

SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

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, Jan Kahle, Bill Meyer, Claire Eagle, Aaron Trump, Trisha Lopez, Joshua Janik, and Chad Foreman.

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

Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion the Executive Session Memorandum for August 17, 2022, be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Alsop made and Wade seconded a motion the Executive Session Memorandum for August 23, 2022, be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion the Executive Session Memorandum for August 24, 2022, be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion the minutes of the August 25, 2022, Special Meeting be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Alsop announced the United Way Day of Caring will be on September 23. Groups will be working at the water shed and the shelter house.

Councilman Williams reported on two dead trees at Maple Hill. President Blaylock stated these can be looked at by American Eagle when they are in Town.

Councilman Wade announced employees of Apex will be working at Playtopia.

President Blaylock introduced Chad Foreman as the new Town Marshal.

Claire Eagle and Aaron Trump, with USI, addressed a question that arose in a recent meeting regarding USI being required to obtain building permits. Mr. Trump stated that since they are a state entity, they are not required to file for state or local permits. He did offer to keep Council aware of upcoming projects.

Councilman Clark made and Wade seconded a motion that a nuisance violation letter be sent to the property owner at 818 East St. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Clark made and Wade seconded a motion that a nuisance violation letter be sent to the property owner at 316 South St. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion that fall clean-up day be scheduled for October 21. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock called the public hearing on the 2023 budget to order at 8:48 a.m. There were no additions or changes. Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion the budget stand as advertised. All were in favor. Motion carried. The 2023 budget will be up for adoption at the October meeting. The public hearing was closed at 8:49 a.m.

Councilman Alsop made and Clark seconded a motion that letters be sent to those who are delinquent on their golf cart registration. All were in favor. Motion carried. Councilman Clark suggested that the letter point out that the fees from the registrations are used to maintain the trails.

Bill Meyer spoke to Council about seeing Town employees doing street sweeping in extreme heat. He noted this could be done with more modern equipment instead of employees using brooms. President Blaylock pointed out a company has been used in the past for sweeping, but their equipment does not do as good of a job as a broom. He offered to look into this and try to come up with a better process.

Bill Meyer commented that following the recent mosquito fogging done by the Town, he had no dragonflies, butterflies, or birds in his yard. He stated there were just as many flies, gnats, and mosquitoes at Kunstfest, and asked where the return on the Town's investment is. Mr. Meyer asked if

the fogging chemicals have been analyzed by the health department. President Blaylock noted, it is a difficult job keeping all citizens happy. Some complain about mosquitoes, while others complain about the chemicals used to eliminate the mosquitoes. Councilman Williams supported Mr. Meyer's concerns, and feels other alternatives should be looked at. President Blaylock assured everyone this will be looked into for other alternatives.

Councilman Wade made and Williams seconded a motion that two quotes from American Eagle for \$14,250 and \$5,415 be accepted and that the tree at 617 Arthur St. be looked at while they are here. All were in favor. Motion carried. Councilman Williams would like the affected residents notified prior to the work being done. President Blaylock noted this has always been done and will continue to be. Councilman Clark moved that the motion be amended to include that the Town will do a study on replacing the removed trees. There was no second. Motion denied.

Councilman Wade made and Alsop seconded a motion the request to close Tavern St. in the afternoon on November 5 for a wedding be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

Councilman Clark proposed that a plan be developed to replace the removed trees. He stated this should fall under the duties of the Park/Tree Board. Councilman Wade noted the Park Board is purchasing four trees. Councilman Williams offered to request an appropriate list of trees from Tom Guggenheim. Councilman Alsop stated all can be involved and provide input. Any plan will be provided to Council before it is implemented.

Councilman Williams stated the camping sites have not yet been graveled. He asked if wood chips could be used instead of gravel. He stated the graveling was approved several months back and has not yet been done.

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