

December 15, 2022 – City Council

The regular meeting of the Fountain Green City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2022 in the Fountain Green City Hall, 375 N. State.

Attendance – Rod Hansen, Stuart Smith, and Alyson Strait. Excusing Julio Tapia and Shelith Jacobson.

Presiding – Mark Coombs

Pledge

Comments. There were no comments from the audience or zoom participants.

Minutes. Rod Hansen made the motion to approve the minutes and include all winter water usage to the discussion on out-of-town winter water usage as well as Heather Papenfuss's report on some type of shed being built at 100 S. 500 W. without a permit. Due to it being located in the trailer park, Julio will look into it. Seconded by Alyson Strait. A roll call vote was taken; Rod – aye, Stuart – aye, and Alyson – aye. Motion carried.

Assignment Reports.

Mayor Coombs reported that a copy of a draft of Ephraim's Annexation Plan was given to the Planning Commission. He will also try to get a copy of Mt. Pleasant's Annexation Plan to them.

Code Violation/Enforcement/Ordinances. Amy Morgan presented a draft of the "Letter of Violation" to the City Council. She explained that in order for the letter and the Ordinance to match Chapter 3-15 will have to be amended to state – a 30-day response time instead of the 14-day response time. There will be a Public Hearing scheduled for 6:30 p.m. before January's City Council meeting.

She has given the City Attorney the list of current Code Violations for review and is waiting to hear from him. There will be a work meeting scheduled for 6:00 p.m. before the Public Hearing (in January) to discuss the list of violations.

The Mayor stated that the City Attorney has recommended the Council prioritize the list (most serious at the top). He also advised that the Planning Commission give the list of violations and their justification for the violation to Alyson (Council) for review and course of action. Amy can then address the list using the Council's recommendations. Property owners can take care of the violation(s) at Amy's discretion.

Mayor Coombs reminded everyone that this process is a work in progress and could very well need to be adjusted or changed.

Fire Station Solar Grant – Not in attendance.

Lion's Club Santa. Jerime Ivory presented a cost breakdown from the Veteran's Dinner (a previous request) to the Mayor and Council. The total cost of the dinner was \$1,248.49, the majority going toward purchasing the food. He explained that there were anywhere from 150-175 plates served; about 90 to Veterans and their spouses and the rest to students and teachers who were helping. He wanted to make sure the Council understood that the Lion's Club did not expect the City to pay for the entire dinner

Jerime wondered if the City would create a line item in the budget for an annual donation that could be distributed between their sponsored activities (Easter Egg Hunt, Trunk-or-Treat and Santa Claus) since they do involve the city. The Mayor and Council agreed to put a donation in the budget for the Lion's Club. The Mayor asked that Jerime bring in receipts for auditing purposes.

Airbnb/Barbershop (JD Burton). The Planning Commission presented a possible amendment to the 7.3-2 Use Table to allow short-term rentals in the "historic business district" from 100 S. to Center within ½ block of either side of state street. They will schedule a Public Hearing on January 12, 2023 and then bring their recommendation to the City Council meeting on January 19, 2023. Mr. Burton will then have to apply for a Conditional Use Permit and a Business License.

Lot Split Moratorium. Alyson (representing the Planning Commission) stated that the subdivision updates were finalized and they feel like the Moratorium can be lifted. Property owners who want to split their lot(s) will now have to come into the city office for a Subdivision Application, pay the associated fees and move through the Planning and Zoning process. **Stuart Smith made the motion to lift the Lot Split Moratorium. Seconded by Alyson Strait. A roll call vote was taken; Rod – aye, Stuart – aye, and Alyson – aye. Motion carried.**

New Planning Commission Members. The Mayor has visited with most of those P.C. members whose terms are ending. Riley Hansen would like to stay for another term. Tommy Hansen and Joseph Papenfuss would like to step down. Mayor Coombs stated that he will talk to two of the people on the volunteer list and take care of the other openings next month.

Food Trucks. Rod presented a draft of an annual Food Truck Permit Application (\$20.00 permit fee). A Business License (\$45.00), Parking Permission Form and Verification Signature shall be attached to the Application. Rod asked the Mayor and Council to review the draft of the Application and Regulations. A Parking Permission Form will still need to be drafted. Michelle will try to find a sample.

Aquifer Re-Generation/Discussion. Rod would like to re-address the Aquifer Re-Generation project, especially since Jones & DeMille are already mapping and updating the City's Master Plan. There is money available from the water sales from the powerline project. Mayor Coombs stated that this project is already on the Six County priority list and is eligible for the CIB's February 1st application due date. The Mayor informed those individuals with questions that they are looking at all options/ways to conserve water and if those options are viable.

