

Council Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 9, 2023

5:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall

Council Present: Brandy Amidon, Mayor; Councilmembers Kelly Byers, Grant Bumgarner, Shaniece Criss, Rick Floyd, Lisa Lane, Wayne McCall, and Brantly Vest

Staff Present: Eric Vinson, City Administrator; Amanda Connolly, City Clerk; Greg Robertson, Fire Chief; Ben Ford, Police Chief; Phillip Tate, Public Works Director; and Mike Forman, Planning Director

1. Call to Order

Mayor Amidon called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Citizen Participation

None

3. Public Works Committee

Members: Shaniece Criss (Chair), Lisa Lane, and Sherry Marrah

- a. Chair Criss called the meeting to order by roll call.
- b. Councilmember Marrah made a motion to approve the minutes from the Committee meeting held on December 5, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lane.
- c. Director Tate noted that during the week of the cold freeze, there were no reported damages to pipes freezing or bursting. The restrooms at Trailblazer Park were closed during the week of the cold freeze.
- d. There was discussion between the Council and staff around clarification on the recycling and trash contract with Greater Greenville and how to properly communicate the changes to the residents.
- e. Councilmember Lane made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilmember Marrah seconded the motion.

4. Public Safety Committee

Members: Kelly Byers (Chair), Grant Bumgarner, Shaniece Criss, Wayne McCall, and Brantly Vest

- a. Chair Byers called the meeting to order by roll call.
- b. Councilmember Criss made a motion to approve minutes from Committee meeting held on December 5, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bumgarner and carried unanimously.
- c. Administrator Vinson noted that there was nothing new to report for Building Permits.
- d. Administrator Vinson noted that there was nothing new to report for Municipal Courts.

- e. Fire Chief Robertson indicated that incident numbers have increased by 50%. This is due to the residential and commercial growth within the city.
- f. Police Chief Ford reviewed the Downtown Safety Initiative plan, noting that larcenies are down 40% over the last two years. The Police Department graciously accepted a donation made by United Community Bank and LEAD in the amount of \$1000. This donation funds our K-9 program. Officer Donnelly and our K9 have a very rigorous training schedule and have been working hard to get the program up and running. Councilmember Floyd recognized that January 9th is Law Enforcement Day and thanked our officers of every rank for putting their life on the line every day for the Travelers Rest community.
- g. Councilmember Vest made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilmember Bumgarner seconded the motion.

5. Planning & Development Committee

Members: Brantly Vest (Chair), Grant Bumgarner, Kelly Byers, Shaniece Criss, and Wayne McCall

- a. Chair Vest called the meeting to order by roll call.
- b. Councilmember McCall made a motion to approve minutes from Committee meeting held on December 5, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Byers and carried unanimously.
- c. Director Foreman noted that the Wethington Development project has seen forward movement with the construction of this project.
- d. Councilmember Vest made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilmember Byers seconded the motion.

6. Ways & Means Committee

Members: Grant Bumgarner (Chair), Kelly Byers, Shaniece Criss, Rick Floyd, and Brantly Vest

- a. Councilmember Bumgarner called the meeting to order by roll call.
- b. Councilmember Floyd made a motion to approve minutes from the Committee meeting held on December 5, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vest and carried unanimously.
- c. Chair Bumgarner noted that there was nothing new to report and that the financial report will be reviewed at the January 19th Council meeting.
- d. Councilmember Byers made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilmember Vest seconded the motion.

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

None

9. Miscellaneous Matters

- a. Administrator Vinson noted that the City is partnering with Furman University for a Litter Pickup day on Monday, January 16, 2023.

- b. Administrator Vinson informed the Council that MetroConnects is in transition of taking over requests for sewer service in addition to the 811 (locate) calls. All calls for sewer request's and locates will be fully transitioned over to MetroConnects on March 1, 2023.
- c. Members of the Council and staff have received positive comments/feedback on the lane change at Roe Road.

10. Adjournment

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

Mayor Amidon adjourned the meeting at 5:29 p.m.

Brandy Amidon Brandy Amidon, Mayor
Completed by Amanda Connolly Amanda Connolly, City Clerk
Eric Vinson Eric Vinson, City Administrator