

November 9, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Edwards with prayer and salute to the flag. In attendance: Edwards, Lewis, McKenzie, McClendon, and Harden.

Attorney Cox administered the Oath of Office to Richard Harden, Roger McKenzie, and Nathan Lewis.

Vice Mayor Lewis made a motion to approve the October 12, 2020 minutes as presented by the Clerk, second by McKenzie, 5/0.

Shawn Culbertson asked to break his lease agreement with the City for the building located at 110 Municipal Avenue. The property will be available at the end of November 2020. Council asked Clerk Schilling to schedule an appraisal on the building.

The City was awarded a \$50,000 FRDAP grant, with Fred Fox as the grant administrator. At this time, the funds have not been released, but the contract is executed. Everything the Council has previously discussed (i.e., railing, under pinning, LED lights, firepits, etc.) is within the elements of the grant.

Councilman Harden stated Department of Corrections staff asked if the softball field can be updated and used for practice.

The City of Tallahassee has agreed to donate used truck rims to be repurposed for fire pits.

Included in the FRDAP grant is \$2,500 for equipment that the City could use towards wood fiber mulch at the playground.

In a previous meeting, the Council had instructed Mrs. Schilling to look at the right of way in front of the Lawhon house, to possibly install a sidewalk, tying the bike trail to downtown. Currently, a portion of a fence would have to be removed from the ROW, as well as 2 power poles, a water meter, and 2 DEP monitoring wells. Attorney Dan Cox suggested an engineer look at it, possibly raising the water meter and DEP monitors flush with the sidewalk or consider purchasing the ROW from the property owners.

Councilman Harden would like the owners contacted regarding an easement and bring back information to the December meeting. Councilman McKenzie asked Attorney Cox to research the DEP monitoring wells first.

Attorney Cox stated DOT will allow a pedestrian walk signal and button in 35 mph zones, but the crossover has not been funded nor included in 5-year plan.

Leonard Tartt spoke to the owner of the property located at 2164 Sopchoppy Highway (Mom's Restaurant), and owner indicated he would like to get \$100,000 for the property. The owner has considered removing the building, paving the lot, and leasing it to the City. The Council asked Clerk Schilling to ask the appraiser when doing the appraisal on 110 Municipal, would they consider doing a "drive-by" appraisal on this property also.

The Council feels the property would be an asset to the City; overflow parking, gateway to City, etc.

Elliot Seidler contacted Mayor Edwards and expressed interest in using the green space between the brewery and the City Hall Annex for outdoor seating. If Council agrees, Mr. Tartt would only like to see space leased, not sold, because of its proximity to Well 1. If leased, Attorney Cox said the alcohol

ordinance would have to be amended to allow the sale of alcohol on City owned property. Or, if Council decides to sell a portion of the space, the agreement will have to include an easement to Well 1.

Mr. Seidler also indicated he would be interested in using the courtyard behind 110 Municipal Avenue. If given permission to do so, Mr. Seidler would not need the green space next to the City Hall Annex.

Attorney Cox is working on the CIP update as well as the zoning changes. The Council asked Mr. Cox to prepare an RFP for Architectural Design to set standards for the commercial corridor of 319 coming into the City. Council would like to make a selection in January.

Councilman McClendon asked if the City could suspend zoning changes while the City looks at the corridor. Attorney Cox can prepare a Resolution for Moratorium to suspend certain zoning for a period of time.

The financial and adjustments reports were approved by signature of the Council.

The Council set December 10 for the annual Christmas dinner to be held at Angelo's.

Mrs. Schilling informed the Council the Business Excellence Awards Banquet will be held November 19.

Councilman Harden is grateful to be back and working on the Commission.

Mayor Edwards reminded everyone the Community Market will be held at the Towles House November 14.

Councilman McKenzie welcomed Mr. Harden to the Council.

Vice Mayor Lewis asked about a punch list for the CDBG Stormwater Grant. Alan Hart, Baskerville Donovan, will be contacting the contractor.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m. Motion by Lewis, second by McKenzie.