

City Meeting
Of
March 21, 2023

Mayor Shaw called the meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman to order at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 21, 2023. The meeting was held at City Hall.

Invocation

Bro. Dan Russell 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 February 21, 2023 were presented for approval or corrections.

Motion made by: Alderman Gregory

Second: Alderman Harrison

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried.

Citizens Comments

No Comment

Commissioners & Department Reports

Utilities:

Mayor Shaw reported a gas service was installed at 2001 Liebengood Road, two leaking gas valves were replaced, eight gas service orders were completed and forty-eight 811 locate tickets were completed.

Mayor Shaw reported five sewer tanks were pumped due to power outage from the bad weather, twelve service orders were completed and forty-eight locate tickets were completed.

Mayor Shaw reported the culvert was replaced at Dyer Lane, potholes were repaired on Lake Road and a new street sign has also been ordered for Lake Road.

Mayor Shaw reported backflow and hotbox was replaced at Ridgetop Station Park and more rock was added around the restrooms.

Mayor Shaw reported the meeting room, lobby and restrooms were painted at city hall this week.

Mayor Shaw thanked Chief Tony Reasoner for his help installing the culvert on Dyer Lane and for being available while Brian was out sick.

Finance:

Alderman Harrison stated we have begun work on the budget.

Park:

Alderman Harrison reported the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 2, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. and rain out date will be April 8, 2023.

Alderman Harrison reported the tree at Ridgetop Station and Pioneer Park that had fallen during the storm has been cut up and removed.

Mayor Shaw reported repairs have been made to the caboose and the caboose has been locked.

Streets:

No Report.

Fire:

No Report.

Planning and Zoning:

Vice Mayor Senft reported the planning and zoning board is working with engineer Tom Sommers to update the subdivision rules and regulations.

Business Reports:

City Recorder:

Kelly Rider thanked Cecil Smith, Tyler Hallman and Brian Dean for painting the city hall meeting room and lobby.

Kelly Rider thanked Cecil Smith for vacuuming, taking all the trash and boxes and cleaning up.

Attorney Freeman:

Attorney Freeman spoke briefly about the Shedden Road project.

Attorney Freeman reported a letter will be sent to Dr.Causey requesting another meeting concerning the Watauga School Sewer System.

Mayor Comments:

Mayor Shaw reported the city has 27 more possible gas valves that could need to be replaced. He reported we received an estimate from JB Gibbs to replace them. There were seven 4" valves at a rate of approximately \$20,000 each and twenty 2" valves at a rate of \$8,800 each.

Mayor Shaw thanked Cecil, Tyler and Brian for painting the lobby, restrooms and meeting room at city hall.

Old Business:

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 Harrison seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried.

New Business:

Sewer Rate Study

Mayor Shaw made the motion to approve Buddy Petty prepare a sewer rate study in the amount of \$5,000. Vice Mayor Senft seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried.

Appoint Park Board Member

Mayor Shaw made the motion to defer appointment of park board member. Alderman Harrison seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried.

Approve bid for office flooring at city hall

Mayor Shaw made the motion to defer appointment of park board member. Alderman Harrison seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried.

Approve bid for dehumidifier for Wilson House at Ridgetop Station Park

Mayor Shaw made the motion to accept bid from Brandon Frank Construction in the amount of \$5,500 for the dehumidifier for the Wilson House at Ridgetop Station Park.

Approve bid for ice guards at fire hall

Mayor Shaw made the motion to defer appointment of park board member. Vice Mayor Senft seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried.

City Workshop

Mayor Shaw made the motion to schedule workshop for April 17, 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. Mayor Shaw seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried.

Mayor Tim Shaw

Kelly Rider, City Recorder