



MINUTES
LANDRUM CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Mayor Robert B. Briggs called the meeting to order at 6:36 P.M. in the Landrum City Hall Council Chambers.

Members Present: Mayor Robert B. Briggs, Council Members: Johnny Carruth, Billy Inman, Daniel Prince, Shannon Dotson, Joyce Whiteside, Tammy Cox

Members Absent: None

There was no regular council meeting in February due to sickness resulting in no quorum.

The Invocation was given by Council Member Shannon Dotson and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Billy Inman makes a motion to accept the January 2020 minutes, Council Member Daniel Prince 2nd the motion; all voted and approved the January 2020 minutes.

The Financial Statements

Council Member Shannon Dotson makes a motion to accept the financial statements for February 2020, Council Member Billy Inman 2nd the motion; all voted and approved the financial statements for February 2020.

*Two items were determined in the Work Session needed to be added to the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for a formal vote. The items will be listed under NEW BUSINESS as number 6, The Approval to accept the appointments to the Architectural Design Review Board and Board of Zoning Appeals and number 7, Dark Corner Car Show Requests approval. Council Member Billy Inman makes a motion to add item number 6 and 7 under NEW BUSINESS to the Agenda, Council Member Shannon Dotson 2nd the motion. All voted and approved to add the items to the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A presentation of the proposed changes to the City Zoning Code by Chip Bentley from the Appalachian Council of Government. He presented a power point to the Council showing the progress made towards updating and cleaning up the ordinances. He made sure to point out to the council the specific changes made and if they were in agreement with the translation of the ordinances. He went through the different sections and explained the specific meaning of the ordinance and the definition of certain terms which needed clarification. The topic of mobile homes, manufactured homes and modular homes was discussed in length. This presentation was to inform the Council of the proposed changes. The Council will schedule a joint meeting with the Planning Commission to discuss the problem areas, make changes if necessary, finalize and complete the changes to the City Zoning Code.

2. Update on the interior design of the Landrum Rail and History Museum project. City Administrator Rich Caplan presents to the council the interior design of the railcar. The Museum board was very enthusiastic with the plans presented to them by the Capitol Museum Services. Rich Caplan presented the plans of the interior layout of the railcar and answered questions from the Council. Rich Caplan announced to the Council that the City received a grant from the South Carolina Department of Parks and Recreation for \$200,000 for the museum. The requirement to receive the grant is to match the funds within a 24 month period. A federal grant was also applied for; information to whether the City received that grant will be available late summer, if the City receives the federal grant, it would need to be used within 24 months. A budget was submitted for around \$560,000 which includes the cost of Capitol Museum Services, the exterior, based on the preliminary estimate received from the Architect and the litigation for asbestos issue. The funds of \$68,000 budgeted towards the museum in this fiscal year budget will be used to start covering the preliminary costs along with funds from hospitality tax.
The projected completion date is mid to late 2022.
3. Approval to enter into an agreement for Municipal Financial Advisory Services with First Tryon Financial Advisors on behalf of the proposed Landrum Farmers Market Pavilion project. These financial advisors will help the City make smart financial decisions pertaining to the two ongoing projects currently underway, The Farmers Market Pavilion and the Railcar Museum. Mayor Robert Briggs introduces the motion to hire First Tryon. Council Member Daniel Prince makes the motion and Council Member Shannon Dotson 2nd the motion to enter into an agreement with First Tryon Financial Advisors. All voted and approved. First Tryon Financial Advisors will guide the City in all important financial decisions on all upcoming projects.
4. Approval of the Architectural Services with Douglas R. Hurlburt, AIA, for the Landrum Farmers Market Pavilion, a project to build a multi-use facility that can be used for various other events other than the year round Farmers Market. Council Member Shannon Dotson makes a motion for the City to enter into a contract with Douglas R. Hurlburt for architectural services pertaining to the Farmers Market Pavilion, Council Member Daniel Prince 2nd the motion. All voted and approved Douglas R. Hurlburt for Architectural Services.
5. Approval to enter into a contract for financial auditing services for the fiscal year audits. The City has a policy to change financial auditors every 4 years. Request for Proposals were sent to various auditing firms. The Love Bailey, CPA firm came highly recommended by several other municipalities. Council Member Johnny Carruth makes a motion to enter into a contract with Love Bailey, CPA. Council Member Daniel Prince 2nd the motion. All voted and approved the Love Bailey CPA Firm to perform the yearly financial audit.
6. Approve and accept appointments to the following boards: Architectural Design Review Board applicant Victoria Devitt, and Board of Zoning appeals applicant Burnet Shealey. Council Member Johnny Carruth makes a motion to approve the appointment of Victoria Devitt and Burnet Shealey, Council Member Billy Inman 2nd the motion. All voted and approved the appointment of Victoria Devitt to the Architectural Design Review Board and Burnet Shealey to the Board of Zoning Appeals.
7. Approval of Requests from the Dark Corner Classic Car Show. The Car Show committee presented the request at the Work Session held before the Council Meeting. The Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2020. The committee requests 6 portable pottys, the closure of North Trade Avenue and a cash sponsorship of \$2000. This amount is \$500 more than donated in the previous years. The proceeds raised are donated to the Landrum Youth sports Association. Council Member Shannon Dotson makes a motion and Council Member Daniel Prince 2nd the motion. All voted and approved the request from the Car Show committee for a donation of \$2000, 6 portable pottys and the closure of North Trade Ave upon approval from the Chief of Police, Kris Ahler.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

