

City Meeting Of March 4, 2021

Mayor Bollinger called the meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order at 6:08 p.m., Tuesday, March 4, 2021. The meeting was held at City Hall.

Mayor Bollinger stated the Board of Mayor and Alderman for the City of Ridgetop, Tennessee, has determined that meeting electronically is necessary to protect public health, safety and welfare of Tennesseans and the citizens of Ridgetop in light of the coronavirus and that pursuant to Executive Order No. 16, 34, 51, 60, 71 and 78 issued by Governor Lee for State of Tennessee on the 20th day of March 2020, the Board of Mayor and Alderman is conducting its meeting electronically having given clear notice of the meeting agenda and how the public can access the meeting electronically at a time and location reasonably accessible to all members of the public.

Invocation

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

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Bollinger, Alderman Harrison, Alderman Deweese, Alderman Rider, Alderman Shaw, Kelly Rider, City Recorder, Attorney Russell Freeman

Absent:

Commissioners & Department Reports

Utilities:

No Report.

Finance:

No Report.

Park:

Alderman Harrison reported the Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Sunday, March 28, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Ridgetop Station Park.

Alderman Harrison stated the park board discussed a cleanup day for the parks.

Streets:

No Report.

Fire:

Alderman Rider gave the fire report.

Planning and Zoning:

Alderman Rider reported the final plat for Browning Estates was approved in the January meeting.

Business Reports:

City Recorder:

Kelly Rider reported city hall will be closed on Monday, March 15, 2021 for software training.

Kelly Rider reported Blue Cross Blue Shield dental insurance renewed with no premium increase.

Attorney Freeman:

Attorney Freeman reference the memorandum of opinion he prepared of items that was brought to his attention for review. The items addressed were authority to create an advisory board, Board of Zoning Appeals, and establishment of a beer board.

Attorney Freeman updated the board on the sewer issue with Ms. Fotineas. He stated her father is an attorney and he had issued him a letter concerning the work for repair but has not responded yet.

Attorney Freeman stated his opinion concerning citizens comments is to establish by Resolution. The Resolution can be prepared and presented as a future agenda item.

Attorney Freeman reported the vehicle known as the Massey vehicle is parked behind the old police department for a long time that was previously seized by Mr. Taylor and unfortunately in his opinion the paperwork for that process was not correctly processed through the state and the District Attorney has agreed and the case has been disposed of. Attorney Freeman stated he would like to call Duke's Wrecker to pick up and let them do all the public advertisement however he believed the sheriff's office could come and have the vehicle towed into their lot as if it were an abandoned vehicle.

Attorney Freeman stated he has spoken with Dudney Fox and received the specification, and an agreement needs to be prepared concerning the Watauga School sewer tank installation. Attorney Freeman stated he would prepare the agreement and get with Robertson County Attorney Clyde Richert and see if they can get an agreement worked out.

Mayor Comments:

Mayor Bollinger reported Mr. Wolfe the fire consultant with MTAS will be in our area on Monday, March 15 and would like to visit. He will be here at 10:00 a.m. He asked Kelly to pass this information to Dan Seeback and Chief Reasoner to make sure this is acceptable for them.

Old Business:

Re-Establish Police Department

Mayor Bollinger stated he had a couple of wonderful conversations with MTAS representative Gary Jackel and Mr. Moore about police department. Mayor Bollinger stated he believed the next step in planning is the budget if we can do this if it is in the realm of the possible.

Mayor Bollinger stated Gary Jackel stated he would recommend averaging the last 6 years fines and fees to forecast court fines and fees in the budget.

Citizens Comments in Public Meeting

Attorney Freeman will prepare a Resolution for next month's meeting.

Beer Sales

Alderman Shaw stated he had spoken with MTAS representative Gary Jackel and he will be sending information forecasting beer sales. Alderman Shaw stated he will send the information to the board when it comes available.

