

**CITY OF TRAVELERS REST**  
**City Council Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, January 10 2022 5:00 P.M.**

The City has implemented changes to our Public Meetings due to COVID-19. We will meet in Council Chambers and suggest safe social distancing 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, Grant Bumgarner, Rick Floyd, Shaniece Criss, Kelly Byers, Brantly Vest, Lisa Lane, and Wayne McCall. Also present were Eric Vinson, City Administrator, Mac McMakin, Assistant Fire Chief, Lori Sondov, City Clerk, Ben Ford, Police Chief, and Brennan Williams, Planning Director. The media was also notified.

**OATH OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

- 1. INDUCTION OF BRANDY AMIDON**  
**By Pastor Brian Spearman**
  
- 2. INDUCTION OF RICK FLOYD**  
**By Jena Carell**
  
- 3. INDUCTION OF LISA LANE**  
**By Mike Lane**
  
- 4. INDUCTION OF WAYNE MCCALL**  
**By State Representative Mike Burns**
  
- 5. INDUCTION OF BRANTLY VEST**  
**By Logan Vest**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**  
Mayor Amidon called the meeting to order. Pastor Spearman led in prayer.
  
- 2. Election of Mayor Pro Tempore**  
After a vote among Council, Councilmember Rick Floyd was selected as Mayor Pro Tempore.
  
- 3. Committee Assignments--**Mayor Brandy Amidon discussed the following assignments:

**WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE (5)**

**Chairperson – Grant Bumgarner**

**Co-Chairperson – X**

**Member – Brantly Vest**

**Member – Rick Floyd**

**Member – Kelly Byers**

**Member- Shaniece Criss**

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (5)**

**Chairperson –Brantly Vest**  
Co-Chairperson –X  
Member – Wayne McCall  
Member – Kelly Byers  
Member – Shaniece Criss  
Member- Grant Bumgarner

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (5)**

**Chairperson – Kelly Byers**  
Co-Chairperson –X  
Member – Shaniece Criss  
Member – Wayne McCall  
Member – Grant Bumgarner  
Member- Brantly Vest

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (3)**

**Chairperson – Shaniece Criss**  
Co-Chairperson –X  
Member – ~~Sara Gilstrap~~ Leave for open seat  
Member – Lisa Lane

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (5)**

**(Chair will be Mayor Pro Tempore)**  
Chairperson (Mayor Pro Tem) – Rick Floyd  
Member – Shaniece Criss  
Member – Grant Bumgarner  
Member – Brantly Vest  
Member – Kelly Byers

**4. Public Works Committee**

Committee members: Shaniece Criss and Lisa Lane

- a. Chair Criss called the meeting to order by roll call.
- b. Councilmember Lane made a motion to approve minutes from the Committee meeting held December 6, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Criss and carried unanimously.
- c. Councilmember Byers thanked the staff for the work on downed trees during the recent storm.
- d. Councilmember Lane made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember Criss seconded the motion.

**5. Public Safety Committee**

Committee members: Rick Floyd, Kelly Byers, Brantly Vest, and Shaniece Criss

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

- b. Councilmember Vest made a motion to approve minutes from Committee meeting held December 6, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Criss and carried unanimously.
- c. Chief Ford stated calls for the past year were up and noted police calls to WalMart were reduced. Chief Ford said their Loss/Prevention Officer is actively involved in cases. Chief Ford also stated violent crimes remained very low for the year. Chief Ford said a new officer has been hired and one will also be starting very soon, making the department at full capacity.
- d. Fire Marshall Lee Carter stated calls were up for the past year by 23 percent and attributed the higher number to assisting Greenville County EMS on calls.
- e. Councilmember Vest made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember Bumgarner seconded the motion.

#### **6. Ways and Means**

Committee members: Grant Bumgarner, Rick Floyd, Shaniece Criss, Brantly Vest, Kelly Byers

- a. Chair Bumgarner called the meeting to order by roll call.
- b. Councilmember Criss made a motion to approve minutes from Committee meeting held on December 6, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vest and carried unanimously.
- c. Councilmember Byers made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember Criss seconded the motion.

#### **7. Planning and Development Committee**

Committee members: Brantly Vest, Grant Bumgarner, Kelly Byers, Wayne McCall, and Shaniece Criss

- a. Chair Vest called the meeting to order by roll call.
- b. Councilmember McCall made a motion to approve minutes from Committee meeting held December 6, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Criss and carried unanimously.
- c. Councilmember Byers asked about the progress of The Wethington development. Director Williams stated there is much more engineering work to be done on the project and the City is making sure the progress meets City requirements. Councilmember Floyd asked about the tree buffer that was part of the approval process. Director William said trees will be replanted as part of the project.
- d. Kelli McCormick and Marcia Boyle, of Kendig Keast Collaborative, provided discussion on the Downtown Overlay District. Ms. McCormick complimented the City's current development status and its commitment to moving forward with a development plan. Ms. Boyle asked for input on what has been successful and unsuccessful for the City. Councilmembers commented on the key elements which they want to have included in

the Downtown Overlay District including preserving natural resources, building height, increasing connectivity between businesses, green spaces such as pocket parks, hidden parking, identifying better vegetation for the downtown area, walkability, limiting the years a business owner can have a building sitting empty, maintaining the character of the City, requiring higher standards for large corporations, public restrooms, having an art museum, and having family friendly activities.

- e. Chair Vest thanked outgoing Planning Director Brennan Williams for his work while he was at the City.
- f. Councilmember Bumgarner made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember Byers seconded the motion.

**8. New Business**

None

**9. Miscellaneous Matters**

- a. Introduction of new administrative judge, Shaina Ellis. Her oath is attached to these minutes.
- b. Administrative Update – Administrator Vinson also thanked outgoing Planning Director Williams for his work at the City.

**10. Adjournment**

There being no further business before Council and/or Committee, Councilmember Bumgarner made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Floyd seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Brandy Amidon

Brandy Amidon, Mayor

Completed by Lori O. Sondov

Lori O. Sondov, CMC, City Clerk and Treasurer

Eric Vinson

Eric Vinson, City Administrator



I, Elaina Joana Ellis, do solemnly swear that:

I am duly qualified, according to the Constitution of this State, to exercise the duties of the office to which I have been appointed, and that I will, to the best of my ability, discharge those duties and will preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of this State and of the United States;

I pledge to uphold the integrity and independence of the judiciary;


I pledge, in the discharge of my duties, to treat all persons who enter the courtroom with civility, fairness, and respect;

I pledge to listen courteously, sit impartially, act promptly, and rule after careful and considerate deliberation;

I pledge to seek justice, and justice alone;

So help me God.

This I do solemnly swear this 10 day of January, 2022.

  
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Elaina Joana Ellis

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