

City Meeting
Of
April 16, 2019

Mayor Reasoner called the meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order at 7:06 p.m., Tuesday, April 16, 2019. The meeting was held at City Hall.

Invocation

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

Roll Call

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

Absent:

Approval of Minutes

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

Motion made by: Alderman Johnson

Second: Alderman Deweese

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried.

Commissioners & Department Reports

Utilities:

Mayor Reasoner gave the utility report.

Finance:

Vice Mayor Johnson stated paving and road repair was discussed at the workshop and he would like to get bids for paving in May.

Park:

Alderman Johnson stated the park board has a meeting scheduled with Brandon Frank on April 30, 2019 to get an estimate for repairs and maintenance to Wilson House. Alderman Johnson stated there were also some maintenance issues at Bobby Robb park.

Mayor Reasoner stated Easter Egg Hunt is this Saturday from 2-4 p.m.

LESO:

Mayor Reasoner stated no new change.

Streets:

Mayor Reasoner stated streets were discussed in workshop last night. Council discussed potholes and making a list of streets that needed repair.

Fire:

Dan Seeback gave the fire report. Dan reported we currently have one firefighter attending the EMR course and one firefighter completed the advanced confined space training and next cycle we have two attending swift water course. He reported a trench rescue exercise was scheduled for May 26th.

Police:

Chief Morris gave the police report. Chief Morris stated he had called Elbert with the LESO program and there is no way he is coming down here. Mayor Reasoner asked him what his reason was. Chief Morris stated Elbert said he had been down here once, and he doesn't want to drive down here again. Chief Morris stated he had talked to him to see if we were still in good standing; he said we were. Mayor Reasoner stated he would call him.

Planning and Zoning:

Alderman Deweese reported they are working on a design review committee made up of the planning and zoning board. He stated they encourage public input and citizens to be involved. Mr. Collins has prepared a draft design review manual that will be reviewed by planning and zoning next Thursday.

Business Reports:

Attorney Freeman reported the report was made public from District Attorney Tommy Thompson, 15th Judicial District, and a copy is here at city hall. He reported he confirmed with the judge over District Attorney Thompson that no further action will be taken or is necessary on the part of the city having rescinded and rightfully so the motion as we did in the last meeting. As indicated in the report no official motion in chancery court will be necessary. Attorney Freeman stated the investigation is complete.

Mayor Comments:

Mayor Reasoner reported the car show/carnival for Watauga School was a success.

Old Business:

No Business

New Business:

Brazo Equipment Payment from LESO

Vice Mayor Johnson made a motion with the affirmation of Chief Morris to change the obligation of \$12,000 to \$5,081 of LESO money to pay the Tyler invoice. Alderman Deweese seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried.

Ordinance 2019-103, Amending Ordinance 2018-106 Gas Infrastructure Fee System

Mayor Reasoner made the motion to accept Ordinance 2019-103, An Ordinance Amending 2018-106 Gas Infrastructure Fee System. Vice Mayor Johnson seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried.

Sewer Property

Mayor Reasoner explained the details of looking for a piece of property to purchase for future sewer property for a drip system and reported looking for grants to assist in this project. He explained there was a piece of property of interest on the market would first need to be soil tested. A soil scientist would need to be obtained and the property tested before determining if the land could be used.

Alderman Johnson made the motion to allow Mayor Reasoner to discuss and negotiate with a realtor and coordinate Mr. Fox for the testing of the soil on behalf of the city. Mayor Reasoner seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried.

Seasonal Maintenance Employee

Alderman Johnson made the motion to put a bid out for a seasonal grass cutting and labor maintenance employee with pay range \$10-\$14 depending on experience. Alderman Deweese seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried.

Street Paving

Vice Mayor Johnson made a motion to review street repair and have this back by second week in May to put out for bid. Alderman Rider seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried

Bill Gas 6841 Bethel Road

Kelly Rider explained this gas meter reading had been a zero read since January 2015. She stated she supplied a report with current reading and consumption of last 3 months. She stated she is looking for guidance on how to bill for past usage. The meter has been replaced.

Alderman Johnson made the motion to follow Russell's direction to see if there is a formula to bill 6841 Bethel Road for gas not billed due to bad meter. If there is we adopt it; if not we will revisit the situation. Alderman Rider seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried

Workshop

Council scheduled a workshop for May 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Hiring Police Officer

Alderman Johnson made the motion to defer hiring any new officer until we determine what we have for budget for 2019-2020 fiscal year. Vice Mayor Johnson seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried

Citizens Comments:

Joe Summar

Jeff Kelton

Mayor Reasoner made the motion to reopen to new business. Alderman Rider seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried

There being no further business to come before the board, Alderman Johnson moved for adjournment. Alderman Rider seconded.

Mayor Reasoner

Kelly Rider, City Recorder