

Fountain City Town Council Meeting Minutes July 5, 2022

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, July 5, 2022. Attendees included Shane Shroyer, Steve Clark, Cecil Mullins, Laurie Hayes, Michael Gray, and Aubrey Crist, town attorney.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Shroyer confirmed that everyone had read June's minutes. Mullins motioned to approve June's minutes as written. Hayes seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Welcome Visitors

- The resident from Mill Street was present to check on the progress of removing the problem trees in front of her house. Parrett stated that one company he contacted may be able to do it in the next couple of weeks but everyone else he contacted is booked for the year. She stated that she contacted a company from Cambridge for a tree in the back yard and they already removed the tree. She will provide Parrett with their contact info.
- Mr. Martin from Martin's Country Mart was present about his current water bill. It is a little more than double his normal bill and there have not been any occurrences to cause this. McGuire informed council that part of his bill is from the old meter, which could have some human error of copying numbers. Tice is currently on vacation and unavailable to check the old meter for accuracy. Due to the chance of human error and Tice being unavailable, Shroyer asked for consideration of an adjustment to a normal month's consumption. Gray motioned to adjust bill to Martin Country Mart's normal consumption. Hayes seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
- Tony Foster was present to discuss his current water bill. Ever since his new meter was installed, his water bill has increased. He insists that there is no way that he is using this much water. He brought his past 12 months bills and stated he has contacted the IURC. He also stated that his meter is farther away from the building than the old meter and it has been disturbed. When Tice inspected the pit, he explained the water was from the recent rain and that the wires have been cut. Some statements cannot be verified; therefore, they have been omitted. The issue will be investigated when Tice returns.
- The Bicknell's were present to discuss their current water bill. This bill is even higher than last month's bill, which was higher than a normal bill. They stated that it's only two people and they don't shower every day; therefore, they do not agree with their consumption. This issue will be investigated also.
- Rick from Cobalt was present to give an update on wrapping up the water project.

New Business

- Kleinpeter Invoices – McGuire informed council that she had invoices from Mike Kleinpeter for approval. Invoice #464 is the second payment for grant administration and labor standards pertaining to the water project. The total invoice is \$26,400. Hayes motioned to pay invoice #464. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Invoice #655 is the fee pertaining to the Paser Study required for the Community Crossing Grant for street replacement. The total invoice is \$5,000. Gray motioned to pay invoice #655. Invoice #676 is the fee pertaining to work performed on the ARPA funds. The total invoice is \$2,924.14. Mullins motioned to pay invoice #676. Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
- Water Rate Amendment – McGuire informed council that she has an amendment prepared by Steve Brock to the water rates for approval. This amendment is due to the elimination of the URT Tax payment. This was a required quarterly tax the town paid on the water utility. The elimination of this tax resulted in a 1.4% reduction in water rates, hydrant fees, and reconnect fees. Gray motioned to accept the water rate amendment. Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
- Salary Ordinance Amendment – McGuire informed council that she amended the current salary ordinance. When the personnel policy was amended at the last meeting, she forgot that the salary ordinance stated when payday occurs; therefore, it needed to be amended. The only change made was payday from Friday to Thursday and it was effective June 7, 2022. Hayes motioned to accept the salary ordinance amendment. Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
- ARPA Ordinance Amendment – Shroyer informed council that the ARPA Ordinance has been amended to allow the town to make donations to promote local businesses. Clark motioned to accept the ARPA Ordinance Amendment. Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
- Donation to Ft. City Lion's Club – Shroyer informed council that he would like to make a donation from the ARPA funds to the Ft. City Lion's Club for assistance with Levi Coffin Days. He suggests donating the maximum amount permitted, which is \$2,000. Hayes requested verification on the spending of the donation. Gray motioned to donate \$2,000 to Ft. City Lion's Club. Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Unfinished Business

- LED Street Lights – Shroyer reminded council that a vote was passed a few months ago to replace street lights with LED's. He wanted to let them know that he has received the contract for permission to move forward.

Department Reports

Water/Sewer Departments – Charles Tice

- Parrett read Tice's report.

Police & Fire Department – Marshal Carey Martin & Shane Shroyer

- Marshal Martin read his report.
- Marshal Martin requested permission to purchase four Phazzer cartridges and data connector. McGuire advised using the LLECE funds. Gray motioned to allow the purchase of cartridges and data connector totaling \$446. Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
- Shroyer had nothing for the fire department report.

Parks/Building & Grounds Department – Kyle Parrett

- Parrett read his report.

Street Department – Kyle Parrett

- Parrett read his report.

Financial Department – Trina McGuire

- Council was provided with the Fund with Investments and APV Register Summary Report.
- Crist informed council that she is required by her law firm to take on another municipality that meets on the same schedule as ours. She can stay on and not attend all monthly meetings. In addition, she has been looking for a replacement.

Claims

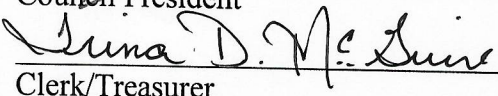
Hayes motioned to approve all current claims. Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjournment

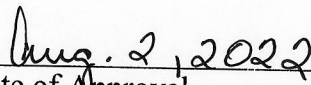
Hayes motioned to adjourn the meeting. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.



Council President



Clerk/Treasurer



Date of Approval