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City Attorney
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City Engineer
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Monthly City Meeting
Monday, April 19, 2021

Mayor Bryan Coomer began the meeting at 7:02 p.m. via ZOOM, as advertised on the Barbourmeade website. The following commissioners and officials were present: Mayor Bryan Coomer, David Westerman, Tom Budniak, Robert Longshore, Dan Streit, City Attorney Stan Chauvin, City Treasurer Chris Russell and City Clerk Brian Davis.

Others Present:
None

MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the March 15, 2021 meeting were considered for approval. Mayor Coomer noted the reference to March 15, 2021 minutes should be changed to February 15, 2021. Commissioner Westerman made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Commissioner Longshore seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0-1 (Budniak abstained).

TREASURER’S REPORT

City Treasurer Chris Russell presented the treasurer’s report for activities through March 31, 2021. Commissioner Longshore asked about the insurance taxes, and City Treasurer Russell stated these come in quarterly so there will be more coming. Commissioner Budniak made a motion to approve the report as submitted. Commissioner Westerman seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

WARRANTS – BILLS FOR PAYMENT

City Treasurer Chris Russell presented the warrants for April 2021 (Warrant 4-01 through 4-08). Commissioner Longshore made a motion to approve the warrants as submitted. Commissioner Budniak seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Bryan Coomer had nothing to report.

SANITATION

Commissioner David Westerman had nothing to report.

ROADS & MAINTENANCE/ANIMALS

Commissioner Robert Longshore had nothing to report.

BEAUTIFICATION

Commissioner Tom Budniak had nothing to report.

SAFETY & INSURANCE

Commissioner Dan Streit had nothing to report.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Stan Chauvin stated has sent a response to a citizen who had some questions about the city government. He also stated he has received a request to extend the amount of time for a dumpster to be located on the site at Barbour Lane and Brownsboro Vista. He has received a dog barking complaint and is investigating that complaint.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Budniak inquired about the amount of time a building permit is valid. The house in question at Barbour Lane and Brownsboro Road has been "under construction" for an extended period of time and do not appear to be in a hurry to finish. There have been complaints about the mud and debris that is located on the site. City Attorney Chauvin said City Engineer Trautwein would put a project duration on permits when he approved them. Mayor Coomer will go through his records and check the permit.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Dan Streit (via Commissioner Longshore's speaker phone) stated Graymoor-Devondale is going to be raising the cost of patrolling in the next fiscal year. There are two choices: one increase for "supplemental patrols" (traffic monitoring, etc.) which would be an additional \$2.00 per hour, or an increase for "formal patrols" (investigations, reporting, etc.) which would be approximately \$4.00 more per hour. This is partly in response to Louisville Metro's inability to provide adequate service because of a shortage of officers. Mayor Coomer stated he has not been satisfied with Graymoor-Devondale's services the last couple of years. Commissioner Longshore stated the city may be better off experimenting with the Graymoor-Devondale option. The commission would like to have Graymoor-Devondale Police Chief Grady Throneberry at the next meeting to get more information.

Mayor Coomer said he was contacted about having a dumpster on Dinah Court. He did not approve the request because there are no reflectors or anything. The ordinance states dumpsters must be on the property.

Mayor Coomer received plans for a building permit for an addition atop of the existing attached garage on the property located at 3507 Sorrento Avenue. The addition will be of the same materials and go slightly higher than the existing structure. The roof pitch will be the same. They applicant will need to submit that to them for formal review before construction can begin. Motion by Commissioner Longshore to approve the building permit on condition they obtain the permit from Louisville Metro. Second by Commissioner Budniak. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

Commissioner Budniak would like for the city to begin searching for a new city engineer. Also, the Ethics Board needs to be updated to come into compliance with the ordinance. City Attorney Chauvin will research the current members and see if they are still willing to serve or need to be replaced. Commissioner Longshore stated he knows someone who lives in the city that may be interested in the position. He will invite him to the next meeting.

Commissioner Budniak stated there is a lot of outdated information on the website. The website has not undergone any major updates since it was completed. City Clerk Brian Davis asked the commission members to send him notes about things that needed to be changed and he will reach out to the website hosts about updates and changes.

Commissioner Westerman brought up the Rumpke contract. They are asking for a fee increase, so we are required to bid out that service. Commissioner Westerman will work with City Attorney Chauvin on preparing a request for proposals. The commission needs to determine whether or not weekly recycling is needed or if it is more economic and efficient to give people the option of having a second recycling bin.

Mayor Coomer said he will contact the church to see if it is available for in-person meetings.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Budniak made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Westerman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting ended at 8:12 p.m.

Bryan Coomer, Mayor

Attest: Brian Davis, City Clerk