Winter Overage Charge/Discussion. Due to the vote being rescinded last month regarding reading the meters through the winter and charging for overages, Rod presented possible future scenarios.

1. 2022-2023 – Read/ Report Usage (without charging)
2. 2023-2024 – Read/Bill (.50 per thousand gallons over the allotted 6,000 gallons).
3. 2024-2025 – Read/Bill (1.00 per thousand gallons over the allotted 6,000 gallons).
4. 2025-2026 – Read/Bill (1.50 per thousand gallons over the allotted 6,000 gallons).
5. 2026-2027 – Evaluate

The above schedule would give water users notice and the information they need regarding their overages and allow them time to make adjustments.

City Irrigation/Discussion. Rod explained that at their last meeting the Irrigation Co. discussed the State's new metering requirements – installing meters on all connections within city limits, therefore all city share holders would have to absorb the cost of the meter and/or new system. He wondered if it would be advantageous to split the Irrigation Co. into two entities: Agricultural and Residential.

Greg Johnson (Irrigation Co. Chair) stated that the best case scenario would be to find funding to cover a new system and install the meters as needed. However, right now there is only money for new meters using the existing system.

All agreed having both entities working together would be beneficial to everyone.

City Transportation Plan/Discussion. Rod explained that both the City and the County are working on updating their Transportation Plans (both using Jones & DeMille). The County is willing to give any of their information to Fountain Green City (if viable); maybe saving some of the cost. Mayor Coombs will talk to Tyler Faddis.

Planning Commission Report. Alyson gave the following report:

1. Procedure to allow short-term rentals.
2. Code Violations (already discussed).
3. Need to get carbon copies of the "Letter of Violation".
4. Survey questions for the General Plan (Mayor/Council to get familiar with current General Plan).
5. Forming a small group. Use the previous surveys to draft questions.
6. Alyson, Rod, and any interested citizen(s). Mayor will ask Shelith.

City Report/Traffic Control. Curt reported:

1. Started snow removal.
2. Christmas wreaths on the light poles.
3. Two burials.
4. Meters were read. There were 47 mis-reads. The antennas to these meters are located inside the meter, therefore, the snow pack may have a negative effect on the monthly reads.
5. Water samples were sent and have come back good.
6. Working with Tyler (J & D) to update fire flow storage capacity and pressure zones.

Curt also would like to be involved with the Sewer and the Aquifer Re-Generation projects.

Traffic Control. The Traffic Control Committee reviewed the applications requesting two stop signs at 400 N. 700 W. (making it a 3-way stop). The cost for both signs was \$294.42. Pulled the information off of the electronic traffic speed sign (While it was located on Big Springs Rd.) Results – 92% of the traffic was traveling under the speed limit. 8% over the speed limit. The average speed was 23.5 mph, and the maximum speed was 73 mph. They will need to decide when/where the speed bumps will be placed in the spring.

Fire Department. Absent

Police report. Sheriff Buchanan stated that he liked the idea of the Traffic Control Committee and encouraged them to let the Sheriff's Department know if they need help in a specific area. He also gave

November's report – Deputies were in Fountain Green 71 times. There were 83 traffic stops, Controlled Substance incident, Fraud, Traffic Accident, Domestic, Mental Individual, Threats, and Suspicious Person.

Sherriff Buchanan also discussed the problem they are having losing employees not only road deputies, but jail and dispatch personnel to agencies within the County that are paying higher wages. He is asking for support at the next Commissioner's Meeting (Tuesday, December 20th at 3:00 p.m.). He will be proposing a pay scale raise that would bring them more inline with other county agencies.

City Bills. Alyson Strait made the motion to approve the city bills. Seconded by Rod Hansen. A roll call vote was taken; Rod – aye, Stuart – aye, and Alyson – aye. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous.

New light pole Christmas Decorations? Mayor asked Michelle to come back with more information.

City Party. January 7 at 5:00. Talk to Linda about catering.

Still waiting for Jake Brake Signs.

Complaint regarding blinking streetlight south of town. That light has been reported to RMP several times. Mayor will follow up.

Rod Hansen made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Stuart Smith. A roll call vote was taken; Rod – aye, Stuart – aye, and Alyson – aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourns at 9:20 p.m.



Michelle Walker, City Recorder

