

City Meeting  
Of  
May 18, 2021

Mayor Bollinger called the meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman to order at 7:02 p.m., Tuesday, May 18, 2021. The meeting was held at City Hall.

**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 April 20, 2021 were presented for approval or corrections.

Motion made by: Alderman Harrison

Second: Alderman Rider

Alderman Deweese...yes

Alderman Harrison...yes

Alderman Rider...yes

Vice Mayor Shaw...yes

Mayor Bollinger...yes

**Motion Carried.**

Vice Mayor Shaw made the motion to add Citizen Comments to the order of business. Mayor Bollinger seconded.

Alderman Deweese...yes

Alderman Harrison...yes

Alderman Rider...yes

Vice Mayor Shaw...yes

Mayor Bollinger...yes

**Motion Carried.**

**Citizen Comments:**

Kim Martin-Ordinance 2021-02

Brent Martin-Fiduciary responsibilities and requirements of elected officials to recuse oneself

McCaw Johnson-General Budget and city related items

Roger Anderson- Completion of Shedden Road Culvert

## **Commissioners & Department Reports**

### **Utilities:**

Alderman Deweese reported the 2021 state inspection has been completed. Alderman Deweese reported Brian Dean is looking into a valve repair and replacement on Cobb and Virginia Avenue with an estimate of \$4,000.

Alderman Deweese reported there is currently a problem with pvc gas pipe supply. At present time we cannot install any new services.

### **Finance:**

Alderman Harrison reported we are working on the budget.

### **Park:**

Alderman Harrison stated the park board is looking to plan fun events for the future including more movies in the park in the summer.

### **Streets:**

Vice Mayor Shaw reported we are working on streets and are addressing the issues as we see fit to repair.

Vice Mayor Shaw reported he has spoken with WHUD and has determined the fire hydrant locations that we will have the ability to install on Lake and Liebengood Road.

Vice Mayor Shaw reported he has been in contact with CEMC and has rode around with them this morning and discovered 14 sites where we could use some additional lights on Lake Road and Tinnon Road where they service. They will be sending an itemized list for review. Alderman Shaw stated his understanding is this should cost the city approximately \$100 per month plus wattage usage. They are LED lights.

### **Fire:**

Mayor Bollinger gave the fire report.

Mayor Bollinger reported we had a successful blood drive with the American Red Cross. He thanked those who were able to participate. The fire department will be partnering with the Robertson County Sherriff's office to help with "Remember the Badge Blood Drive" on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Planning and Zoning:**

Alderman Rider reported planning and zoning has been discussing the 20-year growth plan.

Alderman Rider reported board of appeals also has a request to come before their board.

## **Business Reports:**

### **City Recorder:**

Kelly Rider reported city hall will be closed Thursday and Friday for continuing education.

Attorney Freeman:

Attorney Freeman reported he would be presenting the Robertson County Watuaga School sewer contract for approval and signature tonight.

Attorney Freeman stated there had been some issue with Browning Estates starting work before they complied with plat requirements which included issuance of bonds. Building Inspector Mike Bauer has spoken to them concerning the matter. Attorney Freeman stated he has now been contacted by the bank/bonding company. He stated he will review those in accordance with the subdivision regulations and present those to the board.

Mayor Comments:

No comment

Old Business:

*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading*

*Ordinance 2021-104, An Ordinance to amend the Ridgetop Municipal Code by revising Title 1. Section 1-101, regarding the place of regular meeting*

Alderman Rider made the motion to accept Ordinance 2021-104 as read. Vice Mayor Shaw seconded.

Mayor Bollinger...yes

Alderman Rider...yes

Alderman Deweese...yes

Alderman Harrison...yes

Vice Mayor Shaw...yes

**Motion Carried.**

*Clark Engineering Services Contract Amendment*

Vice Mayor Shaw made the motion to accept Clark Engineering Services Contract Amendment changing the base cost services amount from \$4,000 to \$1,250 per month. Alderman Rider seconded.

