

City Meeting  
Of  
February 21, 2023

Mayor Shaw called the meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman to order at 6:35 p.m., Tuesday, February 21, 2023. The meeting was held at City Hall.

**Invocation**

Bro. John Briggs offered invocation. Mayor Shaw led the pledge of allegiance.

**Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Shaw, Alderman Gregory, Alderman Harrison, Alderman Martin, Vice Mayor Senft, Kelly Rider, City Recorder, Attorney Russell Freeman

Absent:

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of January 17, 2023 were presented for approval or corrections.

Motion made by: Alderman Harrison

Second: Mayor Shaw

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

**Motion Carried.**

**Citizens Comments**

Josh Reasoner- Christmas Parade and Red Light Area

**Commissioners & Department Reports**

**Utilities:**

Mayor Shaw gave the utility report. Mayor Shaw reported gas valves were replaced on Cobb St., Lennox Ave. and Woodruff Ave is scheduled for repair, gate station was repaired, yearly gas system reports were filed, and have begun working on the state inspection documents. The annual public awareness class for public officials and fire department was completed on February 7, 2023.

Mayor Shaw reported all tanks at Watauga Elementary School were pumped and an I/I inspection was performed. A full report will be provided upon completion.

Mayor Shaw reported potholes were repaired on King Street and Lake Road, the roads were salted during the last bad weather and the road repair on Dyer Lane is scheduled for this week.

Mayor Shaw reported the utility department inventory has been completed for 2023.

Finance:

Alderman Harrison reported we had an estimated property tax budget of 285,000 and to date we have received 254,880.80 leaving about 30,000 outstanding.

Alderman Harrison reported we received the insurance claim check in the amount of 17,037.93. The roofing bill has been paid in the amount of 13,455.00.

Alderman Harrison reported sewer pumps were purchased this month in the amount of 7,600 and a shop heater in the amount of 2,680.47.

Park:

Alderman Harrison reported the Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be April 2, 2023 at 2 p.m.

Streets:

Alderman Martin stated the street light outage that were brought to her attention this month have been reported for repair.

Fire:

Alderman Gregory reported a total of 32 calls.

Planning and Zoning:

No Report.

**Business Reports:**

City Recorder:

No Report.

Attorney Freeman:

Attorney Freeman advised the board of the next step to move forward with the Shedden Road Project.

Attorney Freeman stated Brian Dean had performed a thorough inspection of the sewer system at Watauga School. Attorney Freeman gave details of the inspection stating every tank has an issue to include homemade risers that do not function, two tanks under the asphalt that could not be inspected and most importantly there is one tank at the front sidewalk to the entrance of the school that has been determined this one seriously physically about to collapse in on itself thus the sidewalk will go with it. Attorney Freeman stated the tank needs property identified and marked with caution. The board discussed trying to get the cooperation of the school board to identify the area. Mayor Shaw has made Dr. Causey aware today and we will be sending a letter out post-haste to the Mayor, school board, and county commissioners.

**Mayor Comments:**

No Comment.

**Old Business:**

No Old Business.

**New Business:**

*Extend Contract for Ridgetop Safe Routes to School Grant*

Mayor Shaw made the motion to extend the contract through August 31, 2023 for the Ridgetop Safe Routes to School Grant. Alderman Vice Mayor Senft seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

**Motion Carried.**

*Ordinance 2023-101, An Ordinance Amending Budget Ordinance 2022-102 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023*

Mayor Shaw made the motion to accept Ordinance 2023-101, An Ordinance Amending Budget Ordinance 2022-102 for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023. Alderman Martin seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

**Motion Carried.**

*Approve Bid for Insulation for city shop*

Mayor Shaw made the motion to accept the insulation bid from Brandon Frank Construction in the amount of \$20,700. Alderman Harrison seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

**Motion Carried.**

*Approve Bid for Ice Guards at Fire Hall*

Mayor Shaw deferred ice guards to next month.

*City Workshop*

Mayor Shaw made the motion to schedule workshop for March 20, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. Alderman Harrison seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

**Motion Carried.**

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

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

**Motion Carried.**

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Mayor Tim Shaw

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Kelly Rider, City Recorder