

Town Council Meeting September 3, 2024

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order with all council members present. Attorney Drinnon was present as well.

On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mr. Stump, the minutes of the August 6, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mr. Sinard, the minutes of the August 6, 2024 public hearing were unanimously approved.

On a motion from Mr. Stump, second from Mr. Sinard, the minutes of the August 6, 2024 beer board meeting were unanimously approved.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mr. Sinard, Ordinance #10-24, updating the building permit fees, passed unanimously in a roll call vote on second reading.

On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mrs. Strom, Ordinance #11-24, rezoning the Wallace property on Highway 25E from C-2 to C-3, passed unanimously in a roll call vote on second reading.

Mr. Woods asked to table Ordinance #12-24, amending the planning commission from seven to nine members. He would like to ask Joe about other ways to have Derrick be in the loop with all the plans so he can have the opportunity to review them. Mr. Marshall suggested a line be added to all plans so that Derrick Layman can sign and review. After further discussion, it was decided to get with Joe and make sure all residential and commercial plans would be reviewed by the Fire Chief, Derrick Layman.

On a motion from Mrs. Strom, second from Mr. Marshall, it was unanimously voted to approve Resolution #24-6, approving the LPRF grant contract and accept the extra funds.

On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mrs. Strom, it was unanimously voted to hire Chris Edmonds and Garrett English as full-time police officers.

Chief Cotter reported a busy month. Another THSO Grant has been rewarded to the department for \$50K. The K9 vehicle should be done in about three weeks. All the other vehicles have been stripped and waiting on outfitting the vehicles. The department is saddened by the passing away of Jeremy Sutton and his funeral will be at Lakeway Christian Academy and a procession will come through town. His partner is still in need of prayers and in the hospital.

Chief Layman gave updates on statistics for the month. The matching PEP grant was awarded as well. Two additional grants for \$10K each are being applied for as well. The Dollar General has been put off from getting the certificate of occupancy because of the water and sewer lines that haven't been run.

Planning Commission gave Quick Trip a variance on the sign. The board looked at the zoning and use maps as well.

Mr. Reid gave the recreation report and informed the board that the Rec desk software is live now. He is working on registrations for five- to six-year-old basketball program as well as a tee ball and soccer league for spring. Mr. Reid also said the Pine Fest has seventy-four booths as of now. The t-shirts for the festival are in the design stage. The Christmas parade was discussed and it was decided to do on December 7th and have an evening parade with line up at 5 pm and parade starting at 6 pm.

Mr. Stewart gave a report on the water and sewer department. A major issue at Parkertown Road was caused by the construction company doing the bypass line. Had to replace sixty feet of line. Pumping stations have been worked on as well as the lead and copper tests. The consent order for manhole flow monitoring has started as well. The wastewater lab is increasing its E. coli samples to five each week. The vac trailer should be here this week.

The street department got the leaf machine ready and will start using once the leaves start falling.


Financial reports were given by the recorder. The auditors did the initial audit last week and will be back in October for a full week. The OPEB audit is also in the works. The year end reports are also being worked on.

Under unfinished business, it was asked about the old hardware store and what had become of the plans to get the building fixed to the point of being safe. Chief Cotter said he has talked to the owners of the building and they are working on something and hope that it happens soon. They did agree to clean up the front before Pine Fest.

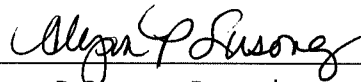
On a motion from Mrs. Strom, second from Mr. Stump, it was unanimously voted to pay bills.

Under announcements the board was reminded about the ETDD banquet coming up on September 26th in Knoxville. White Pine will be getting recognition for improvements at Exit 4. Mayor Taylor said he was going to call the Sheriff and see if he can get the prisoners to come pick-up trash on Roy Messer Highway and Highway 25E.

On a motion from Mr. Marshall, second from Mr. Woods, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:47 pm.



Fred Taylor, Mayor



Alyson P. Susong, Recorder

Public Hearing Minutes September 3, 2024

Mayor Taylor called the public hearing to order with all council members present.

Mayor Taylor asked if anyone in the audience had any questions or comments concerning the re-zoning of the Wallace property on Highway 25E for the Quick Trip Market. The land will be rezoned from C-2 to C-3 zone.

After no comments or questions, the mayor adjourned the public hearing at 7 pm.



Fred Taylor, Mayor



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