

February 8, 2021
James Memorial Library
Regular City Council Meeting
7:00 pm

AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order

Mayor Krawiecki called the meeting to order. Councilmember Smith attended in person. Councilmembers: Boulware, Gray, Edwards, Anselm, Swanson and Marston were in attendance via Zoom. Councilmember Wagnon was absent.

Others in attendance via Zoom were Clerk Wheeler, Public Works Director Lyle Thomas, City Attorney Justin Head, Alliance Supervisor Billy Bowers, Police Chief Ron Jones, Library Director Michael Lewis and Tim Davis and Todd Streiler.

Mayor Krawiecki led in the Pledge of Allegiance, Administrator Fleming led in a word of prayer.

AGENDA ITEM: Adoption of Agenda

Councilman Boulware made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Gray seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Public Hearing – Comprehensive Plan

Mayor Krawiecki called the public hearing to order. He asked Todd Streiler to speak to the council about the Street Scape Plan and the changes it would make to the Comprehensive Plan. Todd discussed that during his time working on the plan they looked at the city’s needs and what was missing from the planning & zoning code. He talked with citizens, businesses, and city employees/officials to get their input, a survey was sent out and the information was collected. Planning & Zoning passed a resolution approving the new addition to the plan. Todd explained that the final document will be available via the web.

AGENDA ITEM: Citizen Comments

Tim Davis requested to speak with the council concerning chickens at the school. He explained that he was the Ag teacher and would like to work with the city council to put together an ordinance that would allow the students at the school to raise chickens as part of their learning.

Councilman Smith mentioned that the council had discussion a while back but decided they could not do it without opening up to others, however, the school had given the city some good guidelines to work with.

Councilwoman Edwards said she recalled that the biggest issue was the way the ordinance was written. Home School students should have access to the program too. She mentioned that resources to keep up with the chickens were also an issue.

The council after further discussion agreed to put back on the agenda for next month to discuss and see what they could come up with.

AGENDA ITEM: Minutes

Councilman Gray made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Edwards seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Bills

Councilman Anselm made a motion to approve the bills to be paid. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Budget Review

Administrator Fleming went over the monthly budget numbers with the council. He also mentioned that he would need volunteers from the council to review and go over the 2022 budget he was putting together.

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution No. 21-313 – Federal Assistance

Administrator Fleming read Resolution No. 21-313 aloud for the first and only reading. This resolution would allow us to apply for the trail grant to take the bike trail out further.

Councilman Anselm made a motion to approve the resolution as read. Councilman Gray seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the voting was as follows: Councilman Anselm “aye”; Councilman Gray “aye”; Councilwoman Edwards “aye”; Councilwoman Marston “aye”; Councilwoman Swanson “aye”; Councilman Boulware “aye”; Councilman Smith “aye”. The resolution was passed as read.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 21-1189 – Comprehensive Plan

Administrator Fleming read Ordinance No. 21-1189 aloud for the first reading.

Councilman Boulware made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 21-1189 as read. Councilman Gray seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the voting was as follows: Councilman Anselm “aye”; Councilman Gray “aye”; Councilwoman Edwards “aye”; Councilwoman Marston “aye”; Councilwoman Swanson “aye”; Councilman Boulware “aye”; Councilman Smith “aye”. Ordinance No. 21-1189 was passed for the first reading. The second reading will take place at the March meeting.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 21-1190 – Traffic Code

Administrator Fleming read Ordinance No. 20-1190 aloud for the first reading.

Chief Jones mentioned that this ordinance would allow for the police department to give notice to residents about vehicles that are parked where they should not be. If the vehicle is not moved the department will place a sticker on the vehicle and have it towed after 5 days. The owner would be responsible for the cost of the towing and a ticket to get their vehicle back.

Councilman Anselm mentioned that this was a safety issue for both the police department and the streets department as they are plowing during the snowstorms.

Councilwoman Edwards made a motion to approve the first reading. Councilman Boulware seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the voting was as follows: Councilman Anselm “aye”; Councilman Gray “aye”; Councilwoman Edwards “aye”; Councilwoman Marston “aye”; Councilwoman Swanson “aye”; Councilman Boulware “aye”; Councilman Smith “aye”. The ordinance was passed for the first reading.

Administrator Fleming read the ordinance allowed for the second and final reading. Councilwoman Edwards made a motion to approve the ordinance as read. Councilwoman Marston seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the voting was as follows: Councilman Anselm “aye”; Councilman Gray “aye”; Councilwoman Edwards “aye”; Councilwoman Marston “aye”; Councilwoman Swanson “aye”; Councilman Boulware “aye”; Councilman Smith “aye”.

