

CITY OF TRAVELERS REST

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 21, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Grant Bumgarner; Councilmembers Shaniece Criss, Catherine James, Lisa Lane, Sherry Marrah, 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: Mayor Brandy Amidon, Councilmember Kelly Byers

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

- a. Mayor Pro Tem Bumgarner 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 Vest

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 February 15, 2024. Councilmember Criss motioned to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marrah and carried unanimously.

4. Presentation by Greenville County Redevelopment Authority

- a. Imma Nwobodu, from GCRA, gave a presentation about the Annual Action Plan for the City of Travelers Rest for 2024. She discussed the funds we would receive from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. The focus of the presentation was on HOME and CDBG funds.
- b. Mayor Pro Tem Bumgarner confirmed that the funds would not expire and that they can be rolled over year over year. Councilmember Marrah wanted

confirmation that the city would receive a reminder prior to the money expiring.

5. Public Hearing

- a. Mayor Pro Tem opened up the public hearing. After no response, he closed the public hearing.

6. Ordinances & Resolutions for Second Reading

- a. Bowers Road Annexation (O-03-24)
Councilmember Vest made a motion to approve the annexation. Councilmember Criss seconded the motion. It was opened up for comment to the Council. Councilmember Lane wanted confirmation that if it wasn't approved, it would still tie into Metroconnect. Councilmember Vest stated that he believed it would on the county level. The motion carried with 6 for and 1 against (Councilmember Lane).
- b. Bowers Road Zoning Map Amendment (O-03-24)
Councilmember Vest made a motion to approve the zoning map amendment. Councilmember James seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Bumgarner opened it up for discussion. Councilmember McCall wanted to emphasize that the amendment is much more stringent and it gives the Council more control and leverage. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Committee Reports

- a. Chair Lane provided a summary of the Public Works Committee report from March 11, 2024.
- b. Co-Chair Criss provided a summary of the Public Safety Committee report from March 11, 2024. Assistant Chief McMakin introduced Brett McCue as a new member of the Fire Department.
- c. Chair Vest provided a summary of the Planning & Development Committee report from March 11, 2024.
- d. Councilmember Bumgarner provided a summary of the Ways and Means Committee report from March 11, 2023.

8. Ordinances and Resolutions for First Reading

- a. Shannon Herman Check Signing Resolution (R-01-24)
Councilmember Criss made a motion to approve. Councilmember James seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- b. Allocation of Greenville County CDBG and Home Funds Resolution (R-02-24)
Councilmember Criss made a motion to approve. Councilmember Marrah seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

9. Old Business

- a. None

10. New Business

- a. None

11. Miscellaneous Matters

- a. Administrator Herman noted that the Poinsett Streetscape will be going out to bid for two weeks. The project should be on the calendar for June.

12. Adjournment

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


_____ Brandy Amidon, Mayor


_____ Completed by Carson Ruffrage, City Clerk


_____ Shannon Herman, City Administrator