

**CITY OF TRAVELERS REST**  
**City Council Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday March 8, 2021 – 5:00 P.M.**

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ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81670516906?pwd=T3JCcXBGdEptM2dGS3MvWEhlQnl4dz09>  
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The following members were present: Brandy Amidon, Mayor, Harvey Choplin, Mayor Pro Tempore, Grant Bumgarner, Rick Floyd, Brantly Vest, Shaniece Criss, Kelly Byers, Jeff George, and Sara Gilstrap. Also present were Eric Vinson, City Administrator, Charlene Carter, City Clerk, Ben Ford, Police Chief, and Greg Robertson, Phillip Tate, PW Director, Brennan Williams, Planning Director, Mac McMakin, Fire Chief, Robbie Childs, City Attorney. There were 23 members in attendance on the Zoom call. The media was also 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 Gilstrap made a motion to approve minutes from Committee meeting held February 8, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilmember George. Director Tate provided an update for Recycling Roll Cart roll out next week. He also responded to questions concerning replacement of Main Street trees and lamp post.
- c. Councilman George made a motion to send to full Council the proposed ordinance to restrict tractor trailer use on Roe Road. Councilmember Gilstrap made the second. A discussion did include other areas in the City this restriction exists, signage and posting of restriction and enforcement.
- d. Councilmember Gilstrap made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember George seconded the motion.

**3. Public Safety Committee**

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

- a. Chair Floyd called the meeting to order by roll call.

- b. Mayor Pro Tempore Choplin made a motion to approve minutes from Committee meeting held on February 8, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilmember George and carried unanimously.
- c. The Public Safety Committee received an update regarding Covid impacts on staff. Chief McMakin stated delay times in calls due wait times had improved, overdose calls had elevated.  
The new fire truck is due to go in service on 03/18/2021. Chief McMakin said all training on the engine as well as additional installs should be in place. The fire department has also received its award from FEMA in the amount of \$114k. Chief Ford updated Council on hiring of police officer and dispatcher due to begin on 3/16/2021. Chief Ford also stated the City continues to see a reduction in Walmart police calls in the past year. Municipal Court will begin proceedings in April except for Jury trials. The Building permits shows permit decreases for February.
- d. Councilmember Vest made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember Byers seconded the motion.

#### **4. 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 February 8, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Criss and carried unanimously
- c. Director Williams provided overview of planning report and Planning Commission meeting for February. The development report provided members with details of projects permitted, stage of development, applications for developments and short-term rentals. He also provided an update on Pinestone development and some additions behind the former City Hall property. He discussed the Wethington development and plan changes.
- d. Councilmember Bumgarner made the motion to move to full Council the proposed rezoning of TR-21-02 Pinestone 6709 State Park Road to the PD-R with the condition of maximum 2 stories above street level grade. Councilmember Criss seconded the motion.
- e. Councilmember Bumgarner made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember Criss made the second.

## 6. New Business

1. Mayor Amidon introduced the Emergency Mask Ordinance O-08-21 extension. The Council spoke to improvements with numbers and vaccines. Members also questioned if ordinance was still warranted. Councilmember Criss made the motion to extend the mask ordinance from March 13, 2021-May 12, 2021. Mayor Pro Tempore Choplin made the second. The motion passed 6 yes(Amidon, Choplin, Gilstrap, Byers, Criss, Vest) and 3 no(George, Floyd, Bumgarner).
2. Councilmember Byers made a motion to enter in Executive Session to discuss a settlement of previous contractual agreement for sanitation services under section 30-4-70-2. Councilmember Floyd made the second. The Mayor and Council members, Administrator Vinson, Attorney Childs participated in a virtual executive session while other members were changed to waiting room status. Councilmember Criss made the motion to return from executive session and Mayor Pro Tempore Choplin made the second. Councilmember Byers made the motion to allow the administrator to sign and settle on behalf of the City. Councilmember George made the second and motion passed unanimously.

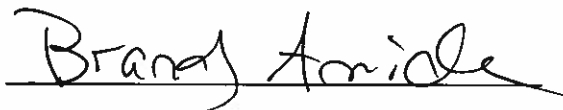
## 7. Adjournment

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. 6:25pm

*After a five minute recess The Sewer System Workshop began.*


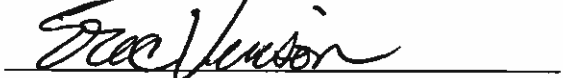
Additional attendees included Mr. David Betsill City Contracted Engineer from Frazier Engineering and Ms. Carol Elliott from Metroconnect. Administrator Vinson provided an overview of the system; future costs estimates and repairs and reviewed the options for future possibilities. A review of septic tank users will need to be established.

The Mayor adjourned the workshop at 7:17pm.



Brandy Amidon, Mayor

Completed by

Charlene Carter, City Clerk & Treasurer

Eric Vinson, City Administrator