

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

April 13, 2022

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 Escoto, 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, 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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Frank Powell – To hear citizen comments, please click [HERE](#)

Ray Orsak – To hear citizen comments, please click [HERE](#)

Alex Warmath – To hear citizen comments, please click [HERE](#)

6. COUNCIL'S INQUIRY

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Mayor Wheeler stated for the record that there were no councilmembers wishing to speak.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

7. Discussion and possible action to authorize purchases from the equipment replacement fund.

COUNCILMEMBER MCLEOD MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASES FROM THE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND AS PRESENTED, COUNCILMEMBER FLETCHER SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

8. Discussion and possible action to post a position for the CVB.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADT MADE A MOTION TO POST AN OPEN POSITION FOR THE CVB, COUNCILMEMBER ESCOTO SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

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10. City Attorney Updates.

Mr. Ferebee stated that the Texas Municipal League attorneys had agreed to defend City Council and staff regarding the lawsuit filed by Frank Powell. He added that the law firm had taken over all record requests pertaining to Mr. Powell.

11. City Administrator Updates.

Ms. Reyer provided the following updates:

- The appraisal values of homes increased. In Montgomery County, the values were up 35%. Staff would work on assisting residents with appraisal value related questions.
- The City would continue working with the Woodlands Township to streamline the permitting process for residents

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- Currently 6 projects in construction, 6 projects under design, 3 projects that were shovel-ready, and 5 projects completed for the fiscal year
- The Easter event was a huge success. Thankful for the Civic Club volunteers for putting in so many hours of work on the event, and the staff participation was appreciated as well

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Councilmember Raymaker stated that inflation had not been as high as it was since 1981.

Councilmember Fletcher thanked the Civic Club volunteers for all of their hard work on the Easter event, and to Debbie Pilcher for her role with events at the City.

Councilmember Escoto stated that the Easter event was a great success, and he shared his appreciation for everyone who put the event together.

Councilmember Bradt stated that the Civic Club did an excellent job and added that volunteers were needed. He asked that interested residents reach out to find out how they can participate.

Councilmember McLeod stated that the Easter event went very well, and he too shared his appreciation for the volunteers who participated in the event and also invited residents to volunteer.

Mayor Wheeler stated that the Easter event was one of his favorite events, and he shared his appreciation for the Civic Club volunteers and staff stating that the hard work that goes into all of the City events was part of what makes Shenandoah so special.

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

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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.

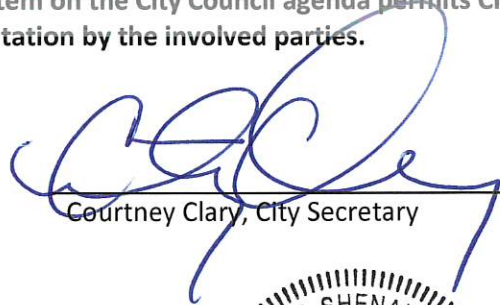
There being no further business, Mayor Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

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 receive a presentation by the involved parties.


SUBMITTED BY:


Courtney Clary, City Secretary

DATE APPROVED:






John G. Escoto, Mayor