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## Fountain City Town Council Meeting Minutes September 6, 2022

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### 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, September 6, 2022. Attendees included Shane Shroyer, Cecil Mullins, Laurie Hayes, and Michael Gray. Steve Clark and Aubrey Crist, town attorney, were not present.

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Approval of Minutes

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

### Welcome Visitors

- Jeremiah Kinney to ask about the islands of grass in front of All Around Auto and diner. He spoke with the construction crew working on the stormwater project and they advised him to speak with council. Shroyer informed him that the islands are in the state's right-of-way. Parrett said that he would contact someone with INDOT.
- A resident that lives on Mill Street would like to know if there's an ordinance concerning trash in neighboring yards. She has asked her neighbor to clean it up but they haven't. Marshal Martin informed her that he would look into the problem.
- Mr. Ashenfelter was present to discuss his water bill. His bill for August was higher than his normal bill and he does not agree. Gray had provided him with a data log for his consumption and he still does not agree. It was explained to him that the meters are correct. If he wants it to be pulled and tested, Mr. Ashenfelter would be responsible for fees if the meter is passed. Shroyer explained that an adjustment can be made on the sewer portion of his bill but he has to pay for the water. Gray motioned to adjust his bill in the same way that other's bills were adjusted. Hayes seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
- Mr. Reneau was present to discuss his past two water bills. His past two month's water bills are extremely high. Data logs for his bills have been done and they show consumption from 6,700 to 7,000 gallons per day. He does not agree with this consumption. He had the outside pipes replaced shortly after he purchased the property and has checked everything inside the house. He stated that there is no evidence in his yard of a leak but the area around the pit that was dug is very soft. Gray, Shroyer, and Tice discussed possible problems. Tice will contact Cobalt and see if they can find the problem.
- Mrs. McDonald was present to discuss the problem with trucks that drive on the edge of her property. There are trucks with trailers and delivery trucks that drive past her house and they do not have enough room without coming into her yard. She lives on the curve of E. Cherry and Water Streets. She would like for the town to look into doing something to prevent them from doing this. She isn't sure if a sign would fix the problem or if there needs to be some type of



guard railing around the curve. Gray and Shroyer discussed some solutions and will look into solving the problem. Mrs. Lanter was also present and the truck parking concerns her due to the bus stops in the same area.

#### New Business

- Public Hearing/Budget – Shroyer closed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing. McGuire read the Notice to the Taxpayer’s containing the amounts for 2023’s budget. General: Budget Estimate - \$216,780, Maximum Estimated Funds to be Raised - \$162,691, and Current Tax Levy - \$154,934 at 5.01%; Local Road & Street: Budget Estimate - \$11,075; Motor Vehicle Highway: Budget Estimate - \$36,535; Cumulative Capital Impact (Cig. Tax): Budget Estimate - \$3.300; Special Fire Territory Protection General: Budget Estimate - \$94,020, Maximum Estimated Funds to be Raised - \$104,486, and Current Tax Levy - \$99,476 at 5.04%; and Special Fire Territory Protection Equip. Replacement: Budget Estimate - \$27,000, Maximum Estimated Funds to be Raised - \$20,179, and Current Tax Levy - \$20,179 at 0.00%. She asked for any questions on estimated budget. Jeremiah Kinney asked about Motor Vehicle Highway and its purpose. McGuire explained that it’s used for half the street superintendent’s salary and other materials. There were no other questions. Gray motioned to adjourn the public hearing. Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
- Capital Asset Policy – McGuire confirmed that council had received the Capital Asset Policy she had emailed them. They confirmed that they had received it. She informed them that this is a new requirement from the SBOA. In addition, she will need to contact a company to help get the asset list set-up in the computer as it is beyond her capabilities. Crist prepared the policy and emailed it for review. Hayes motioned to accept the Capital Asset Policy. Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
- Door Hanger Notices – McGuire informed council on behalf of herself, deputy clerk, Parrett, and Tice that they would like to discontinue the day before shut-off door hangers. Residents receive their bill and then, delinquent notices are mailed on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. These notices have the past due amount and the date it must be paid to avoid shut-off. The day before notice has been an extra courtesy that has become increasingly costly and is not required. These have went from 10-15 a month to 25-30 along with the time it takes Tice and Parrett to pass them out. The others and I would like permission to stop using them the day before and only for notice of actual shut-off. Gray motioned to stop the day before door hangers. Hayes seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
- Road Closing/Levi Coffin Days – Shroyer spoke for the Fountain City Lion’s Club for the issue of street closings for Levi Coffin Days. They need permission from council to close the usual streets for Levi Coffin Days. This includes Main from US Hwy. 27 to Front Street and the first block of all the side streets contained within. Gray motioned to allow these street closings. Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
- City Building Interior Lights – There are two quotes provided for the replacement of the city building’s interior lights and change them to LED. These were the only two quotes that council was able to obtain. The quote from Schroeder Electric was for \$10,829.27 and the quote from Hill Electric was \$3,100. Schroeder’s quote including replacing the canopies, which is not completely necessary. Mullins motioned to accept the quote from Hill Electric. Hayes seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.



## Unfinished Business

- Daily/Monthly Duties – Gray confirmed that the guys have a copy of the daily/monthly duties. They confirmed that they have them. Gray wanted to stress the cleaning of the city building due to the recent remodel. The only change he suggested was the office cleaning is the responsibility of the person to whom the office belongs. The rest of council agreed.
- Phone for Water Department – Marshal Martin informed council that he talked to Verizon about cell phones for the water department. McGuire confirmed that the police department's cell phone is approximately \$46.74 per month; therefore, adding extra lines would be around the same charge. The phones themselves will be free. Gray motioned to get the cell phones for the water department. Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
- Dedication Gazebo for Park – Shroyer needs to table this discussion again. He was not able to obtain more quotes for the building of the gazebo. He explained the purpose of the gazebo is to have a memorial at the park. This was started a few years ago and funds are from donations and ARPA. A \$25 donation with the name of a loved one will have their name added to the plaque. Hayes motioned to table this issue. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

## Department Reports

### Water/Sewer Departments – Charles Tice

- Tice read his report.
- Shroyer announced that US Hwy. 27 at Davis Street will be down to one lane while they're installing the new storm drain parts.

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

- Marshal Martin read his report.
- Marshal Martin would like to install a TV monitor in the council chambers. This will provide him the ability to do training and provide the any visitors and/or council to do presentations. Since this is a continued update to the city building, ARPA funds could be used. Council told Martin to obtain some quotes.
- 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.
- He and Tice have been getting the streets cleaned up and curbs painted for Levi Coffin Days. They have also painted the crosswalks.

### Financial Department – Trina McGuire

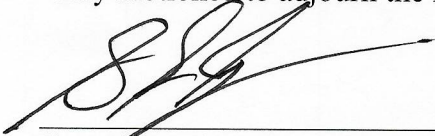
- Council was provided with the Fund with Investments and APV Register Summary Report.

Claims

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

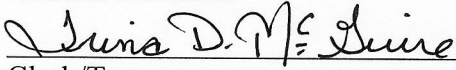
Adjournment

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

October 4, 2022  
Date of Approval