

JANUARY 17, 2023

The Town Council met in regular session at the Town Hall at 8:30 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Blaylock.

Present were: BLAYLOCK, ALSOP, CLARK, WADE and WILLIAMS along with Clerk-Treasurer Karla Atkins and Attorney Erin Bauer.

The following visitors were present: Chris Laughbaum, Trisha Lopez, Bobbi Jo Bottomly, and Chad Foreman.

Councilman Wade made and Clark seconded a motion the minutes of the previous regular meeting be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Alsop made and Williams seconded a motion the minutes of the January 10, 2023 special meeting be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Williams reported there are two dead trees at Maple Hill Cemetery. He will get a quote on removing them.

President Blaylock reported on some maintenance issues at the wastewater plant. Jeremy Farrar is looking into what can be done.

Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion that Alvin Blaylock serve as Council President for 2023. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock read the following dept. heads and back-ups for 2023: Gas –Blaylock, Clark; Water –Clark, Wade; Sewer –Wade, Blaylock; Fire –Blaylock, Alsop; Police –Wade, Blaylock; Parks – Alsop, Wade; Cemetery –Alsop, Williams; Streets –Blaylock, Williams; Trails –Williams, Clark; Solid Waste - Williams, Clark.

Councilman Clark made and Williams seconded a motion the Town Council meet at 5:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month for 2023. Councilman Clark stated that morning meetings are not convenient for those who work. President Blaylock reported he calculated the attendance of night versus morning meetings and attendance has been higher for morning meetings. Attorney Bauer pointed out that if meetings are moved to evenings, and she is offered to serve as Council Attorney for 2023, she will not be able to accept immediately due to other obligations. The following vote was taken: Ayes-Clark, Williams; Nays-Blaylock, Alsop, and Wade. Motion denied.

Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion that for 2023 the council meet at 8:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. All were in favor except Councilman Clark. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion that Erin Bauer be reappointed as Town Attorney for 2023. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock reported that Council has received a complaint on 1017 Steammill because of accumulated junk and trash. He continued that the items belong to the property owner at 1017 Steammill, but haave has spilled over onto the property to the south. President Blaylock stated letters were recently sent and some clean up was done to the front of 1017 Steammill but not the rear. Councilman Clark commented the property is in violation of Town ordinances. He has spoken to the property owner south of 1017 Steammill, and she agreed to speak to the owner of 1017 Steammill to try and work out a solution. Councilman Clark made and William seconded a motion that nuisance letters be sent to 1017 Steammill as well as LDA Properties, with a 60 day grace period to present a plan for clean up. The following vote was taken: Ayes-Clark, Williams; Nays-Blaylock, Alsop, and Wade. Motion denied. Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion that nuisance letters be sent to 1017 Steammill and LDA Properties with a 30 day grace period to either present a plan for clean up or to complete clean up. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion that the \$69,250 for the purchase of the used backhoe be taken from the ARP fund. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade made and Williams seconded a motion that the proceeds from the sale of the Ford backhoe be placed in the ARP fund. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock announced the security system at Town Hall is set to be installed on January 18. The cameras around Town will be installed at a later date.

Councilman Wade made and Clark seconded a motion that the Keystone maintenance agreement be renewed at a cost of \$9,315. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock read Resolution 2023-1. This Resolution revises the SOP's for the police dept. Councilman Clark made and Wade seconded a motion that Resolution 2023-1 be adopted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Clark initiated discussion regarding updating the Town's comprehensive plan. Councilman Clark made and Williams seconded a motion that Council begin pursuing a grant to update the Town's comprehensive plan. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Williams made and Alsop seconded a motion the claims be allowed and the Clerk pay the same. All were in favor. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion the meeting be adjourned. All were in favor. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

Alvin Blaylock, President of Town Council

Attest:

Karla L. Atkins, Clerk-Treasurer