

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

February 24, 2021

SHENANDOAH CITY COUNCIL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor M. Ritchey Wheeler at 7:00 p.m. City Council members present, Councilmember McLeod, Councilmember Bradt, Councilmember Gristy, Councilmember Fletcher and Councilmember Raymaker. City Administrator Kathie Reyer, City Secretary Courtney Clary, City Attorney William Ferebee, Finance Director Lisa Wasner, Public Works Director Joseph Peart, Police Chief Troye Dunlap, CVB Director John Mayner, IT Manager Chris Grizzaffi, and Communications Manager Debbie Pilcher were also present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. CALL OF ROLL

Mayor Wheeler stated for the record that all members were present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. INVOCATION

Mayor Wheeler gave the invocation.

5. CITIZENS FORUM

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Mayor Wheeler stated for the record that there were no citizens that wished to speak.

6. COUNCIL'S INQUIRY

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Councilmember Raymaker stated that he would not be presenting an MDD report until the second March meeting.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

7. Discussion and possible action to authorize additional funds to construct the city entrance monument sign.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADT MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE AGENDA ITEM REGARDING THE AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT THE CITY ENTRANCE MONUMENT SIGN, COUNCILMEMBER RAYMAKER SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

8. Discussion regarding the 2021-2022 Budget Calendar.

Ms. Wasner presented the rough draft of the 2021 – 2022 Budget Calendar. To view the calendar, please click [HERE](#)

Councilmember Raymaker requested to break it out into thirds and to have more common budget items presented sooner. He also added later that splitting the discussions among two meetings tends to lead to lengthy council meetings.

Councilmember McLeod also asked to have routine budget items presented sooner.

Ms. Reyer stated that Department Heads would discuss potential ways to have discussions earlier on routine items.

Councilmember Fletcher felt it would be better to wait until budget books were printed before having any discussions.

Ms. Wasner stated that she would research the legal requirements for discussions and publishing the budget books.

9. Discussion and possible action to ratify the accounts payable for January, 2021.

COUNCILMEMBER FLETCHER MADE A MOTION TO RATIFY THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR

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JANUARY, 2021, COUNCILMEMBER GRISTY SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

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11. City Administrator Updates.

Ms. Reyer provided the following updates:

- There were 50 water leaks during the freeze where public works employees went out to shut off water for residents, system pressures were kept above 50 PSI, no loss of operations or water pressure, and the only damage to City facilities was a busted pipe in the pool house that could be repaired at low cost
- Ms. Reyer acknowledged Mr. Peart and the Public Works Department who were at the City every day during the freeze, Chief Dunlap, Lieutenant Reuvers and the patrol officers for maintaining regular police operations, the Building Official and the Fire Marshal for assisting contractors making repairs to businesses, Administrative staff for returning calls and managing utility billing, the Communications Manager for sending continuous updates to residents, to Council for working with residents to answer their questions, and to the Mayor for his calls to Entergy for information and for demonstrating true leadership skills

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Councilmember McLeod thanked staff for their work during the freeze and acknowledged the residents for taking care of each other.

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Councilmember Gristy announced that he had withdrawn his application for a place on the election ballot.

Councilmember Raymaker thanked City staff for their hard work during the freeze.

Councilmember Fletcher stated that he appreciated Councilmember Gristy for all that he's done through his time at the City. He also thanked the staff for everything they did during the freeze for residents and City businesses.

Mayor Wheeler stated that he enjoyed seeing posts on social media where residents acknowledged the efforts of the Public Works staff, where an officer located a dog that had been posted online as lost, and where residents with questions were acknowledging the efforts of the front desk staff at City Hall. He stated that he was proud to see the residents sharing their appreciation for employees of the City.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Public notice is given that the City Council may elect to go into Executive Session at any time during the meeting in order to discuss any matters listed on the Agenda when authorized by the provisions of the Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, to receive advice from legal counsel, to discuss matters of land acquisition, personnel matters or other lawful matters that are specifically related to items listed on this Agenda. Prior to any such closed session, the Mayor, in open session, will identify the agenda item to be discussed and the Section or Sections of Chapter 551 under which the closed discussion is authorized.

There being no further business, Mayor Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

ADJOURN

The Council may vote and/or act upon each of the items listed on this Agenda. One agenda item will be discussed at a time unless logic and practical consideration allow similar topics to be considered together for purposes of convenience and efficiency. The Council may retire into executive session concerning any of the items listed on this Agenda, whenever it is considered necessary and legally justified under the Open Meetings Act.

Any discussion item on the City Council agenda permits City Council to question the involved parties or

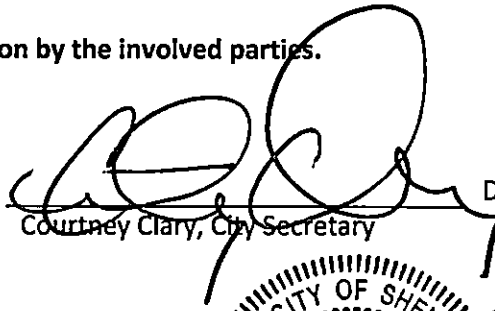
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receive a presentation by the involved parties.

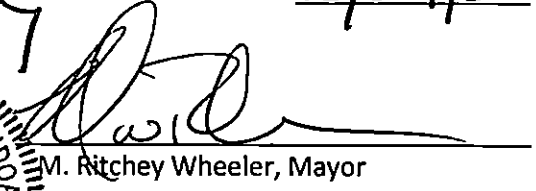
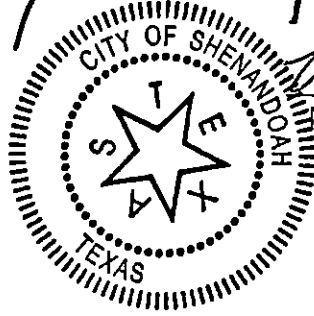
SUBMITTED BY:



Courtney Clary, City Secretary

DATE APPROVED:

03/24/2021



M. Ritchey Wheeler, Mayor