

CITY OF TRAVELERS REST

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 18, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Brandy Amidon; Councilmembers Grant Bumgarner, Shaniece Criss, Kelly Byers, Catherine James, Lisa Lane, Wayne McCall, and Brantley Vest

Also Present: Shannon Herman, City Administrator; Ben Ford, Police Chief; Mac McMakin, Asst. Fire Chief; Greg Robertson, Fire Chief; Carson Ruffrage, City Clerk; Phillip Tate, Public Works Director

Absent: Councilmember Sherry Marrah

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 Criss

3. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a. Mayor Amidon called for a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on March 21, 2024. Councilmember Criss motioned to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McCall and carried unanimously.

4. Presentation by Travelers Rest YMCA

- a. Rebecca Lunceford shared upcoming events and information about the YMCA and the impact it has on our community.

5. Citizen Participation

- a. David Goldsmith- discussed problems and gave solutions for traffic in Travelers

Rest.

6. Ordinances & Resolutions for Second Reading

- a. None

7. Committee Reports

- a. Chair Lane provided a summary of the Public Works Committee report from April 8, 2024.
- b. Co-Chair Criss provided a summary of the Public Safety Committee report from April 8, 2024.
- c. Chair Vest provided a summary of the Planning & Development Committee report from April 8, 2024.
- d. Councilmember Bumgarner provided a summary of the Ways and Means Committee report from April 8, 2023.

8. Ordinances and Resolutions for First Reading

- a. None

9. Old Business

- a. None

10. New Business

- a. None

11. Miscellaneous Matters

- a. Administrator Herman mentioned that it was Dispatcher week. The City appreciates and celebrates our dispatchers. The bicycle counter screens are in the process of being replaced. Several staff members worked the Ville to Ville race last weekend. Administrator Herman thanked them for their work. A golden shovel event will happen for the YMCA Connector Trail on May 6th.

12. Adjournment

- a. There being no other business to come before Council, Councilmember Bumgarner made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Lane seconded. Motion

to adjourn passed unanimously.

Brandy Amidon, Mayor

Carson Ruffrage

Completed by Carson Ruffrage, City Clerk

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Shannon Herman, City Administrator


**CITY OF TRAVELERS REST
CITY COUNCIL RETREAT MINUTES
April 8, 2024**

Travelers Rest City Council attended and participated in a Council-Staff Retreat on April 8, 2024 at the Travelers Rest Fire Department Training Room from 6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The following people were present: Brandy Amidon, Mayor, Grant Bumgarner, Mayor Pro Tem, Dr. Shaniece Criss, Brantly Vest, Lisa Lane, Catherine James, Wayne McCall, and Sherry Marrah. Also present were Shannon Herman, City Administrator, Carson Ruffrage, City Clerk, Phillip Tate, Public Works Director, Ben Ford, Police Chief, Greg Robertson, Fire Chief, and Trey Eubanks with the Appalachian Council of Governments. The media were notified.

Absent: Councilmember Kelly Byers

1. Mayor Amidon gave the welcome and introduced Trey Eubanks with the Appalachian Council of Governments.
2. Mr. Eubanks conducted a Council Goal Setting Exercise during which Councilmembers suggested a variety of possible goals for the City to have and how to accomplish those goals. They then chose their top five goals and marked them. After the exercise, they were able to see which goals were most important to the majority of Council. Goals with star count are attached.
3. Mr. Eubanks and Administrator Herman led a recap discussion of Council's Goals and Priorities.
4. Councilmember Criss made a motion to adjourn at 7:30pm. Councilmember Lane seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.


Brandy Amidon, Mayor

Completed by

Carson Ruffrage, City Clerk and Treasurer

Reviewed by

Shannon Herman, City Administrator