

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held today Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the Municipal Building.

The following members of the Governing Body were present:

Mayor: Danny Ritchie
Alderman: Carroll Franklin
Alderman: Benny Orders
Alderman: Terry Yount

The following members of the Governing Body were absent:

Alderman: Richard Propst

Others present:

Attorney: Rod Willcox
Town Manager: Sherri Bradshaw
Town Clerk: Sherry Dula

Mayor Ritchie opened the meeting with Alderman Orders leading in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

Approval of Minutes: The Council voted unanimously to approve the June minutes by a motion from Alderman Franklin, seconded by Alderman Orders.

Budget Amendment – A budget amendment is needed to clean up and close out the 2016-2017 fiscal year budget. The budget amendment includes recording the purchase of the Grapple Truck, Sales Tax Refund and recording the donation of Drexel Properties to the Town. A motion was made by Alderman Yount, seconded by Alderman Franklin to adopt the 2016-2017 budget amendment and the vote was unanimous. A copy of the amendment is attached as part of the minutes.

2017 Charge to the Tax Collector - The Council voted unanimously to charge Chelsea Carswell with collecting taxes for the 2017-2018 Tax Year by a motion from Alderman Franklin, seconded by Alderman Yount. A copy of the charge is attached as part of the minutes.

Zoning Text Amendment and Rezoning Request – Erin Schotte, Planner was present to review the Planning Board's recommendation for an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance dealing with property maintenance. Erin stated the new text provides more stringent upkeep requirements for housing and commercial property and gives staff more tools for enforcement. Also Erin presented a rezoning request for 2774 US 70 East which is located in the Town's ETJ. The property owners have obtained a zoning permit to put in a coffee shop at this location and the Planning Board has recommended the property be rezoned from Manufacturing, M-1 to General Business, B-2 which would be a more appropriate zone for a service business. She stated that a public hearing would need to be called for both the text amendment and the rezoning request for the September 5th, 2017 board meeting. A motion was made by Alderman Franklin, seconded by Alderman Orders to call for public hearing at the September 5, 2017 board meeting and the vote was unanimous.

Departmental Reports – The Council reviewed the Financial and Tax reports for the months of June & July, 2017. A copy of each report is attached as part of the minutes. June tax releases are for Tree Top Cabinet because the business has been closed for years and they were still charged taxes from 2012 through 2016.

Recreation Department – Tim Rhoney was present to update Council on ROH Center activities. Baseball team ended the season with county championship at 10-0. Softball and Volleyball finished their seasons. Wrestling will be back at the end of August. Daycares have been using the facility during the summer at least 2 days per week. Recreation center will be closed August 7-12 during Fair week. Football had to be dropped this year because they did not have enough sign ups. Mr. Rhoney is thinking about some alternative programs for the fall such as baseball, softball and possibly a flag football program.

Police Report – Chief Treadway reviewed the June and July reports stating they had two very busy months. A copy of the report is attached as part of the minutes.

Attorney Report - No issues to report except the Town may have to annex a portion of the Drexel Properties of approximately 64,000 square feet which is outside Town limits.

Miscellaneous –

- Manager Bradshaw updated the Council on Drexel Properties. The Department of Commerce came out and reviewed the property and stated we would qualify for CDBG Funds for demolition of the property with a 25% match and Manager Bradshaw stated she would contact ElectriCities to see if they could help with the 25% match. Erin Schotte said that we would very likely receive the funds.
- Next Meeting September 5th
- Drexel Fair August 7th – 12th

Adjournment - With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m. upon a motion from Alderman Yount, seconded by Alderman Franklin.

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