

# City Meeting Of December 17, 2019

Mayor Reasoner called the meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order at 7:02 p.m., Tuesday, December 17, 2019. The meeting was held at City Hall.

Mayor Reasoner stated for anyone that could not hear, they were more than welcome to move to the front.

## **Invocation**

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

## **Roll Call**

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

Absent: Alderman Deweese

## **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of November 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:

No Report.

### Finance:

No Report.

### Park:

Alderman Johnson reported the construction on the Wilson house is moving right along with the exception of weather holding up work.

### LESO:

Mayor Reasoner stated he is trying to schedule a meeting with Elbert Baker.

Streets:

Mayor Reasoner reported Sessions Paving has completed paving projects.

Attorney Freeman reported Queen City Construction will be mailing check for \$16,290 for repairs for paving damage at park.

Fire:

No Report.

Police:

No Repmi.

Planning and Zoning:

Alderman Rider stated he was glad to see David Love back, on the mend and at the meeting.

Alderman Rider stated the planning and zoning meeting last month was cancelled.

**Business Reports:**

City Recorder:

Kelly Rider reported the city received a letter from the Tennessee Comptroller acknowledging receipt of certified copy of the fiscal year 2020 budget.

Attorney Freeman:

Attorney Freeman stated he had received a document at the beginning of the meeting addressed to Mr. Dwight Miller from the United States Department of Justice wherein apparently Mr. Miller alleged certain violations of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990. Mr. Freeman inquired of Mr. Miller if he had contacted the Department regarding their offer to provide mediation and if he in fact could provide the city the actual complaint that was filed. Mr. Miller could not offer any comment as to whether he had simply made a complaint on behalf of the general population. Without any reasonable response from Mr. Miller, Attorney Freeman indicated that he would simply have to contact the department on behalf of the City to get more information.

**Mayor Comments:**

Mayor Reasoner stated he had spoken with Robertson County Sheriff numerous times concerning more coverage for the city and he was very acceptable. We will see what we can do for the future.

**Old Business:**

*Richard Clark Rate Charge*

Alderman Johnson made the motion to accept the rates published and presented by Clark Engineering and Utility Solutions and approve Richard Clark Engineering again based on these rates. Vice Mayor Johnson seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

**Motion Carried.**

*Security System*

Alderman Johnson made the motion to purchase the security system contingent upon receiving the grant from PE Partners. Vice Mayor Johnson seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

**Motion Carried.**

*Ordinance 2019-106, Ordinance Amending Title 18 Municipal Code Book*

Alderman Johnson made the motion to accept Ordinance 2019-106, An Ordinance Amending Title 18 of the City Municipal Code Book by Adding a new chapter to regulate animal and vegetable fats, oils and grease. Alderman Rider seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

**Motion Carried.**

**New Business:**

*Amendment to Wilson House Project*

Alderman Johnson stated Brandon Frank recommended for a long-term solution to take the side porch down to the ground and replace concrete steps. This will constitute a \$2,100 amended to the contract. Alderman Johnson replied consultant Ralph Cross stated you can add to an existing contract if the amendment is minimal.

Alderman Johnson made the motion to amend the contract with Brandon Frank Construction to add a concrete side patio and parts for \$2,100 as an addition to the existing contract. Vice Mayor Johnson seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

**Motion Carried.**

*Unauthorized Gas Department Expenditures*

Alderman Johnson reported we have found recently there have been three expenditures in the gas system that did not come before the board and were above the authority of the gas manager. The expenditures should have gone through the purchasing process. Alderman Johnson stated he has spoken with our auditor as to how to handle and was advised to make public notice, write a letter to the auditor stating the city has found these three items, he will notify the comptroller we will be amending the budget. Alderman Johnson stated he did not want anyone to mis interpret, the monies were spent on services, we received services for the money.

Alderman Johnson made the motion that Keith Mitchell's purchasing abilities as the Gas Manager for the City of Ridgetop be suspended, all purchases for the gas system to be approved by the Mayor or his designee, in the case of emergency Keith Mitchell is to take whatever actions required to protect the public and the Mayor is to be advised within two hours of these actions. Alderman Rider seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

**Motion Carried.**

*Workshop*

Alderman Johnson made the motion to schedule a workshop for January 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Reasoner seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

**Motion Carried.**

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

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Mayor Reasoner

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Kelly Rider, City Recorder