

**CITY OF TRAVELERS REST.**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, July 20, 2023, 6:00 p.m.**

**City Hall Council Chambers**

**Present:** Brandy Amidon, Mayor, Rick Floyd, Mayor Pro Tempore; Councilmembers Kelly Byers, Shaniece Criss, Lisa Lane, Sherry Marrah, and Wayne McCall.

**Also Present:** Eric Vinson, City Administrator; Beth Sicignano, Communications; Ben Ford, Police Chief; Mike Forman, Planning Director; Mac McMakin, Asst. Fire Chief, and Greg Robertson, Fire Chief

**Absent:** Councilmember Brantly Vest

**1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

- a. Mayor Amidon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- b. Council and staff recited the Pledge of Allegiance

**2. Invocation**

- a. The Invocation was given by Councilmember McCall

**3. Approval of Amendment to July 20, 2023, Council Meeting Agenda**

- a. Mayor Amidon motioned to accept an amendment to include nominations to election committee under new business, (item 7). Council member Floyd motioned, Council member Byers seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

**4. Approval of Nomination to Election Commission**

- a. Mayor motioned for approval of nominations for Election Commission. Councilmember Floyd motioned, Councilmember Byers second. The motion carried unanimously.

**5. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

- a. Mayor motioned for approval of minutes from June 15, 2023 Council Meeting. Councilmember Criss motioned, Councilmember Floyd second. Motion carried unanimously.

## **6. Committee Reports**

- a. Chair Criss provided a summary of the Public Works Committee report from July 10, 2023.
- b. Chair Byers provided a summary of the Public Works Committee report from July 10, 2023.
- c. In the absence of Chair Vest, Councilmember Bumgarner provided a summary of the Planning & Development Committee report from July 10, 2023.
- d. In the absence of Chair Vest, Councilmember Bumgarner provided a summary of the Ways and Means Committee report from July 10, 2023.
- e. Chair Bumgarner provided a summary of the Ways and Means Committee report from July 10, 2023. Chair Bumgarner moved to approve the May and June financial reports as presented. Councilmember Floyd second. Chair Bumgarner stated that the May financial report was included in the previous Committee meeting and noted that Administrator Vinson emailed the June report a few days ago. Councilmember Bumgarner noted that this is not an end-of-the-year report and there will be several adjustments to include additional income. Mayor Amidon made a motion to accept the May and June financial reports as presented. Councilmember Floyd seconded. Mayor Amidon asked all in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

## **7. Ordinances and Resolutions for First Reading**

- a. Resolution for the Thirteenth Circuit Public Defenders Agreement. Administrator Vinson introduced Mindy Lipinski, the Circuit Public Defender in Greenville County. Ms. Lipinski outlined the benefits of the program to serve underprivileged citizens and uphold their 6<sup>th</sup> amendment right. Also noted was the ability of the Public Defenders Office to rehabilitate those with drug dependency issues. Administrator Vinson stated that the city attorney has reviewed the agreement.

Mayor Amidon called for a motion to approve the resolution for the Thirteenth Circuit Public Defenders Agreement. Councilmember Criss motioned, Councilmember Byers seconded. Motion opposed by Councilmember McCall. Remaining councilmembers in favor.

- b. Agreement for provision of 911 dispatch services for North Greenville University. Administrator Vinson outlined the agreement noting that the term was 6 years, for a total of \$150,000 with an initial downpayment of \$50,00 the first year and \$20,000 each subsequent year through 2026.

Mayor Amidon asked for a motion for approval, Councilmember Floyd made a

motion, councilmember Marrah seconded. Open discussion Administrator Vinson explained that the city was planning to purchase additional equipment for dispatch which is included in the new budget prior to this agreement so there will be no additional cost to the city to handle the increase in calls to 911. The agreement revenue is included in the new budget.

Mayor Amidon asked all in favor, council carried motion unanimously.

**8. Old Business**

- a. None

**9. New Business**

- a. Mayor Amidon motions for approval of Nomination for Municipal Election Commission appointment for Patty Leonard. Councilmember Byers motioned, seconded by councilmember Marrah. Mayor Amidon asked all in favor, motion carried unanimously.

**10. Miscellaneous Matters**

- a. Administrator Vinson reminded council the MASC annual conference is taking place in Greenville next week. Mayor Amidon noted the campaign sign policy flyer. Mayor Amidon thanked councilmember Floyd for his years of service.

**11. Adjournment**

- a. There being no other business to come before Council, councilmember Floyd made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bumgarner and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Brandy Amidon Brandy Amidon, Mayor

Completed by Beth Sicignano Beth Sicignano, Administrative Assistant

Eric Vinson Eric Vinson, City Administrator