

**CITY OF TRAVELERS REST**  
**City Council Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday July 15, 2021 – 5:30 P.M.**

The City has implemented changes to our Public Meetings due to COVID-19. We will meet in Council Chambers and will allow a maximum of 8 guests for this meeting. We invite the public to join us on Facebook live <http://www.Facebook.com/DiscoverTravelersRest> also.

The following members were present: Brandy Amidon, Mayor, Harvey Choplin, Mayor Pro Tempore, Grant Bumgarner, Rick Floyd, Brantly Vest, Shaniece Criss, Kelly Byers, and Jeff George. Also present were Eric Vinson, City Administrator, Lori Sondov, City Clerk, Ben Ford, Police Chief, Phillip Tate, PW Director, Brennan Williams, Planning Director, and Mac McMakin, Assistant Fire Chief. 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 the Committee meeting held June 7, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilmember George.
- c. Administrator Vinson stated a utility coordinators meeting was held with the City and Pinestone Developers regarding Roe Road improvements and a start date of August 9 was given.
- d. 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, Kelly Byers, and Brantly Vest

- 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 June 7, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilmember George and carried unanimously.
- c. Police Chief Ford stated a City officer will be going on the Drug Enforcement Unit of Greenville County in August and the unit's Board of Directors voted to give \$15,000 to the City to purchase a vehicle for undercover work for this officer. Chief Ford also gave an explanation of the work the Task Force does and the benefits of participating in it.
- d. Assistant Fire Chief McMakin said seven Firefighters and one Police Officer will be receiving certificates from Greenville County EMS, Prisma, and St. Francis Hospital in

recognition as responders who assisted with cardiac arrests. Councilmember Criss suggested the recognition should be publicized in social media and Assistant Chief McMakin said he will be publicizing it once he has the information and certificates.

- e. Chief Ford added National Night Out is being held again this year on August 3, 5-8 p.m.
- f. Councilmember Byers made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember Choplin 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 Criss made a motion to approve minutes from Committee meeting held on June 7, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bumgarner and carried unanimously.
- c. Director Williams provided an overview of the planning report and Planning Commission meeting for June, including reviewing the request for the rezoning of a portion of 208 N. Poinsett Highway (Tax Map Number 04970005003000) from S-1, Service district, to R-M, Multifamily Residential district. Director Williams discussed the possible uses of the property, if rezoned, in relation to the mobile home park adjacent to the site and the potential of mobile home residents being asked to move from their residences. Director Williams stated the Planning Commission's recommendation is for approval.

Councilmember Vest made a motion to move the item forward to tonight's Council meeting. Councilmember Criss seconded the motion.

- d. Chair Vest introduced the Resolution regarding Amended Planning Commission By-laws, R-05-21. Director Williams commented the 10-minute time limit referred to in the amended portion is for the presentation of the application, whether by staff member or applicant.

Councilmember Criss made a motion to move the item forward to tonight's Council meeting. Councilmember Choplin seconded the motion.

- e. Director Williams advised Council the Gateway Subdivision for townhomes on Hawkins Road received approval from the Planning Commission.
- e. Councilmember Bumgarner made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember Criss seconded the motion.

#### **5. Ways and Means**

Committee members: Grant Bumgarner, Harvey Choplin, Rick Floyd, Jeff George, and Shaniece Criss

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

- b. Councilmember Criss made a motion to approve the minutes from June 7, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Choplin and carried unanimously.
- c. There being no business to discuss, Councilmember Criss made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember Choplin seconded the motion.

**6. New Business**

None

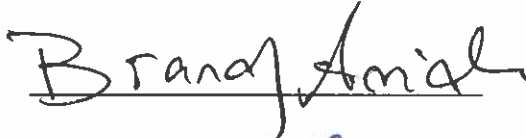
**7. Miscellaneous Matters**

None

**8. Adjournment**

There being no further business before Council and/or Committee, Councilmember Vest made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Byers and carried unanimously.

The Mayor adjourned the workshop at 6:04 pm.

  
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Brandy Amidon, Mayor

Completed by  \_\_\_\_\_ Lori Sondov, CMC, City Clerk and Treasurer

 \_\_\_\_\_ Eric Vinson, City Administrator