

City Meeting
Of
March 16, 2021

Mayor Bollinger called the meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman to order at 7:04 p.m., Tuesday, March 16, 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, Vice Mayor Shaw, Kelly Rider, City Recorder, Attorney Russell Freeman

Absent:

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of February 16, 2021 were presented for approval or corrections.

Motion made by: Alderman Deweese

Second: Vice Mayor Shaw

Alderman Deweese...yes

Alderman Harrison...yes

Alderman Rider...yes

Vice Mayor Shaw...yes

Mayor Bollinger...yes

Motion Carried.

The minutes of Special Call Meeting March 2, 2021 were presented for approval or corrections.

Motion made by: Alderman Rider

Second: Alderman Deweese

Mayor Bollinger...yes

Alderman Deweese...yes

Alderman Harrison...yes

Alderman Rider...yes

Vice Mayor Shaw...yes

Motion Carried.

The minutes of Special Call Meeting March 4, 2021 were presented for approval or corrections.

Motion made by: Alderman Deweese

Second: Vice Mayor Shaw

Alderman Deweese...yes

Alderman Harrison...yes

Alderman Rider...yes

Mayor Bollinger...yes

Vice Mayor Shaw...yes

Motion Carried.

Commissioners & Department Reports

Utilities:

Alderman Deweese gave the utility report. He stated Brian Dean completed the EIA 176 and 7100 reports, installed two gas services and completed meter maintenance on 200 meters.

Alderman Deweese reported Clint Daniels started with the sewer department on February 23, 2021. He has completed 20 workorders since he began, pumped 4 sewer tanks due to sludge levels and foreign objects causing equipment failure and replaced 7 pumps that failed, repaired a sewer main struck by White House Utility and he will be preparing a list of hand tools and equipment needed for his department.

Alderman Deweese stated he spoke with Troy Daniels today and the HVAC should be going in this week. The certificate of occupancy has been received for the building. He stated we will need to get the sewer installed.

Finance:

Alderman Harrison stated will soon be starting budget process.

Park:

Alderman Harrison stated the Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be March 28, 2021 with the rain out date being April 3, 2021.

Alderman Harrison stated they were ready to put the white garden house building out for bid for painting.

Streets:

Vice Mayor Shaw stated he will be meeting with Mike's Paving tomorrow to get an idea on street issues on what needs to be done. The streets are Hidden Meadows Court, the end of the road turn around has numerous potholes, and the road is washing away, 133 East End Road, an estimate of 500 feet, the road is washing away and numerous potholes, and Buck Hill Road. He stated Buck Hill Road is still in discussion as to what they are going to do on this road.

Vice Mayor Shaw stated there is also Shedden Road Bridge. He stated he may potentially talk to some engineers to see what needs to be done. He stated they have some engineer reports that go back to 2010 but may need some updated information.

Fire:

Mayor Bollinger gave the fire report.

Mayor Bollinger stated Mr. Moore a MTAS representative was here for about 2 ½ hours Monday and gave us his input and how we can develop our program more. He was very impressed with our fire department, equipment and the maintenance of the equipment.

Planning and Zoning:

No report.

Business Reports:

City Recorder:

Kelly Rider reported Mayor Bollinger approved there to be no late fees charged to utility bills in February due to weather.

Attorney Freeman:

Attorney Freeman stated he had passed out a revised Resolution concerning citizens comments along with a copy of the revised items.

Attorney Freeman spoke about the Watauga School Agreement and the understanding of the sewer tank being maintained by Watauga School and the agreement releasing Ridgetop Sewer System from all responsibility of the maintenance of this tank.

Attorney Freeman stated he needs to do further research on the Massey car.

Mayor Comments:

Mayor Bollinger asked that sewer customers please do not dump things down the sewer system that are not flushable. He stated flushable wipes are not flushable.

Old Business:

Final Report from Buddy Petty on Sewer Rate Study

Buddy Petty presented the final report of his sewer rate study.

Sewer Extension Woodruff/Lennox Ave Service Connection and Pass by Fee

Mayor Bollinger discussed waiting for Mr. Petty to calculate the rate for customers not connecting to the system and to speak with Dudney Fox.

Police Department Discussion

Mayor Bollinger presented council with a handout explaining the information was revenue and expenditure from the past 6 years not to include year 2020. He stated he had spoken with Mr. Moore from MTAS today about start up cost.

Vice Mayor Shaw stated these numbers came from the audited financial statements.

Kelly Rider stated she did not see a benefits line item in the presented numbers. She explained the benefits were not broken down in the audit by department.

Mayor Bollinger stated he had discussed some of his plans as he would like to minimize the number of full-time officers and maximizing part time officers until we see it expedient to change.

Mayor Bollinger stated he would like to bring into the next workshop the person he is proposing for the job if we get this back off the ground. He stated he would get the council his resume.

Shedden Road Bridge Replacment

Mayor Bollinger would like to see a rainwater study to make sure this bridge will adequately solve the problem.

New Business:

Resolution 21-02, Citizens Comments

Alderman Rider made the motion to accept Resolution 21-02, A Resolution to adopt guidelines for citizen comments during public meetings and regular meetings of the Board of Mayor and Alderman. Alderman Harrison seconded.

Mayor Bollinger...yes

Alderman Rider...yes

Alderman Deweese...yes

Alderman Harrison...yes

Vice Mayor Shaw...yes

Motion Carried.

Audit Services Contract-Crosslin CPA

Alderman Harrison made the motion to contract with Crosslin CPA for fiscal year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$13,250. Alderman Shaw seconded.

Alderman Harrison...yes

Alderman Rider...yes

Mayor Bollinger...yes

Alderman Deweese...yes

Vice Mayor Shaw...yes

Motion Carried.

Purchase Dell Computer for gas department

Alderman Deweese made the motion to purchase a Dell Latitude 5520 computer in the amount of \$1429.84. Alderman Rider seconded.

Alderman Deweese...yes

Mayor Bollinger...yes

Alderman Harrison...yes

Alderman Rider...yes

Vice Mayor Shaw...yes

Motion Carried.

Purchase Insulation and Drywall City Shop

Alderman Deweese made the motion to purchase R19 insulation for the back wall peering out 4 feet, 8-foot OSC and ½ drywall materials not to exceed \$2,500. With city employees to install.

Alderman Shaw seconded.

Alderman Deweese...yes

Mayor Bollinger...yes

Alderman Harrison...yes

Alderman Rider...yes

Vice Mayor Shaw...yes

Motion Carried.

Betts Road Gas Line Extension

Mayor Bollinger stated this is a request to extend the gas line service on Betts Road to Hygiea. It is on one side of the road but will need to boar under road to fulfill request.

Alderman Rider stated he thought the board needed additional information to decide in the matter as we do not have firm commitments.

Discuss Future Sewer Plan

Mayor Bollinger stated he did not believe there was any available property at this time to consider.

Alderman Rider stated Lake Road was a concern as it was maximized.

Workshop

Alderman Harrison made the motion to schedule a workshop for April 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Alderman Shaw seconded.

Mayor Bollinger...yes

Alderman Deweese...yes

Alderman Harrison...yes

Alderman Rider...yes

Vice Mayor Shaw...yes

Motion Carried.

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

Mayor Bollinger...yes

Alderman Deweese...yes

Alderman Harrison...yes

Alderman Rider...yes

Vice Mayor Shaw...yes

Motion Carried.

Mayor Reasoner

Kelly Rider, City Recorder