

City Meeting
Of
March 19, 2019

Mayor Reasoner called the meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 19, 2019. The meeting was held at City Hall.

Invocation

Alderman Rider offered invocation. Mayor Reasoner led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Reasoner, Vice Mayor Johnson, Alderman Rider, Alderman Deweese, Alderman Johnson, Kelly Rider, City Recorder

Absent:

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of February 19, 2019 were presented for approval or corrections.

Motion made by: Alderman Johnson

Second: Alderman Rider

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried.

Commissioners & Department Reports

Utilities:

Mayor Reasoner gave the utility report.

Finance:

Vice Mayor Johnson stated he would like a budget workshop scheduled before April 15th regular scheduled meeting.

Park:

Mayor Reasoner reported the Easter Egg Hunt was scheduled for April 14th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Ridgetop Station Park.

Mayor Reasoner reported the park board was working with Rockland Road to schedule a singing at the park on June 15th before movies in the park kicks off.

LESO:

No Report.

Streets:

No Report.

Fire:

Alderman Rider gave the fire report.

Police:

Chief Morris gave the police report.

Planning and Zoning:

Alderman Deweese reported they met and discussed the design board and condos.

Mayor Reasoner made the motion to change the order of business. Vice Mayor Johnson seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried.

Hire Sewer Engineer

Mayor Reasoner introduced Mr. Dudley Fox and asked him to speak on the situation at Watauga School and sewer. Mr. Fox spoke to the problem and stated he was confident in a fix to the acute problem. He stated his company would assist with bid documents, bid process and the contract for service for repair.

Alderman Johnson made the motion to hire FOXPE Professional Engineering to work on our sewer issue. Vice Mayor Johnson seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried.

Mayor Reasoner stated Buddy Petty was with Barge Waggoner who was the original engineer on the sewer project. Mr. Petty is a now in the consultant business.

Hire Buddy Petty Consulting

Alderman Johnson made the motion to bring Buddy Petty on board. Alderman Rider seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried.

Business Reports:

City Recorder

No Report.

Attorney

Attorney Freeman stated we did an affirmation of Mark Johnson in February indicting he was elected but he was not elected he was appointed so his oath and affirmation was corrected and signed he was duly appointed and not elected. He stated for the record of the city he was appointed.

Mayor Comments:

No Report.

Old Business:

Ordinance 2019-102, Amend Zoning Ordinance 2016-116

Mayor Reasoner made the motion to accept Ordinance 2019-102, An Ordinance to amend zoning Ordinance 2016-116. Alderman Johnson seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried.

Monthly Work Report from Utilities

No Business discussed.

Computer Passwords

Alderman Johnson stated last month a request was made for usernames and passwords for all city owned software and emails. Some information was turned in, but it was incomplete. He stated a complete list needed to be turned in by Friday to city hall.

New Business:

Mayor to assign commission departments

Mayor Reasoner assigned parks department to Alderman Johnson.

Rescind Motion

Vice Mayor Johnson stated because of the motion which was carried unanimously on October 17, 2017 giving Officer Don Azbill and Officer Austin Herendeen each a 7% increase in hourly pay and as requested by Chief Bryan Morris, under the understanding that the historical monthly citation average of 210 would allow the hiring of a seventh (7th) officer without a cost outside of the budget, has caused much controversy, I would like to make a motion.

Vice Mayor Johnson made a motion to rescind as stated, the motion of October 17, 2017 granting the raises and hiring a seventh (7th) officer, based on the unintended inference that such raises and hiring of a seventh (7th) officer was contingent upon any requirement that the police department, by its officers, was required to issue 210 citations per month. Mayor Reasoner seconded.

Mayor Reasoner...yes

Vice Mayor Johnson...yes

Alderman Deweese...abstain

Alderman Johnson...yes

Alderman Rider...yes

Motion Carried

Vice Mayor Johnson made a motion for the raises given to Officer Azbill and Officer Herendeen continue and the replacement of or hiring of a seventh (7th) officer be deferred at this time.

Mayor Reasoner seconded.

Mayor Reasoner...yes

Vice Mayor Johnson...yes

Alderman Johnson...yes

Alderman Deweese...no

Alderman Rider...yes

Motion Carried

Workshop

Council scheduled a workshop for April 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Citizens Comments:

Jeff Kelton

Trena Bradshaw

David Wiley

Chris McGee

Neal Hancock

There being no further business to come before the board, Mayor Reasoner moved for adjournment. Vice Mayor Johnson seconded.

Mayor Reasoner

Kelly Rider, City Recorder