Sewer Extension Wooduff/Lennox Service Connection and Pass by Fee

Mayor Bollinger stated he believed the minimum bill for customers not connected to sewer should be increased.

Alderman Deweese stated he would speak with Mark Johnson about the letter to be sent to the homeowners on Woodruff Ave and Lennox Ave for sewer service connection.

Sewer Extension Highland Ave

Kelly Rider reported Dudley Fox is working on the proposal and paperwork for the sewer extension.

New Business:

Assign Commissioner Departments

Mayor Bollinger made the motion to appoint Alderman Harrison for Finance and Parks Department, Alderman Shaw for streets, Alderman Deweese for utilities and Alderman Rider for planning and zoning. Alderman Harrison seconded.

Mayor Bollinger...yes
Alderman Harrison...yes
Alderman Deweese...yes
Alderman Rider...yes
Alderman Shaw...yes

Motion Carried.

Appoint Vice Mayor

Alderman Bollinger made the motion to appoint Tim Shaw Vice Mayor. Alderman Deweese seconded.

Alderman Deweese...yes
Alderman Harrison...yes
Alderman Rider...yes
Alderman Shaw...yes
Mayor Bollinger...yes

Motion Carried.

Appoint Park Board Members

Alderman Harrison made the motion to re-appoint Monty Gregory and Anna Gregory to the park board. Alderman Deweese seconded.

Mayor Bollinger...yes
Alderman Shaw...yes
Alderman Deweese...yes
Alderman Harrison...yes
Alderman Rider...yes

Motion Carried.

Alderman Harrison made the motion to appoint Krystal Lyons to the park board. Alderman Rider seconded.

Mayor Bollinger...yes
Alderman Shaw...yes
Alderman Deweese...yes
Alderman Harrison...yes
Alderman Rider...yes

Motion Carried.

Appoint Zoning Appeal Member

Alderman Rider made the motion to appoint John Burke and John Bryant to the zoning appeals board. Alderman Deweese seconded.

Mayor Bollinger...yes
Alderman Deweese...yes
Alderman Harrison...yes

Alderman Rider...yes
Alderman Shaw...yes
Motion Carried.

Application Process for New Appointed Board Members

Mayor Bollinger made the motion all board openings be publicly announced of open positions.
Alderman Shaw seconded.
Mayor Bollinger...yes
Alderman Deweese...yes
Alderman Harrison...yes
Alderman Rider...yes
Alderman Shaw...yes
Motion Carried.

Camera/Security System for all city buildings

Mayor Bollinger deferred until a cost can be gotten for this project.

Discuss Sewer Future Sewer Plan

Mayor Bollinger deferred to the next workshop.

Office Help

Mayor and Board of Alderman deferred to budget discussion.

Bid Approval for HVAC at city shop

Alderman Deweese made the motion to accept Daniels Heating and Air to install a ductless Mitsubishi system with (2) heads and 1 condenser in the amount of \$5,850. Alderman Rider seconded.
Mayor Bollinger...yes
Alderman Deweese...yes
Alderman Harrison...yes
Alderman Rider...yes
Alderman Shaw...yes
Motion Carried.

Bid Advertisement for mulch at Pioneer Park

Alderman Harrison made the motion to advertise for bid mulch for the pioneer park. Alderman Rider seconded.

Mayor Bollinger...yes

Alderman Deweese...yes

Alderman Harrison...yes

Alderman Rider...yes

Alderman Shaw...yes

Motion Carried.

Workshop

Alderman Harrison made the motion to schedule a workshop for March 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Alderman Shaw seconded.

Alderman Harrison...yes

Mayor Bollinger...yes

Alderman Deweese...yes

Alderman Rider...yes

Alderman Shaw...yes

Motion Carried.

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

Alderman Deweese...yes

Alderman Harrison...yes

Alderman Rider...yes

Alderman Shaw...yes

Mayor Bollinger...yes

Motion Carried.

Mayor Reasoner

Kelly Rider, City Recorder