



**Work Session Minutes
Landrum City Council
Tuesday, November 10, 2020**

Meeting started at 5:20pm

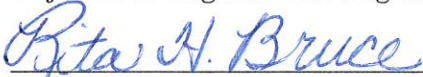
Members present, Mayor Bob Briggs, Council Members, Daniel Prince, Johnny Carruth, Billy Inman, Shannon Dotson, Joyce Whiteside, Tammy Cox.

Members absent: None

1. Continued discussion of multi-family and condominium density standards and issues. City Administrator Rich Caplan speaks on the proposed Flexible Review District Ordinance. In 2020 the ACOG (Appalachian Council of Governments) introduced the possibility of the Flexible Review District that would give more flexibility in design reviews. A draft of the ordinance was presented to the Council in the agenda packets for review. This type of zoning ordinance would prevent the need for many zoning districts and would give a little more creativity in site planning and review. The Council and Mayor discussed the pros and cons of a flexible zoning ordinance. No formal decision was made at this time.
2. Review of Farmers Market Pavilion Sign. Architect Doug Hurlbert presented the proposed sign design to the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Hurlbert presented drawings of the proposed sign and the viewing capabilities of the sign from the downtown area. He addressed the height of the sign and the need for the proposed height of 23ft. Mr. Hurlbert stated that a 23ft sign would be visible from the downtown area around the Hwy14 & Hwy 176 area to the corner of Trade Ave. at the Hare and Hound Restaurant. A sign of that height would be needed to draw visitors from the downtown area to the Farmers Market Pavilion. A directional sign posted at the corner of Trade Ave would also list the Farmers Market Pavilion on the sign with directional arrows. All the Council Members and Mayor were in favor of the sign design and height of 23ft.
3. Continued discussion of funding for the Landrum Youth Sports Association ballfields lighting issue. The lighting issue was originally introduced to the Council at the January 2020 meeting. The Youth Association told the Council that it would cost \$16,000 to repair the lights. The Council never took formal action at that meeting, no donation amount was decided on. The Youth Sports Association had the lights repaired and presented the invoice of \$16,000 to the City for payment. The City had already donated \$4000 this Fiscal Year to the Youth Association for the budgeted amount. The Council decided to donate the extra \$16,000 to the Youth Association for the payment of the invoice to repair the lights., the funds would be paid out of the Hospitality Tax fund and the General fund. The formal vote will occur at the regular meeting.

4. Report and discussion of managing the recent power outage/wind damage incident. Due to the storm, the power, internet and phones were down and inoperable for most of the city and surrounding areas for several days. The City has a phone system ran through the internet and the City Hall and Police Department phones were down for a couple of days. A discussion was held pertaining to obtaining land line phones for the Police Department and City Hall. City Hall has a generator backup for power and needs to look into obtaining an internet backup system, that would continue to work when the internet is down. Police Chief Kris Ahler has been doing research on such products. He will be getting quotes.

Adjourn to Regular Meeting at 6:21pm.



Attest: Rita H. Bruce
City Clerk/ Treasurer

Approval Date: December 8, 2020