
Fountain City Town Council Meeting Minutes October 3, 2023

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, October 3, 2023. Attendees included Steve Clark, Laurie Hayes, Cecil Mullins, and Michael Gray. Aubrey Crist, town attorney, and Shane Shroyer were not present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Clark confirmed that everyone had read September's minutes. Mullins motioned to approve September's minutes as written. Hayes seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

New Business

- Budget Adoption – Clark closed the regular meeting and opened the budget adoption meeting. McGuire informed everyone that it is exactly the same as what was discussed in the Public Hearing last month. Council just needs to vote for adoption of the budget. Gray motioned to adopt the proposed budget for 2024. Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Clark closed the budget adoption meeting and reopened the regular meeting.
- Cen*Sor Quote – McGuire presented council with the quote for Cen*Sor Security. It is the same coverage the town has presently but about 20% less. The only concern was the possession of the fire extinguishers and they belong to the town; therefore, they remain. Gray motioned to accept the quote from Cen*Sor. Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
- Silversmith Quote for Tablets – McGuire informed council that she had not received the email before the meeting. She will put it on November's agenda.
- Announce Fall Clean-Up Date – McGuire confirmed that the fall clean-up date is October 14th, which is the second Saturday of October. There is a slide in the slideshow on the website, it was on the water/sewer bills, and it's on the sign in front of the city building.
- Discuss Trick-or-Treat Date – McGuire informed council that they need to decide on a date for trick-or-treat. Other places are having theirs on the 28th or the 31st. Hayes informed council that Fall Break is that week and feels that a lot of people will be out of town on the 28th. Beth from the Lion's Club informed council that they are having trunk-or-treat on the 28th 6-9. Mullins motioned to have trick-or-treat on the 28th 5-8. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-1, Hayes with a nay.
- Leaf-Vac Schedule – The leaf-vac is being fixed and leaf pick-up will start afterwards on an as needed basis. McGuire informed council that she will put it on the website as soon as they have a start date.

Unfinished Business

- Storm Drains on Hartley Ave. – Gray informed council the storm drains are plugged with gravel and dirt. This is causing a blockage of water flow and some flooding. He just wanted to remind everyone that this issue still needs to be addressed on way or the other. David Oakes informed council that the drain on 27 and Davis is plugged also.
- Meter and Yards – Gray informed council that there are some meters that were not changed during the project. There are still 10-15 manual reads for water billing. He also wants to start a new list for the yards still needing fixed.

Department Reports

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

- Gray read the report.
- Gray informed council that there is a need for stone/gravel at the lagoons. This is needed for the IDEM inspections. They provided quotes for the stone. Barrett Paving is the lowest quote in total. Gray motioned to get the stone from Barrett Paving. Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
- 103 Water Street is a place where new meters were not installed. This is a two-unit apartment building and the meters are inside; therefore, a pit is needed. This makes the meters inaccessible for town employees. In order to do this, boring is required and the town cannot do it. The approximate total cost is \$4,500 for everything. Gray motioned to get this work done. Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
- Gray informed council that there are not any spare meters for replacements. The certified operators recommended that we have ten on hand. They also need extra radio reads and antennas. The quote for all the extras is \$4,823.69. Mullins motioned to purchase all the extras needed. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-1, Hayes with a nay.

Police & Fire Department – Marshal Carey Martin & Shane Shroyer

- Marshal Martin read his report.
- Shroyer wasn't present to report on fire dept.

Parks/Building & Grounds Department – Kyle Parrett

- Clark read the report.

Street Department – Kyle Parrett

- Clark read the report.
- Clark informed council the backpack leaf blower needs to be replaced or repaired. Gray motioned to fix it instead of buying a new one. Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Financial Department – Trina McGuire

- Council was provided with the Fund with Investments and APV Register Summary Report.

Welcome Visitors

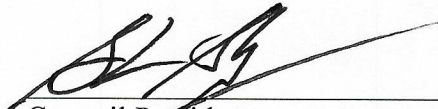
- David Oakes was present to express his appreciation for the roads signs and the meters being addressed. He does not think that the town should have to be doing the work. He inquired as to why the website can't be used to issue alerts. Marshal Martin informed him that he does have access to the website.
- Keith Webster was present for the community service class at Northeastern. He is looking for any assistance with supplies needed to complete the work at the park. Gray informed him that there are some of the supplies in the garage.
- Beth invited everyone to come to the trunk-or-treat and thanked everyone for their help with Levi Coffin Days. In addition, she informed everyone this is tour season for the Levi Coffin House. Life in Early Indiana will start this month and be on the first Saturday of every month. The cemetery tour is October 21st and will be done on the African Americans buried there. Forward Fountain City meeting will be Thursday at Pizza King at 6:30.
- Belinda Smith was present to inquire on whether her septic tank issue has been resolved. Gray informed her that per the ordinance, the town is not responsible for anything from the septic to the house is the resident's responsibility. She still insists that the town will reimburse her and fix the problem themselves. She stated that Mr. Shroyer told her that it will be looked into and no one came to investigate.

Claims

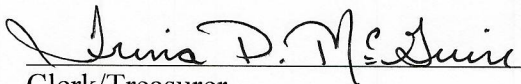
Gray motioned to approve all current claims. Hayes seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Adjournment

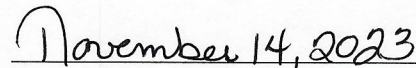
Hayes motioned to adjourn the meeting. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.



Council President



Clerk/Treasurer



Date of Approval