Mayor Bollinger...yes

Alderman Rider...yes

Alderman Deweese...yes

Alderman Harrison...yes

Vice Mayor Shaw...yes

**Motion Carried.**

*Memorandum of Agreement with Robertson County Sheriff's Department*

Alderman Harrison made the motion to continue the Memorandum of Agreement with Robertson County Sheriff's Department. Alderman Rider seconded.

Mayor Bollinger...yes

Vice Mayor Shaw...no

Alderman Deweese...yes

Alderman Harrison...yes

Alderman Rider...yes

**Motion Carried.**

*Watauga School Agreement*

Alderman Deweese made the motion to accept the Agreement with Robertson County Schools to concerning the effluent system at Watauga School dated May 10, 2021. Vice Mayor Shaw seconded.

Mayor Bollinger...yes

Alderman Deweese...yes

Alderman Harrison...yes

Alderman Rider...yes

Vice Mayor Shaw...yes

**Motion Carried.**

*Bid Approval for Tree Removal at Ridgetop Station Park*

Alderman Harrison made the motion to accept the bid from B & B Dirt Works and Forestry in the amount of \$3,600 for tree removal at Ridgetop Station Park. Alderman Deweese seconded.

Mayor Bollinger...yes

Alderman Deweese...yes

Vice Mayor Shaw...yes

Alderman Harrison...yes

Alderman Rider...yes

**Motion Carried.**

*Bid Approval for Tree Trimming at Ridgetop Station Park*

Alderman Harrison made the motion to accept the bid from B & B Dirt Works and Forestry in the amount of \$1,500 for tree trimming at Ridgetop Station Park. Vice Mayor Shaw seconded.

Mayor Bollinger...yes

Alderman Deweese...yes

Alderman Harrison...yes

Alderman Rider...yes

Vice Mayor Shaw...yes

**Motion Carried.**

*Bid Approval for Painting the Garden House at Ridgetop Station Park*

There were no bids received for this project. Alderman Harrison would like to rebid this project.

*Bid Approval paving of sections of four city streets*

Alderman Deweese made the motion to accept the bid from Charles Deweese in the amount of \$72,850 excluding Buck Hill Road. Vice Mayor Shaw seconded.

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

**Motion Carried.**

*Bid Approval replace existing bridge at Shedden Road*

There were no bids received for this project.

Vice Mayor Shaw made the motion to put this project back out for bid advertisement and publish for at least a 3-week period. Alderman Rider seconded.

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

**Motion Carried.**

*Budget Review*

Kelly Rider reported the updated items in the budget based on discussion from the workshop and stated she will place public notice in the paper for a public hearing on the budget in June meeting.

Vice Mayor Shaw made the motion to advertise to hire a police chief stating the salary at \$60,000. Alderman Deweese seconded.

Mayor Bollinger...yes  
Alderman Deweese...no  
Alderman Harrison...no  
Alderman Rider...no  
Vice Mayor Shaw...yes

**Motion Failed.**

*Police Board*

No discussion.

*Beer Board*

Mayor Bollinger asked Vice Mayor Shaw to report on the information he had obtained on comparable cities. Vice Mayor Shaw read the information he had obtained.

*Finance Board*

Deferred to next workshop.

**New Business:**

*Surplus Old Street Signs*

Vice Mayor Shaw made the motion to salvage and surplus 23 street signs.

Alderman Rider seconded.

Alderman Deweese...yes

Mayor Bollinger...yes

Alderman Harrison...yes

Alderman Rider...yes

Vice Mayor Shaw...yes

**Motion Carried.**

*Raises for city employees*

Mayor Bollinger discussed the need for employee raises and stated the board needed to further address this.

*City Engineer*

Vice Mayor Shaw would like Civil Engineer Tom Sommers to meet the Planning and Zoning board at the May meeting.

*Workshop*

Alderman Harrison made the motion to schedule a workshop for June 14, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Vice Mayor 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 Rider moved for adjournment. Alderman Harrison seconded.

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

**Motion Carried.**

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Mayor Bollinger

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Kelly Rider, City Recorder