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MAYOR RANSOM FARLEY

Minutes June 13, 2022 Council Meeting

Mayor Ransom Farley Opened meeting
Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Farley
Invocation by Councilor Howard

Minutes from meeting of May 9, 2022 were approved without reading out loud. Councilor Allen made motion to accept. Councilor Howard 2nd. Approved unanimously.

Fire report by Zach Sisk. Hamilton now has 21 members in the Fire Department. Call volume for the last month has been low. Fire at crate factory in Pine Mountain Valley. Hamilton responded and helped extinguish the blaze.

Maintenance Report by Terrence Mahone: Yellow stripe on Barnes Mill Road between sidewalk and Street will be done soon. There was a delay from the time we approved until the time the Company could do the work. The ditch situation on Mobley Road has been resolved at this point. The County has agreed the ditches are their responsibility and they will discuss the solutions with the homeowners. The County has already had one discussion with the citizens. The culvert problem between Mobley Plantation and Mountain Creek Subdivision has been resolved. The County recommended we remove the culvert to prevent backing up of storm water. This has been accomplished. Personnel have been busy mowing, weeding, etc., during the hot summer weather. Working on keeping Square the focal point of Hamilton. In process of hiring one other full-time grounds person.

Police Report by Chief Weiss: Several investigations ongoing. Active shooting training in the near future. Mobley Road traffic discussed. Speeding still a problem. One year update on the Hamilton Police Department. What the Department has accomplished.

Ms. Grier was on the agenda but did not show. This was concerning the Street behind the Motel and the one Subway is located on. Street Department, with the approval of Mayor and Council, will put up no parking signs on this stretch.

Ms. Belva Dorsey from Enrichments Service left brochures concerning the many programs that are available. She explained what Enrichment Services does. Brochures are available at City Hall. Enrichment Services requests we advertise to our citizens as to the availability of help.

Doctor Alan Arrington presented the plans for a new building to house his Dental business. A new building is to be erected. The Architects requested a variance from the City concerning the setback. Since this was the first time the City had seen the plans, it was requested the Architect contact City Hall and discuss the setback. Chambless Lane is an "alley" and therefore not an official Street belonging to the City. The City does have a sewer line easement that must be taken into consideration. The City will work with the Architect to come to a successful conclusion of the project.

The Second Reading of the Resolution concerning the Memorial Park was held. (Resolution attached to these minutes).

Councilor Allen made motion to approve Resolution after it had been read. Councilor Howard 2nd. Discussion was asked for from the Mayor. There was no discussion. The vote was unanimous to pass the Resolution.

Since the Resolution called for setting aside \$50,000.00 for the purpose of obtaining land for the Memorial, the General Budget had to be amended. Motion was made by Councilor Howard to approve the budget amendment for the amount of \$50,000.00 to be taken from reserve. 2nd by Councilor Whearley. Vote was unanimous.

Citizens comments: Citizen asked about Planning and Zoning. Mayor and Council are in the process of reconstituting the Committee. Citizen had question on Memorial as to when it would be completed. The City has made the first step on the Memorial by passing the Resolution. The next steps will be coming in the future and the City wants everyone involved in this project. Citizen asked who would be in charge of the Memorial. The City will be in charge of the project. It will be a coordinated effort of the City and other stakeholders. It was suggested a site by the current Harris County Library. This is a possibility and will be looked at.

Comments:

Mayor Farley: Reminded everyone of the dedication of a portion of Highway 27 through Hamilton to honor Doctor Martin Luther King. It will be held at the old Middle School on Highway 27 South Saturday June 18 at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited.

Mayor Pro Temp Whearley: Reminded everyone that there will be an election for Council and Mayor in November of 2022 during the General Election. Qualifying will be July 27, 28 from 8 to 5 and July 29 8:00 a.m. until noon.

Councilor Allen had no comments.

Councilor Howard welcomed Terrence Mahone, Street Supervisor, to Hamilton.

No Executive Session was called.

Councilor Allen made motion to adjourn. 2nd Councilor Whearley. Vote unanimous.

Meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Ransom Farley

Mayor Pro-Tem Patrick Whearley

Councilor Alvin Howard

Councilor Greg Allen

City Clerk Tonia Crittenden

