow Ordinance O-13-20 rezoning of 230 Main Street. Councilmember Choplin made the second and carried unanimously.

2. Councilmember Byers made a motion to approve Ordinance O-14-20 Agreement of Temporary Construction Easement and Driveway Closure with Pinestone Opportunity Fund, LLC. Councilmember Gilstrap made the second and carried unanimously.
3. Councilmember Byers made the motion to approve Ordinance O-15-20 Contractual Agreement for Sanitation Services with Greater Greenville Sanitation. 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: SCDHEC grant application was submitted, an executive session with the committee and full Council was completed to discuss Contractual and Legal matters to include Solid Waste. A motion was made to bring before Full Council as an Ordinance and First reading of the Ordinance O-15-20 Contractual Agreement with Greater Greenville for the provision of Solid Waste. First reading of the ordinance passed unanimously.
 2. Councilmember Floyd provided the following summary of the monthly Public Safety Reports: The Public Safety Committee inquired on staff Health and safety during COVID-19. Chief Ford provided information on the plans, route and discussions for Saturday's Unity March, Building permits remained steady for June, Municipal Court will resume on July 9, discussion of current COVID-19 numbers, impacts on the community and options to address the rising cases
 3. Councilmember Bumgarner made a motion to approve the June financial report for year end. Councilmember George made the second and carried unanimously.
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H. ORDINANCES FOR FIRST Reading

1. Mayor Amidon introduced and made a motion to approve the Emergency Ordinance O-16-20 Face Mask Coverings and stated the following: This ordinance is in response to the increasing numbers of Covid cases and introduced to preserve our community while taking the public's health as paramount. This ordinance will includes the following establishments: Foodservice Establishments, Grocery stores, Pharmacy, and Retail Establishments as defined by the ordinance. This Ordinance will be effective from July 18 at 6pm through Monday September 7, 2020. Mayor Amidon also read the first 2 pages of the ordinance to introduce into the record and include the establishments impacted.

Councilmember Floyd made the second.

Ordinance discussion included the following comments from Councilmembers:

Councilmember George asked for clarification on the food workers and penalty's to businesses. Councilmember Vest commented that the intent of the ordinance is to keep us safe, keep businesses open and while keeping the economy going and keep people visiting TR. He also stated the ordinance was consistent with the City of Greenville. Councilmember Byers commented she was glad the proposed resolution was changed to an ordinance since committee discussion and that it shows as a Council taking a stand and leadership for the community. Councilmember Bumgarner commented he believes it is wrong to make businesses and employees to wear mask. Councilmember Choplin stated as an older citizen he wants employees he encounters to be wearing a mask and gave an example of proactive measures taken while he was at the doctor's office that day. Councilmember Criss provided insight as a Public Health Professional and the love she feels for TR. She believes the ordinance is representative of being a good neighbor, wants social interaction with our community and the importance thereof, all the while keeping the community safe. She stated the current COVID numbers of 64,000 in SC and 1,000 deaths. She stated we all need to remain hopeful, willing to make changes and to pray. Councilmember Vest stated agreement and that the rapid pace changes on case numbers required a reassessment of the landscape and implementing the change to an ordinance. Councilmember Floyd stated the change from a resolution to an ordinance was imperative to keep folks safe. Mayor Amidon stated she was sad to see local businesses suffer when they were shut down and believes this is a positive alternative to help keep them open. She also stated it was significant to see major retailers implementing mask requirements and policies and Governor McMaster encouraging local governments to make the local decisions. Councilmember George stated he did not agree with passing an ordinance.

The vote carried 7 yes and Councilmembers Bumgarner and George voting no.

Mayor Amidon stated she was thankful for the discussion and thought Councilmember George was thoughtful in the discussion. Councilmember Choplin thanked Councilmember Criss for being TR's very own Public Health professional.

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 and praised the Public Safety departments for their Covid responsiveness. Mayor Amidon mentioned the Census challenge and encouraged all to be counted. Congratulations offered to

Mayor Amidon for 2020 Women of Influence and Dr. Criss for Greenville County Schools Hall of Fame honor.

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

**CITY OF TRAVELERS REST
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 18, 2020 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Travelers Rest City Council conducted its Regular Meeting on June 18, 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/8716190076> Meeting ID: 871 6190 7076

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 and Patrea St John Planning Director. The media were notified and did not attend the meeting and we had 2 attendees through Zoom.

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 George

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

1. Councilmember Criss made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on May 21, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Floyd and carried unanimously.

D. PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Amidon requested any Zoom attendees wishing to speak use the chat feature and she also reviewed Facebook for comments or questions. We did not have any comments.

E. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None.

F. ORDINANCE FOR SECOND 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.

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Councilmember Byers provided the following summary of the monthly Public Works Reports and discussion points included: New steps and connectivity from the trail to the Museum, graffiti complaints and status, Greenville County Hazard Mitigation Plan and Pinestone agreement.
2. Councilmember Floyd provided the following summary of the monthly Public Safety Reports: The Public Safety Committee inquired on staff health and safety during COVID-19, public education for golf cart use on roads and age requirements needed, public education on trail for cyclist needed, fire inspections resuming in coming weeks, Furman to re-start on campus August 15, building permit and inspections for May did reduce as expected.
3. Councilmember Vest provided the following summary of the monthly Planning and Development report for May and early June: Request for Rezoning of property located at 230 Main Street, 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. The Committee and Council discussed, asked questions and provided input.

4. Councilmember Bumgarner made a motion to approve the May monthly Financial Reports. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Byers and carried unanimously.
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H. ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING and RESOLUTION

1. Councilmember Byers made a motion to approve Resolution R-01-20 Greenville County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption. Councilmember Floyd made the second and carried unanimously.
2. Councilmember made the motion to approve Ordinance O-13-20 for the rezoning of 230 Main Street. Councilmember Choplin made the second and carried unanimously.
3. Councilmember Byers made the motion to approve Ordinance O-14-20 Agreement for Temporary Construction Easement and driveway closure for Pinestone Opportunity Fund, LLC. Councilmember Choplin asked question on the driveway location and cell tower. Councilmember Floyd made the second 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 and praised the Public Safety departments for their Covid responsiveness. Mayor Amidon mentioned the Census challenge and encouraged all to be counted. Congratulations offered to Mayor Amidon for 2020 Women of Influence and Dr. Criss for Greenville County Schools Hall of Fame honor.

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
Brandy Amidon, Mayor

Completed by Charlene Carter
Charlene Carter, City Clerk & Treasurer

Reviewed by Eric Vinson
Eric Vinson, City Administrator

**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

**CITY OF TRAVELERS REST
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 16, 2020 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Travelers Rest City Council conducted its Regular Meeting on April 16, 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/6906093523> Meeting ID: 690 609 3523

The following members were present by Zoom video conference: 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. The media were notified and did not attend the meeting.

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 then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. OTHER BUSINESS

1. The invocation was given by Councilmember Floyd.

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

1. Councilmember Criss made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on March 19, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Floyd and carried unanimously.

D. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

E. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None.

F. ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING

1. Councilmember Floyd made a motion to approve Ordinance O-03-20 to adopt the Existing Building Code amending City Code 5.04.060. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bumgarner and carried unanimously.

2. Councilmember Byers made a motion to approve Ordinance O-04-20 to adopt the Small Cell Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gilstrap and carried unanimously.

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Councilmember Byers provided the following summary of the monthly Public Works Reports: Councilmember Byers asked if there had been any disruption in Ace Environmental trash service due to the COVID-19? The ACE Notice implementing changes or COVID-19 precautions will be effective April 8, 2020 were discussed. Administrator Vinson advised the City will continue to provide public information through multiple sources. Councilmembers commented on the new recycling and waste containers installed on the trail and along Main Street.
2. Councilmember Floyd provided the following summary of the monthly Public Safety Reports: The Public Safety Committee report 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 the applications for potential officers and timeline for Officer Lollis to complete the Academy. Councilmembers and Chief Ford discussed increased patrol to prevent looting a closed small businesses. Administrator Vinson stated Building permit and inspections remained consistent for March.
3. Councilmember Bumgarner made a motion to approve the monthly February and March Financial Reports. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Byers and carried unanimously.

H. RESOLUTIONS AND ORDIANCES FOR FIRST READING

1. Councilmember Byers made the motion to adopt the Ordinance O-06-20 to renew the Duke Energy Franchise Agreement. Councilmember Bumgarner seconded the motion 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 calendar of events, and continued services for the community. Mayor Pro-Tempore Choplin asked if Court was still in session and what measures are being taken to protect staff. Councilmembers recognized Papercutters for the 16,000 masks provided in the hand out to the community. Councilmember Criss asked for a how to video to be set up for the mask on website. Administrator Vinson advised the Mural at the park restrooms was complete. A reminder for the April 30 Budget workshop was given. Mayor Amidon thanked Beth and Dean and for keeping the City's Public information updated and community informed. Councilmember Floyd thanked Public Safety for their dedication to services during these challenging times.

