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## Fountain City Town Council Meeting Minutes

### January 2, 2024

#### Call to Order

The public meeting of the Fountain City Town Council was held at the City Building at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. Attendees included Shane Shroyer, Laurie Hayes, Cecil Mullins, and Michael Gray. Steve Clark was not present.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

#### Approval of Minutes

Shroyer confirmed that everyone had read December's minutes. Mullins motioned to approve December's minutes as written. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

#### New Business

- Vote for President & Vice President – Hayes nominated Shroyer for council president with Mullins seconding the nomination. All were in favor, 4-0. Shroyer asked Mullins if he would like to be vice president. He stated he would take it. Shroyer nominated Mullins for vice president with Hayes seconding the nomination. All were in favor, 4-0.
- Advertise for New Attorney – McGuire stated that she had contacted the Palladium-Item about advertising for a new attorney. The packages they offer are costly with the lowest being around \$300. She stated that she will be contacting Western Wayne News to run a classified ad.
- 305 South Vine – McGuire stated that the septic tank at 305 South Vine needs to be discussed due to previous decision is now void. Mullins inquired as to why the decision was void. Shroyer stated the certified operators informed him that it was now flowing fine. Gray stated that digging the septic is the council's decision, which was previously made but not followed through. Gray was concerned about the decision being changed and Shroyer stated that he wanted the operators' input first. Hayes motioned to take care of the problem as soon as possible. Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
- Scott Doors Quote – Shroyer presented a quote from Scott Doors for servicing the garage doors, four bay doors located at water plant. Hayes motioned to accept the quote for maintenance on the garage doors. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. In addition, there were quotes for new key/keyless lock and one with a dead bolt. It was stated that a couple of employees have had trouble setting the alarm. McGuire stated that setting the alarm is a keypad problem and that she doesn't think spending \$300+ is justified. Mullins agreed.
- Backhoe & Skid Steer Attch. – Shroyer had quotes for the sweeper attachment for the skid steer. The quote is \$490 to repair. The quote to repair all issues plus labor with the backhoe is \$5,410. Gray motioned to accept the quotes for the repair of the sweeper attachment and the backhoe repair. Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
- Resolution – McGuire stated that she had prepared a resolution for all the end of year transfers to make negative accounts positive. She provided a list of all the transfers instead of reading all of

the account numbers and dollar amounts. Gray motioned to accept the transfer. Hayes seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

#### Unfinished Business

- None

#### Department Reports

##### Water/Sewer Departments – Michael Stuckey, Doug Young, Walker Shepherd, & David Allen

- Shroyer read the reports.
- Gray informed council that Doug Young is willing to teach the employees to do the town's own slug test. We contract it out now. Up front, it will cost us more money but will save us money in the long run.
- Gray presented a quote for the water department filters to be replaced by Ortman. This is a requirement. Gray motioned to accept the quote from Ortman. Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

##### Police & Fire Department – Marshal Carey Martin & Shane Shroyer

- Shroyer read the report.
- Shroyer read his report on fire dept.

##### Parks/Building & Grounds Department – Kyle Parrett

- Shroyer read the report.

##### Street Department – Kyle Parrett

- Shroyer read the report.
- Gray informed council that everything pulled from the storm drains that were recently repaired was from the water project.

##### Financial Department – Trina McGuire

- Council was provided with the Fund with Investments and APV Register Summary Report.
- McGuire informed council that she had to make some adjustments to Parrett's pay distribution. Due to the state's requirement to split MVH into regular and restricted funds, the regular MVH has continued to stay negative. The state is not accepting the action of "It will catch up with itself." Therefore, Parrett's pay can no longer have a large percentage coming from MVH. She has made his distribution 50% general, 10% MVH, 15% water, and 25% sewer.
- Hayes brought up the salary ordinance again. She disagrees with how the salary ordinance was handled. McGuire stated that she had sent an email telling council regardless of the verbiage, the ordinance being voted on was for 2024 not an amended ordinance for 2023.



## Welcome Visitors


- David Oakes was present to question an illegal meeting and the septic tank not being fixed. In addition, he questioned why the attorney quit. Shroyer informed him that it was a confidential email. He feels that the construction company should be paying for things that were not done during the project instead of the town. Oakes also wanted to know if there is an ordinance for cats. McGuire informed him that there is not an ordinance for farrow cats and the agreement with the county is no more.

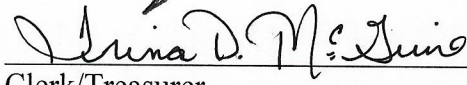
## Claims

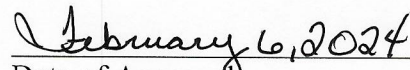
Mullins motioned to approve all current claims. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

## Adjournment

Gray motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

  
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Council President

  
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Clerk/Treasurer

  
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Date of Approval