

Regular Minutes of the City Council

281 James D. Nabors Drive Council Chambers of Municipal Complex Monday, February 7, 2022 --- Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER THE PRE-COUNCIL MEETING: Council President Colvin called the Pre-Council Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 7, 2022, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Councilman Hardy, Councilman Eric Brown, Councilman Chris Brown, and Councilman Keel were present.

Absent: Councilman Tapley

Others present included: Mayor Baird, Amanda Thomas, Arlene Wycoff, Charlie Smith, Lynn Miller, Doug Jones, Michel Bryan, Robert Boleware, David Hogan, Jason Locke, Tony Goss, Captain Hodge, Captain Orr, Lynn Price, Gerard Brewer, Al Jones, Kathy Railey, April Buono, Chris Hardy, Bobby Smith, Staci Pemberton, John McWhorter, Kenny Dean, Teresa Moten, and many others

During the Pre-Council Meeting Council President Colvin allowed department heads to address the council concerning multiple topics on the agenda.

Hearing no further discussion or questions, Council President Colvin ended the Pre-Council Meeting.

CALL TO ORDER THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: Council President Colvin called the Council Meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. on Monday, February 7, 2022, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Councilman Hardy, Councilman Eric Brown, Councilman Chris Brown, and Councilman Keel were present.

Absent: Councilman Tapley

Others present included: Mayor Baird, Amanda Thomas, Arlene Wycoff, Charlie Smith, Lynn Miller, Doug Jones, Michel Bryan, Robert Boleware, David Hogan, Jason Locke, Tony Goss, Captain Hodge, Captain Orr, Lynn Price, Gerard Brewer, Al Jones, Kathy Railey, April Buono, Chris Hardy, Bobby Smith, Staci Pemberton, John McWhorter, Kenny Dean, Teresa Moten, and many others

OPENING PRAYER: Council President Colvin

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilman Hardy

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 24, 2022, Regular Meeting

Councilman Hardy made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Eric Brown. There being no discussion, the minutes were approved with the following vote.

YEAS: COLVIN, HARDY, ERIC BROWN, CHRIS BROWN AND KEEL

NAYS: NONE

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: February 7, 2022, Agenda

Councilman Hardy made a motion to amend and approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Chris Brown. There being no discussion, the agenda was approved with the following roll call vote.

YEAS: COLVIN, HARDY, ERIC BROWN, CHRIS BROWN, AND KEEL

NAYS: NONE

REPORT FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance: No report

Public Safety Committee: No report

Utilities Committee: No report

Parks and Recreation Committee: Baseball/softball registration is this week.

Public Works Committee: No report

Buildings and Properties Committee: Absent

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

REPORT ON STATUS OF CITY FINANCES: None

PROCLAMATION:

1. 2022 Trafficking Free Zone

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance 2022-07: An Ordinance to Lease Unneeded Municipal Real Property to Lake Martin Trailblazers, Inc.

Councilman Hardy made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration. Councilman Chris Brown seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the motion was approved with the following roll call vote.

YEAS: COLVIN, HARDY, ERIC BROWN, CHRIS BROWN AND KEEL

NAYS: NONE

Councilman Chris Brown made a motion to approve the ordinance as written. Councilman Keel seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the ordinance was approved with the following roll call vote.

YEAS: COLVIN, HARDY, ERIC BROWN, CHRIS BROWN AND KEEL

NAYS: NONE

2. Resolution 22-36: A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Garver, Project No. 22A01200, 2022 ALX Apron Expansion Design Project

Councilman Hardy made a motion to approve the resolution as written. Councilman Eric Brown seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the resolution was approved with the following roll call vote.

YEAS: COLVIN, HARDY, ERIC BROWN, CHRIS BROWN AND KEEL

NAYS: NONE

3. Resolution 22-37: A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Garver, Project No. 19A01000, 2022 ALX Airfield Lighting Project

Councilman Hardy made a motion to approve the resolution as written. Councilman Keel seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the resolution was approved with the following roll call vote.

YEAS: COLVIN, HARDY, ERIC BROWN, CHRIS BROWN AND KEEL

NAYS: NONE

4. Resolution 22-38: A Resolution to Name the Pool Area Located in the Laurel Heights Community as, Freddie Wycoff Pool

Councilman Hardy made a motion to approve the resolution as written. Councilman Chris Brown seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the resolution was approved with the following roll call vote.

YEAS: COLVIN, HARDY, ERIC BROWN, CHRIS BROWN AND KEEL

NAYS: NONE

Request: A Request to Approve a Retail Table Wine Retail Beer ABC License for Stricklands Whats Located at 2802
Dadeville Road

Councilman Hardy made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Keel seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the request was approved with the following roll call vote.

YEAS: COLVIN, HARDY, ERIC BROWN, CHRIS BROWN AND KEEL

NAYS: NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1. Several citizens were present to speak about the recent sewer rate increases. Mayor Baird addressed the crowd first stating that there have been no recent capital projects and no rate increase since the early 2000s.
- 2. Tony Goss asked if the Council considered employee discounts.
- 3. Charlie Smith voiced concerns about fixed income citizens.
- 4. Arlene Wycoff said the Housing Authority has given over \$600,000 over the last 10 years, and they oversee over 450 families.
- 5. Another citizen voiced concerns over meters not being read in a long time, and one requested a progression plan of improvements.
- 6. Al Jones informed everyone about the recent water grant.
- 7. Preventative measures such as a toilet flush valve and water saver shower heads were also discussed.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR: None

COMMENTS FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR: None

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY CLERK:

1. Work session is scheduled before the next regular meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:

Tapley: Absent

Hardy: Thank everyone for attending. Thank you for your concerns. We are hoping to fix the problem long term. Please contact Jason or Mayor Baird.

Eric Brown: Thank everyone for coming. We are all toting the burden. We are here and must move forward. Thankful for the men working in this every day.

Chris Brown: Thank everyone for coming out. We ask that you keep coming; it's helpful when you do.

Keel: Can't "kick it down the road". Reminded citizens of ADEM and EPA regulations. I don't want to leave this problem for someone else.

Colvin: Thank you for attending. We had to approve this increase. We are all in the same boat. We are an open book.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilman Chris Brown made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hardy. The meeting adjourned (5-0) at 6:49 p.m.

YEAS: COLVIN, HARDY, ERIC BROWN, CHRIS BROWN AND KEEL

NAYS: NONE

Presiding Officer

Amanda F. Thomas City Clerk

METHOD OF DELIVERY: The draft minutes were emailed to the Council for review on Friday, February 11, 2022.

OTHER: The agenda was posted to the City's website and the bulletin board that is located at the Municipal Complex. The meeting was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Agenda

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: None