



City Council Meeting Minutes November 6, 2023

Sammy Hartwick, Mayor	Present
Kelly Knowland	Present
Mark Hardin	Present
Ty Kelso	Present
Larry Johnson	Present
Richard Weaver	Present
Matt Reynolds	Present

Roll call indicated a quorum was present.

Mark Hardin made a motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting, Matt Reynolds seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chamber of Commerce Report

Chamber President Ashton Pruitt informed the council of the latest Chamber of Commerce Business. There were six new members who joined in October. There were two ribbon cuttings at Gershman Mortgage and The Look, another Eclipse Lunch and Learn for community organizations, non-profits, and churches, the Hometown Holiday Open House, and the annual board elections. Coming up is another ribbon cutting on Nov. 8, the Mistletoe Market on Dec. 2, Small Business Saturday on Nov. 25, and the opening of Glisten in Greenbrier.

Ashton also gave an update on local City events. Boo Brier and the Halloween event at the fire station were greatly attended on Halloween. The City had an employee lunch and meeting where the department heads gave a report of what is going on, and a new Employee of the Month initiative was announced. The water department has also updated its online payment system to a system called "Pro Pay", and they are in the process of shifting those accounts to the new system.

Proclamation – National Family Literacy Day

City Attorney Dustin Chapman presented the Proclamation of National Family Literacy Day, proclaiming November 1, 2023 as National Family Literacy Day. This proclamation is being made by cities around the country. Mayor Hartwick signed the proclamation into effect.

Proclamation – National Native American Heritage Month

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Millage Rate

Every year, the city must approve the millage rate and inform the county. Mayor Hartwick stated that a couple of years ago, the City Council raised the millage rate to four, and had a conversation about raising it to five when we implemented a full-time fire department. Mayor Hartwick proposed that because we now have a full-time department, that the city increase the millage to five. One mill is equal to \$10 on every \$100,000 of assessed property. A millage rate of five is the maximum a city can implement without the issue going to an election. A motion to increase the millage rate to five, with 50% of the new mill being earmarked for trucks and equipment, and the other half being for the fire department, was made by Mark Hardin, seconded by Richard Weaver, and passed unanimously.

Tim Tyler – Regarding Payment

Mr. Tyler presented an invoice of \$9,900 from Tyler Group for previously completed services on the Master Street Plan and Zoning Booklet in 2020. The Master Street Plan was first proposed in the February 2020 Council meeting, where there were proposed bypass routes around Highway 65. Mr. Tyler stated that while this invoice was for a 2020 booklet, there were services rendered throughout the years as improvements were made to the plans. The fee was not discussed in the February 2020 meeting, and Mr. Tyler is presenting a discounted rate based on hourly fees. There was no action taken in the February 2020 meeting to approve the work. City Attorney Dustin Chapman stated that there were ongoing communications to Mr. Tyler regarding zoning updates throughout 2021. Council members asked questions regarding the specifics of the invoice, and the specifics of the requested work in February 2020.

Council members stated the need for a more formal process of invoicing for services rendered to the city, with detailed invoices given in a timely manner. A motion was made by Larry Johnson to approve payment of the invoice in question, seconded by Mark Hardin, and passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn into executive session was made by Ty Kelso, seconded by Mark Hardin, and passed unanimously.

After executive session, a motion was made by Richard Weaver to approve the Mayors recommendation to award bonuses to City Employees based on the amounts recommended. Matt Reynolds seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mark Hardin to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ty Kelso and all voted in favor.

Sammy Hartwick, Mayor

Hunter Thrasher, City Clerk/Treasurer