Reports

City Administrator- Rich Caplan announces there have been 2 new street lights installed on Hwy 14 at the intersection of Interstate 26 at the on and off ramps. The city will be responsible for paying the electric bills for these new street lights. The City has hired a contractor to dig out and clean culverts and ditches at 12 locations around the city. The locations were chosen because of the numerous complaints and drainage issues associated with those areas.

Landrum Area Business Association- LABA President Angel Forrester gave the report. She announced that the regular meeting was held on March 3, 2020 and that the 2020 memberships are due. There have been two meet and greet events scheduled for this year, one in the spring and one in the fall. She announced that the St. Paddy's Day Street Party was scheduled for this upcoming Saturday, March 14, from 10 to 4. A lot of family activities are planned. LABA will be selling T-shirts promoting the town and the Sponsors of the Street Party event. Susan Tompkins and Police Chief Kris Ahler performed an audit of the LABA financial records for the past 3 years. Everything was satisfactory and the two gave the LABA some ideas to help with better quality financial record keeping. She reported that National Quilting Day at the Landrum Library would be held March 21, 2020 from 9am to 12:30pm. Sissy's Boutique in Landrum will be hosting a fashion show to benefit Operation Hope March 23 at 12:00pm held at Spiegel Farm.

Police Department – Police Sergeant Matt Wise gave the report. The SRO's were issued Micro Conversion kits; they will be involved in a training and qualification class in April for the implementation of use for the kits. The PD recently purchased window tint meters to be issued to the patrol officers. Several officers have completed various training events, with more scheduled within the next month. The Books with the Blue event at the Landrum Library was a success. The Police Department will be conducting Open House today from 4 to 6. The Police Department office space has been remodeled over the past year by the Police officers themselves. The remodel is now complete. The full printed detailed report may be requested from the City Clerk's Office.

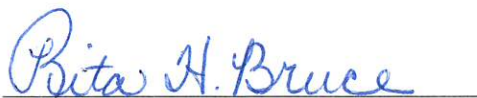
Fire Department – Fire Chief Warren Ashmore gave the report for the month of February. The department responded to 49 calls.

Landrum Rescue Squad – No one was present

Spartanburg County Report – County Council Member Bob Walker reported for the County, he gave the council the status report on the Spartanburg County Court House project

Friends of the Library – Anita Briggs gave the report of the various activities planned throughout the month of March. She also noted that March is Women's History month.

Regular meeting adjourns at 8:25p.m



Attest: Rita H. Bruce
City Clerk/Treasurer