

March 28, 2022

Regular Scheduled Meeting

1. Call to Order
 - a. Mayor Burke Garwood called the meeting to order.
2. Roll Call
 - a. Mayor Garwood, and Commissioners Misty Webb, Jim Swayne, and John James were present. City Manager Russ Blair and Finance Director Alison Bull were also present.
3. Prayer
 - a. Commissioner Swayne gave invocation.
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. Special Called – Feb 21, 2022
 - i. Commissioner Swayne made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner James seconded. All Ayes.
 - b. Regular – Feb 28, 2022
 - i. Mayor Garwood made a motion to approve. Commissioner James seconded. All Ayes.
6. New Business
 - a. Consideration and Passage of Resolution 1271: City of Etowah 2022 Community Development Block Grant Application Sewer System Improvements
 - i. Mayor Garwood said that this is the same resolution that they passed in the Etowah Utilities meeting. Commissioner Swayne made a motion to approve. Commissioner James seconded. All Ayes.
 - b. Consideration and Passage of Resolution 1272: Authorizing the City of Etowah to Participate in the Pool's 2021-2022 Property Conservation Matching Grant Program
 - i. Mayor Garwood said that this is a grant that they were going to attempt to get. Mayor Garwood made a motion to approve. Commissioner Swayne seconded. All Ayes.
 - ii. Blair said that the City has been approved for this grant, the resolution is simply a formality.
 - c. Appointment to Vacant Commission Seat
 - i. Mayor Garwood said that he'd like to appoint Diana Elrod back into the open commission seat. Commissioner James made a motion to approve. Commissioner Webb seconded.
 - ii. Commissioner Swayne asked Blair if he had looked into the charter for this. Blair said that he didn't see any reason it would be an issue to appoint Ms. Elrod to fill the remainder of her current term.
 - iii. Commissioner Swayne voted against it and said that in the past, the board has accepted applications for vacant seats on the commission and he didn't feel comfortable for this to be the exception. The vote passed 3-1.
 - d. Approval of Purchase of Roll-Off Container Tarp (\$3,247.17)
 - i. Blair said that this is for hauling pride cars to the dump, replacing what we have.

- ii. Commissioner Swayne made a motion to approve purchase. Commissioner James seconded. All Ayes.
 - e. Approval of PO #6925 – Armored Vests for PD (\$6,061.50) – DRUG FUND
 - i. Mayor Garwood made a motion to approve. Commissioner Webb seconded. All Ayes.
 - f. Approval of PO #6863 – CSX Annual Lease (\$3,858.40)
 - i. Blair said that this is the .11 acres behind city hall which Anderson Drugs had for many years. He suggested to offer purchasing the property. Commissioner Webb asked if Blair had an amount that it would cost. Blair said that he didn't, he would need to see if they're even interested in selling it first. Mayor Garwood made a motion to pay the invoice. Commissioner Swayne seconded. All Ayes.
 - g. Request to Solicit Bids for Restriping of City Streets (Est. \$8,651.00)
 - i. Blair said that this is just an estimate. Commissioner Swayne made a motion to approve the restriping of city streets. Commissioner James seconded for discussion.
 - ii. Commissioner James said that he thought this was approved a year and a half ago. Mayor Garwood said that some striping had been done. Blair said that the City does have a striping machine that is brand new but not the apparatus or manpower to run it. He said that it can be contracted out more efficiently than we can do it ourselves. Blair said that he thinks that the city should surplus the new striper.
 - iii. All Ayes.
 - h. Request to Solicit Bids for Replacement of Gem Theater Door (Est. \$4,400.00)
 - i. Mayor Garwood asked if this is the door that leads upstairs. Blair said that it is and that it and the door for the library are already in the budget they just need an approval to solicit bids. Mayor Garwood asked if they could put them together for the vote. The board agreed.
 - ii. Mayor Garwood made a motion to approve the solicitation for bids for both the Gem Theater door and the Library door. Commissioner Webb seconded. All Ayes.
 - i. See H
 - j. Request to Solicit Bids for Road Repaving
 - i. Blair said that they just need to solicit bids for that.
 - ii. All Agreed to let Blair do that.
- 7. Old Business
 - a. Second Reading and Passage of Ordinance 873: Ordinance to Establish an Updated Occupational Safety and Health Program Plan
 - i. Commissioner Swayne made a motion to approve. Commissioner James seconded. All Ayes.
 - b. Clarification of Retention Bonus/Stay Stipend
 - i. Blair asked if this was going to be gross or net amount paid to the employees. Commissioner James said he wants to see it netted up. Mayor Garwood said

that it's consensus for the employees to receive the \$1,000 and \$500 respectively.

8. City Manager's Report

a. Blair presented his report.

- i. Morgan's Mowing – Justin Morgan had requested a \$10 increase per parcel he mows due to the increase in gas prices. Commissioner James said that it was completely understandable. Mayor Garwood suggested they reevaluate it in a month/6 week. Commissioner Swayne said to continue with Morgan's with the increase of \$10/parcel mowed.
- ii. Parks and Rec Director, Bryan Dalton, is requesting to commute to work and home in the City's EcoSport as opposed to his personal vehicle. Board agreed by consensus to approve Dalton using the EcoSport from his commute to and from work.
- iii. FTM is okay to receive 2/3 of the payment due to them. This would wrap everything up. This is important to be able to apply for future LPRF grants.
 1. Mayor Garwood made a motion to approve the payment. Commissioner James seconded. All Ayes.

9. Citizens Comments

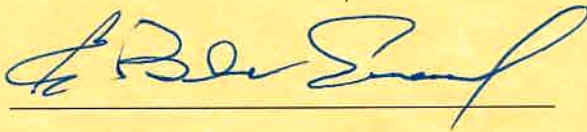
a. None

10. Unscheduled

a. None.

11. Adjournment

- a. Mayor Garwood made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Swayne seconded. All Ayes.



Burke Garwood, Mayor



Alison Bull, Recording Secretary