



MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING

(Alcohol License – El Timon Mexican Restaurant-Estela Vargas)

July 13, 2021, 6:15PM

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

July 13, 6:30 PM

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Call to Order: Mayor David L. Jordan opened the July 13, 2021, Public Hearing at 6:18 PM.

Attendance: Mayor David L. Jordan, Mayor Pro-Tem Keith Turman, Kenneth Roach, Matt Fields, Wayne Braswell, Lee Strickland, City Attorney Andrea Grant, City Manager Ed Andrews, and Deputy Clerk Tonya Allen.

A: El Timon Mexican Restaurant-Estela Vargas – Malt Beverage & Distilled Spirits

Invitation of Public Comment: None Made.

Response by Council: None Required.

Close Public Hearing: Keith Turman made a motion to close public hearing; Matt Fields seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0. Public hearing closed at 6:32 PM.

REGULAR MEETING:

Call to Order: The July 13, 2021, Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor David L. Jordan at 6:32 PM.

Attendance: Mayor David L. Jordan, Mayor Pro-Tem Keith Turman, Kenneth Roach, Matt Fields, Wayne Braswell, Lee Strickland, City Attorney Andrea Grant, City Manager Ed Andrews, and Deputy Clerk Tonya Allen.

Invocation and Pledge: Wayne Braswell

Approval of All Outstanding Minutes: Wayne Braswell made a motion to approve the June 08, 2021, Public Hearing (Alcohol License-Bebop's Bakery), Public Hearing (FY2022 Proposed Budget), and Regular Council Meeting; Kenneth Roach seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Additions or Deletions to Agenda: City Manager Ed Andrews want to go in Executive Session to discuss potential litigation.

Approval of Agenda: Keith Turman made a motion to approve agenda; Lee Strickland seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Main Street Update – Michael Crump: Michael informed council of upcoming events: Merchants group meeting Thursday at 8am; Renee with Hometown Merchants is offering a marketing campaign. Third Thursday Artisan Walk, Pentecostal Church will have live music from 7-9pm on Railroad Street. Farmers Market is open on Saturdays from 7-12 and doing well, had new vendors to join. County has an organizational meeting this Thursday at 10am in Carnesville; putting together an event, scheduled for November 13. The event will be a Fall Festival type event, wanting to get all the cities involved. Michael will continue to share information as he gets it. Vernon Cape expanding Southern Self Storage, ribbon cutting will be next Thursday possibly around 2pm, will send notice out. Working with county tourism, will send out information as he gets it. Michael advised council he will not be in attendance for August meeting, he will be attending Downtown Conference but will give update on Main Street to Sharleen or mail to council. Planning to have Fall Festival, have a called DDA meeting next Tuesday at 8am at the Depot, possibly changing time to 10am-8pm and having band perform from 6-8pm. Michael stated that they had already tentatively booked a band, Second Time Around for the Fall Festival and was opened for input and suggestions. Applications for Fall Festival will be mailed out in August.

New Business:

- A. **Alcohol License Application for El Timon Mexican Restaurant: Mayor Jordan:** El Timon Mexican Restaurant applied for Malt Beverage and Distilled Spirits License. City Attorney Andrea Grant stated that she reviewed the application along with the documents and with the city alcohol ordinance the application and documents were appropriate for approval. Matt Fields made motion to approve El Timon Mexican Restaurant Malt Beverage and Distilled Spirits Licenses; Wayne Braswell seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

- B. **August Council Meeting Date Change to August 17 due to GMA Conference: Mayor Jordan** City Manager Ed Andrews stated that the Mayor Jordan, Keith Turman, and Matt Fields would be attending the GMA conference in August and would need to change the August council meeting to the 17th. City Attorney Andrea Grant will be attending the Attorney luncheon. Tonya Allen and Travis Quarles will be attending GMA Gas Section meeting in Savannah this month. Wayne made motion to change August Council Meeting to August 17, 2021; Keith Turman seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

- C. **Juneteenth Holiday-Employee Policy Update: Ed Andrews:** City Manager, Ed Andrews stated that the president signed into law the Juneteenth Holiday, (end of slavery) he said that a lot of municipalities throughout the United States adopted the holiday and that this would require a policy change within the personnel handbook. Ed stated he would like to recommend that the council consider it a holiday for the upcoming year. This would work like any other holiday, if it falls on a Saturday, it would be the Friday before, if it fell on a Sunday, it would be the Monday after. Keith Turman made motion to update policy and make Juneteenth a holiday; Wayne Braswell seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.
- D. **Water Plant River Pump Purchase: Ed Andrews:** City Manager stated that Jammie Cawthon came to him a few weeks back regarding issue down at the river plant at the intake. He stated that he, Jammie Cawthon, Matt Fields, and Larry Bowen all met to discuss a way forward in improving and getting it the river plant to the point where there are no worries and less maintenance down the road. Ed explained to council that one of the pumps had malfunctioned twisting the bottom portion of the pump and started tearing up some things. He said the entire pump would have to be replaced. Jammie Cawthon stated that the pump is between 24-25 foot long. Ed stated we have one intake, and it was designed for three pumps but only two were installed. He said we have an opportunity to set in a new pump and maintain the one that we have and add a pump later through a planning process giving the city a backup capability because that is our main source of intake for water production. Jammie Cawthon stated that the city has two pumps like Ed stated and that whenever they built the pump in 1965 it was designed for three pumps but only two were put in. Jammie stated that the pump was changed out in 2017, right now the city is running on the #2 pump. Jammie stated that the thread gave out and dropped. When it dropped it bent the shaft on the pump and almost took out pump #2, which the city is running on now. Right now, we are down to one pump, but and if the pump goes out, we have no way of getting water to the water plant. That is why we need the third pump per Jammie. The pump has been ordered to replace the one that is torn up now per Jammie and will take 4-6 weeks to arrive. We are at week 4. The pump will cost \$38,245 per Ed to install. The city needs another pump and another motor per Ed. Matt Fields made motion to purchase Water Plant River Pump; Wayne Braswell seconded motion; motion carried 5-0.

City Manager Update:

- A. **Parking Lot:** Ed stated that they were finishing up on parking lot, need to cut out sidewalk area. Have a few drainage corrections to make, striping, and would like to do a dedication. He said that the cost was over \$92,000 with the purchase of the property and everything was well within the cost that was discussed.
- B. **Amphitheatre Update:** Ed stated he will have a walk through. All the drawings and engineering has been approved. Shooting for Labor Day weekend to have something that resembles a nice facility. Committee has been great with help and input per Ed.
- C. Code is working on issues regarding abatement on properties. Doing year end stuff.

Executive Session: Lee Strickland made motion to go into executive session at 6:55PM; Kenneth Roach seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0. Kenneth Roach made motion to come out of executive session at 7:38PM; Wayne seconded motion; motion carried 5-0.

Adjourn: Keith Turman made a motion to adjourn; Wayne Braswell seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Sharleen Ayers, City Clerk

Mayor David L. Jordan

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