Ordinance No. 20-1190 was passed and approved.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 21-1191 – Storage Container/RV's

Administrator Fleming read Ordinance No. 21-1191 for the first reading.

The council discussed the ordinance which would allow for zoning regulations pertaining to citizens living in storage containers and RV's in residential land. Nathan Browne, Codes Administrator stated that this is not meant to keep anyone from parking an RV in their driveway but to keep citizens from living in them. The ordinance does give an exception for a guest staying overnight or up to 30 days. Councilman Boulware stated that this is not a new ordinance but an amendment. Boulware said that he does see the benefit for the ordinance but may need to abstain due to his business and what he has in the works.

Mayor Krawiecki stated that this was brought up because the fire department does not know when going on a fire call if there is someone living in an RV so we needed an ordinance to make it clear.

Councilwoman Edwards made a motion to approve the ordinance for the first reading. Councilman Anselm seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the voting was as follows: Councilman Anselm “aye”; Councilman Gray “aye”; Councilwoman Edwards “aye”; Councilwoman Marston “aye”; Councilwoman Swanson “aye”; Councilman Boulware “abstain”; Councilman Smith “aye”. The ordinance was approved for the first reading. The second reading will take place at the March meeting.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 21-1192 – Sale of West Washington Property

Administrator Fleming reading Ordinance No. 21-1192 aloud for the first reading.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the reading. Councilwoman Edwards seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the voting was as follows: Councilman Anselm “aye”; Councilman Gray “aye”; Councilwoman Edwards “aye”; Councilwoman Marston “aye”; Councilwoman Swanson “aye”; Councilman Boulware “aye”; Councilman Smith “aye”. The ordinance was approved for the first reading.

Administrator Fleming read Ordinance No. 21-1192 aloud for the second and final reading.

Councilman Boulware made a motion to approve the ordinance as read. Councilman Gray seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the voting was as follows: Councilman Anselm “aye”; Councilman Gray “aye”; Councilwoman Edwards “aye”; Councilwoman Marston “aye”; Councilwoman Swanson “aye”; Councilman Boulware “aye”; Councilman Smith “aye”. Ordinance No. 21-1192 was approved as read.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 21-1193 – Zoning Regulations

Administrator Fleming read Ordinance No. 21-1193 aloud for the first reading.

Councilwoman Edwards made a motion to approve the ordinance as read. Councilwoman Marston seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the voting was as follows: Councilman Anselm “aye”; Councilman Gray “aye”; Councilwoman Edwards “aye”; Councilwoman Marston “aye”; Councilwoman Swanson “aye”; Councilman Boulware “abstain”; Councilman Smith “aye”. Ordinance No. 21-1193 was approved as read for the first reading. The second reading will be at the March meeting.

AGENDA ITEM: COVID Reopening

Administrator Fleming discussed with the council that he would like to reopen City Hall and get back to normal activity with safe precautions. He would also like to consider reopening the library around April 1st. Fleming would like to put up signs stating that masks are required in the city building.

Councilwoman Edwards stated that we should leave up to the individuals to wear a mask, Councilman Smith disagreed and stated that it should be required. After much discussion, the council agreed to put up signs that it is “suggested and recommended” to wear a mask in City Hall and that with that City Hall should reopen next Tuesday after the President’s Day holiday.

AGENDA ITEM: Department Reports

See attached reports – Alliance, Park, Library, Animal Shelter, Schools, Senior Center and Chamber.

Public Works – Lyle mentioned that the snowplow crew worked today, the new dump truck (F550) that was purchased with grant was received today. The city had a nitrogen leak on one transformer that was scheduled was repaired this week and that the Walmart DC transformer was sent off to be rebuilt, the cost for that will be approximately \$4,000.

IDA – No report.

Street/Sanitation – Councilman Anselm mentioned the street department had been working hard pretreating roads and staying on call for the next snow moving in. The sanitation department had received a grant for recycling bins, and they were working on getting that going.

Police – Chief Jones mentioned that the department had taken 700 calls last month, on January 25th two officers had been assaulted and were out of work for a couple days. The department is currently working on getting bids for items that need fixing in the building and that the SRO has been different this year dealing with the hybrid schedule, but they would be returning to normal school hours next Tuesday.

City Administrator – Administrator Fleming mentioned that the city had received a great response to the recycling bins.

Mayor – Mayor Krawiecki mentioned the Use Tax numbers. He stated that we are going to begin focusing the money towards fixing up the police department. The animal shelter would still get money but we had spent around \$42,000 so far this year and so we needed to shift focus to the police department. Mayor Krawiecki also mentioned that the Golden Age Center had now been vacated by the school and therefore we would set up and move council meetings over there for the future.

AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Smith made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Boulware seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Rick Krawiecki, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah Wheeler, City Clerk

Date