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Monthly City Meeting
Monday, December 20, 2021

Mayor Bryan Coomer began the meeting at 7:03 p.m. via ZOOM, as advertised on the Barbourmeade website. The following commissioners and officials were present: Mayor Bryan Coomer, Tom Budniak, Rob Longshore, Dan Streit, David Westerman, City Treasurer Chris Russell, City Attorney Stan Chauvin, and City Clerk Brian Davis.

Members of the public present included Blake Augustine and Angela Augustine.

MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the November 15, 2021 meeting were considered for approval. Commissioner Streit made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Commissioner Budniak seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

City Treasurer Chris Russell presented the October 2021 report. There is approximately \$1.4 million in the city reserves. City tax payments continue to come in. The expenses and income are slightly behind schedule at this time. Commissioner Streit made a motion to approve the October 2021 treasurer's report. Commissioner Budniak seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

(The following discussion took place after the Public Comment period.)

City Treasurer Chris Russell presented the November 2021 report. Commissioner Streit made a motion to accept the November 2021 treasurer's report. Commissioner Longshore seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Blake Augustine addressed the Commission. He has been following what he states is a violation of city ordinances for the property located at 8108 Old Gate Road. He stated he contacted the city in March about yard debris and other items, including a trailer, that has been on the property for some time now. The enforcement officer had visited the site but Mr. Augustine was not happy with the city's reaction to his enforcement requests. Mayor Coomer stated he will ask the enforcement officer to go over and issue a citation for the trailer. The enforcement letter was delivered on December 17 and they would have seven days to clean up the violations.

City Attorney Stan Chauvin stated seven days is the standard amount of time given to property owners to correct violations. There is a truck on the site that does not have current tags. The property owner is currently working on the property and plans on moving out of the house soon. City Attorney Chauvin understands Mr. Augustine's frustration, but at the same time there was a lull in communication after the initial inspection in March, and the city has been monitoring the situation since being contacted again in late October/early November.

Commissioner Rob Longshore has been monitoring the situation as well and provided an overview of some of the cleanup/improvements that have taken place since last Friday (December 17). He will continue to monitor throughout this seven-day period that started when the letter was delivered, and if things aren't completed within the seven days the property owner will be fined \$100 per day until things are brought into compliance.

WARRANTS – BILLS FOR PAYMENT

City Treasurer Chris Russell presented the warrants for November 2021 (11-01 to 11-06). Motion by Commissioner Westerman to approve the warrants as read. Commissioner Longshore seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

City Treasurer Chris Russell also presented the warrants for December 2021 (12-01 to 12-19). Commissioner Budniak noted the payment for the Christmas lights was just for installation, so there will be an additional bill for some lights that had to be replaced and for the lights to be removed. City Engineer Jim Muscutt was sworn in on November 1 so he needs to be paid for the two months. Mayor Coomes asked that 12-20 be added for Jon Muscutt in the amount of \$416.67. Commissioner Budniak asked to add 12-21 for Don Fowler in the amount of \$35.00 for Christmas lights. Commissioner Budniak also asked to add 12-22 for Tom Budniak in the amount of \$100.00 for the Greenscapes Christmas bonus. Commissioner Westerman made a motion to approve the warrants as amended. Commissioner Budniak seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bryan Coomer said the Old Gate issues has already been addressed. Commissioner Budniak will follow up with someone else who had inquired about this issues. Mayor Coomer reported the Coronado complaint has been remedied. Mayor Coomer said he contacted LG&E about installing a new light on Breeland Court. LG&E no longer offers the lights that are used in other parts of the city so the light may look different than others. LG&E stated they do not have the correct billing address for the city, so City Treasurer Russell will follow up to make sure the PO box is being used. In addition to the maintenance complaint, the Augustine's stated their neighbor's dogs bark throughout the day. Commissioner Longshore asked Ms. Augustine to contact him directly the next time the dogs are barking and he will come investigate.

SANITATION

Commissioner David Westerman has not received any complaints recently. The Rumpke contract has been finalized.

ROADS & MAINTENANCE/ANIMALS

Commissioner Robert Longshore is looking into the street light installation. He will also follow up on the Augustine's complaints about the barking dogs. The salt company is ready for inclement weather.

SAFETY & INSURANCE

Commissioner Dan Streit stated Graymoor-Devondale Police patrolled in the city for approximately 71.25 hours in November. There were no traffic stops. Mayor Coomer did receive a positive report from a citizen who had inadvertently left their garage door open and the police help fix the situation.

BEAUTIFICATION

Commissioner Tom Budniak made a motion to extend the Greenscapes contract for two additional years at a fixed price of \$23,050 plus any a la cart items that occur as needed. Commissioner Streit seconded the motion. The Commission discussed the motion. City Attorney Chauvin stated the statute has been increased to \$30,000 so this amount falls under the amount that requires a bid. Commissioner Budniak stated this is the first service increase for some time now. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

CITY ENGINEER REPORT

City Engineer Jon Muscutt was not present and did not submit a report for this month.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Stan Chauvin reported about the potential fence on Brownsboro Vista Drive. Also, he has been doing some research on publishing the ordinances and should have a quote from American Legal Publishing about having those published online. These companies will maintain the ordinances as well. City Attorney Chauvin will send out some examples of other cities who use this service.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Coomer said the city needs to update the website. Commissioner Budniak asked if the ethics board had been updated, and City Attorney Chauvin said no volunteers have come forward. He will be researching this further and report back in January. Commissioner Longshore asked about liens on taxes. City Attorney Chauvin said he issued a few and is working on a few others. Commissioner Longshore will speak to LG&E about future light intensities and colors and how old streetlights may be retrofitted as the existing bulbs go out.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Augustine stated she hopes the lights will be improved next year. Commissioner Budniak explained that light installation can be pricey since there are so many entrances.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, January 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

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

The meeting ended at 8:53 p.m.

Bryan Coomer, Mayor

Attest: Brian Davis, City Clerk
