

Regular Meeting - Minutes

March 13, 2018

The Mayor and Council of the City of Winterville met at Winterville City Hall for the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2018. Mayor Ferrelle called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Also present were Councilpersons Mark Farmer, Brenda Keen, Mary Quinn, Gary Snow, City Attorney David Ellison, and Municipal Clerk Wendy Bond.

The pledge of allegiance was recited by all present.

Approval of Minutes: Councilperson Snow moved to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2018 regular City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Quinn. All votes were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

The First Item of New Business: Councilperson Farmer moved to adopt the Tobacco Free Generation (TFG) Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Quinn, 1 vote was in favor 3 votes were against. The motion failed and the ordinance was not adopted. (Councilperson Farmer voted to approve; Councilpersons Keen, Quinn, Snow voted not to approve.)

The Second Item of New Business: Councilperson Keen moved to approve the purchase of a truck as a replacement for one of the oldest cars in the fleet of police cars. The cost of the vehicle is quoted at \$40,533 fully equipped and will be paid from the Public Safety 2011 SPLOST funds. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Farmer. All votes were in favor.

The Third Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle stated the elevator bids are still pending due to legal interpretation of one contract and awaiting a response from the Genesis Elevator Company.

The Fourth Item of New Business: Councilperson Snow moved to explore the process of amending the Charter regarding limited alcohol permits in the City. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Keen. All votes were in favor.

The Fifth Item of New Business: Zack VanHesen, an Eagle Scout, Troup 44 of Winterville, has presented Mayor and Council the opportunity to build a Multi-Use Community Area in Pittard Park. The area would consist of building an amphitheater type seating of 15 permanent benches semi-surrounding a permanent fire pit. Councilperson Quinn moved to accept the project proposal which allows the scouts to move forward with seeking donations and construction funding. No city funds are pledged at this time. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Snow. All votes were in favor.

The Sixth Item of New Business: Mayor Ferrelle followed up on comments from the January 31, 2018 retreat.

Committee Reports:

Public Finance – Clerk Bond provided a financial report for the year to date ending February 28, 2018. Copies are available for public view.

Winterville Community Center – Jack Eisenman provided a written report on the Community Center. JoAnn Snow has been charged with the Center’s Program and Development.

Police Department – No additional report.

Fire Department – Councilperson Farmer gave a brief report on the VFD. The Public Safety Committee has been working with the Fire Department to codify the selection of officers. The Chief and Asst. Chief would be appointed by Mayor and Council. The Captain would be nominated by the Fire Department Members and appointed by the Fire Chief. The Safety Officer would be approved pending experience and credentials.

Public Works – Councilperson Farmer is soliciting for volunteers for the Firefly Oversight Committee.

Library Report – Tonya Sands gave a verbal summary of her report. (Attached.)

Clerk’s Report – No additional report.

City Attorney’s Report –David Ellison had no additional report.

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Ferrelle gave an informal verbal report to the attending public. The 2nd Comprehensive Plan Public Input session will be held Tuesday, February 20, 2018, at 6:30 pm in the Depot. May 11th will be the big check presentation from the Fox Theatre Grant in the auditorium at 2 pm.

Public Comment – None.

Councilperson Farmer moved to go into Executive Session for a legal matter at 7:23 pm. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Snow. All votes were in favor.

Councilperson Quinn moved to close the Executive Session and return to the regular meeting at 7:37 pm. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Snow. All votes were in favor.

Councilperson Farmer moved to adjourn at 7:37 pm. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Snow. All votes were in favor.

Clerk

Date