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

**CITY OF TRAVELERS REST
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 19, 2020 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Travelers Rest City Council conducted its Regular Council Meeting on March 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Brandy Amidon, Mayor, Harvey Choplin, Mayor Pro Tempore, Grant Bumgarner, Shaniece Criss, Kelly Byers, Jeff George, Rick Floyd, Brantly Vest and Sara Gilstrap. Also present were: Eric Vinson, City Administrator, Charlene Carter, City Clerk, Ben Ford Police Chief, Greg Robertson Fire Chief and Mac McMakin Assistant Fire Chief. The media were notified and did not attend the meeting. Due to the COVID-19, safety precautions for the meeting were taken and the meeting was streamed live on face book.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Brandy Amidon, Mayor called the meeting to order and commented regarding safety precautions taken at City Hall and the Covid-19 outbreak.
2. Council then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. OTHER BUSINESS

1. The invocation was given by Council Member Ms. Kelly Byers with a special Reading also.

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

1. Ms. Byers made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on February 27, 2020. The motion was seconded by Dr. Criss. An omission of Chairman Vest name was mentioned and will be corrected for the record. The motion carried unanimously.

D. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

E. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None.

F. ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING

Mr. Vest made a motion to approve Ordinance O-02-20 of the Major Modification to FRD Zoning for Trailview Townhomes Map #04960002033004. Mr. Bumgarner second the motion and carried unanimously.

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Chairwoman Byers provided a summary of the monthly Public Works Reports

2. Chairman Floyd provided a summary of the monthly Public Safety Reports
3. Mr. Bumgarner moved to hold the February Financial Reports for receipt and review until April. The motion was seconded by Mr. George carried unanimously.

H. RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

1. Mr. Floyd made the motion to adopt before Council Ordinance O-03-20 Existing Building Code amending City Code 05.04.060. Mr. Bumgarner seconded the motion and carried unanimously
2. Ms. Byers made the motion to adopt before Council Ordinance O-04-20 Small Cell Ordinance. Mr. Floyd seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

I. OLD BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr. Choplin made a motion to adopt Emergency Ordinance O-05-20 COVID-19 and Mr. Floyd seconded the motion. Due to the nature of the Ordinance it only requires one reading and carried unanimously. All Council members commented on the current situation and impact on the community and small business.

K. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

City Administrator Vinson provided City update on calendar of events, and continued services for the community.

L. Adjournment

1. There being no other business to come before the Council, Mr. Bumgarner made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. George and carried unanimously.


Brandy Amidon, Mayor

Completed by 
Charlene Carter, City Clerk & Treasurer

Reviewed by 
Eric Vinson, City Administrator

**CITY OF TRAVELERS REST
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 27, 2020 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Travelers Rest City Council conducted its Regular Council Meeting on February 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m at the Fire Department (postponed from original scheduled date of February 20, 2020. The following members were present: Harvey Choplin, Mayor Pro Tempore, Grant Bumgarner, Shaniece Criss, Kelly Byers, Jeff George, Rick Floyd, Brantly Vest and Sara Gilstrap. Also present were: Eric Vinson, City Administrator, Charlene Carter, City Clerk, Dan Kobler Police, Phillip Tate, Public Works Director, Greg Robertson Fire Chief and Mac McMakin Assistant Fire Chief. The media were notified and did not attend the meeting.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Harvey Choplin, Mayor Pro Tem called the meeting to order.
2. Council then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. OTHER BUSINESS

1. The invocation was given by Council Member Mr. Grant Bumgarner

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

1. Dr. Criss made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on January 16, 2020. The motion was seconded by Mr. Floyd and carried unanimously.

D. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Greenville County CDBG and Home Funds summary was presented by Ms. Imma Nwobodu for the City of Travelers Rest with an overall program overview of how funds will be allocated and may be spent. The allocation for program year 2020 is \$78,985.00.

E. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None.

F. ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING

Mr. Vest made a motion to approve Ordinance O-01-20 to provide the rezoning of the property at 101 Center Street from R-10 Residential District to C-1 Commercial District. Mr. Bumgarner second the motion and carried unanimously.

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Chairwoman Byers provided a summary of the monthly Public Works Reports
2. Chairman Floyd provided a summary of the monthly Public Safety Reports
3. Chairman provided a summary of the monthly Planning and Development Reports ~~Vest~~ Correction
4. Mr. Bumgarner moved to accept the January Financial reports. The motion was seconded by Ms. Byers carried unanimously.

H. RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

1. Mr. Vest made the motion to consider first reading before Council Ordinance O-02-20 to provide for the Major Modification to FRD Zoning for Trailview Townhomes Map #04960002033004. Mr. Bumgarner seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
2. Mr. Bumgarner made the motion to adopt Resolution R-01-20 to adopt the allocation of Greenville County CDBG and Home Funds for program year 2020. Ms. Byers seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

I. OLD BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

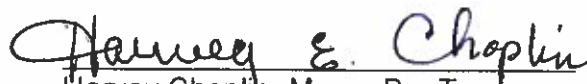
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K. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

City Administrator Vinson provided City update on City Hall repairs and events Scheduled.

L. Adjournment

1. There being no other business to come before the Council, Mr. Bumgarner made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vest and carried unanimously.


Harvey Choplin, Mayor Pro Tempore

Completed by 
Charlene Carter, City Clerk & Treasurer

Reviewed by 
Eric Vinson, City Administrator

**CITY OF TRAVELERS REST
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 16, 2020 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Travelers Rest City Council conducted its Regular Council Meeting on January 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Brandy Amidon, Mayor, Harvey Choplin, Grant Bumgarner, Shaniece Criss, Kelly Byers, Jeff George, Rick Floyd 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. The Tribune and Greenville News were notified and present.

OATH OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. INDUCTION OF GRANT BUMGARNER
by Mrs. Gina Bumgarner
2. INDUCTION OF KELLY BYERS
by Mr. Tom Wagner
3. INDUCTION OF SHANIECE CRISS
by Ms. Christi Huddleston Broadus
4. INDUCTION OF SARA GILSTRAP
by Mr. Matthew Gilstrap and Mayor Amidon

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Brandy Amidon, Mayor called the meeting to order.
2. Council then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. OTHER BUSINESS

1. The invocation was given by Council Member Mr. Harvey Choplin
2. Mr. Choplin was elected unanimously as Mayor Pro Tempore by Unanimous Consent with no objections. Mayor Amidon made the announcement after the Clerk certified the ballots. Mr. Choplin will serve as Mayor Pro Tempore and Chairman of Personnel Committee.
3. Mayor Amidon provided her appointments to all committees.

Ms. Byers made a motion to approve the Committee appointments and Mr. Floyd seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

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

1. Mr. Bumgarner made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on December 19, 2019. The motion was seconded by Dr. Criss and carried unanimously.
2. Dr. Criss made a motion to approve the minutes for the Council Retreat workshop held on January 11, 2020. Mr. Bumgarner seconded the motion and carried by 8. Mr. Vest did not attend.

D. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

E. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None.

F. ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING

None.

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The City Ordinance describes all Committees officially ended December 31, 2019. Therefore, the January Committee meeting was cancelled in order for Oaths, Election and Appointments to be completed at Regular Council meeting.

1. Ways & Means Committee – Grant Bumgarner

- a. Although the Ways and Committee did not meet, the Council was provided the City Financials for December 2019. Mr. Bumgarner moved to accept the December Financial reports. The motion was seconded by Mr. Floyd and carried unanimously.

2. Planning & Development – Brantly Vest

- a. Mr. Vest introduced his newly appointed committee. He briefly discussed the Rezoning of the property located at 101 Center Street. He asked Planning Director, Patrea St John to update the committee on the request. Director St. John reviewed the location by map, provided a description of prior and future uses and gave the recommendation by Staff and Planning Commission report to approve the Rezoning. Mr. Bumgarner made a motion to forward rezoning to full Council for First Reading of the ordinance. Mr. Floyd seconded the motion.

H. RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

1. Mr. Vest made the motion to consider first reading before Council Ordinance O-01-20 to provide for the Rezoning of the property located at 101 Center Street from R-10 Residential District to C-1 Commercial District Tax map # 0490000300100. Mr. Floyd seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

I. OLD BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

None.

K. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

1. A presentation on Assessing Housing Affordability in Travelers Rest was presented to the Council by Ms. Brook Denny, Furman intern and part-time planning associate. Ms. Denny provided information on County growth patterns, cost per square foot and local density in the City. Her presentation also included barriers for some housing areas and housing areas in proximity to amenities. The presentation remains on display for members to review.

L. Adjournment

1. There being no other business to come before the Council, Mr. Floyd made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. George and carried unanimously.

Brandy Amidon, Mayor

Completed by

Charlene Carter, City Clerk & Treasurer

Reviewed by

Eric Vinson, City Administrator