

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

June 10, 2020

### 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 Attorney William Ferebee, Finance Director Lisa Wasner, Public Works Director Joseph Peart, Interim Police Chief Troye Dunlap, Communications Manager Debbie Pilcher, CVB Director John Mayner, and IT Manager Chris Grizzaffi were also present. Community Development Manager Jackie Thompson was available by phone.

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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Julia Hepburn – To hear citizen comments, please click [HERE](#)

Scott Golemon – To hear citizen comments, please click [HERE](#)

Vince Santini – To hear citizen comments, please click [HERE](#)

Mark Hendon – To hear citizen comments, please click [HERE](#)

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6. COUNCIL'S INQUIRY

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Mayor Wheeler stated that there would be an Independence Celebration held at the City Park on July 4, 2020 and that he was excited to celebrate the Country.

Councilmember Raymaker stated that some fill dirt from a drainage project to Holly Hill which will hopefully help with mosquitos.

**INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:**

7. Presentation to scholarship recipients.

To view the presentation, please click [HERE](#)

Kacie Bevers presented scholarships to award winners Ansh Mittra and Abby Lee.

8. Discussion and possible action regarding Halloween Safe Streets and National Night Out.

COUNCILMEMBER FLETCHER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR HALLOWEEN SAFE STREETS AND NATIONAL NIGHT OUT FOR 2020 AND 2021, COUNCILMEMBER BRADT SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

9. Discussion and possible action to amend the permit fee schedule.

COUNCILMEMBER FLETCHER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDED PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE, COUNCILMEMBER GRISTY SECONDED.

COUNCILMEMBER FLETCHER AMENDED HIS MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESIDENTIAL FEE SCHEDULE WITH THE CONDITION OF ELIMINATING PERMIT FEES FOR HOMEOWNER

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IMPROVEMENT OF PROPERTIES, COUNCILMEMBER GRISTY SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 4/1 WITH COUNCILMEMBER BRADT AS THE OPPOSING VOTE.

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

11. City Administrator Updates – Monthly Reports.

Ms. Reyer presented the following updates:

- Vision Park drainage project was completed with only a few minor items left
- The interior of the water tower was almost complete, and staff would be able to put back in service while the remainder of the tower was painted
- Entergy project underway and the underground trunk line was being installed on Wellman
- Several vitamin shoppes broken into in surrounding areas and SPD was aware and watching the retail location in Portofino shopping center
- Registration available online for the blood drive to be held at City Hall on June 18, 2020 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

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Councilmember McLeod stated that the disaster declaration would expire within a few days and stated that he looked forward to Shenandoah moving forward.

Councilmember Gristy stated that the Toddler Park lights were a nice addition and looked great.

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Councilmember Fletcher stated that the Independence Celebration was scheduled for Saturday, July 4, 2020, and he encouraged residents to attend. Councilmember Fletcher also thanked the staff for all that they have done during the COVID-19 pandemic and for the sacrifices that were made and for their hard work. Councilmember Fletcher also shared that he was proud of the Shenandoah Police department and stated that he stood behind the officers and appreciated the sacrifices officers make every time they put on their uniform.

Councilmember Raymaker asked if the ad campaign had kicked off and Ms. Reyer stated that it had and that patrons were back in the restaurants. Councilmember Raymaker also thanked John Bleyl and Kathie Reyer for their donations to the Shenandoah Scholarship fund. He ended by stating that the Courier had printed an article that was deceptive in nature regarding tuition reimbursement and that the headline was misleading, and that tuition reimbursement is a budgeted item. He asked that residents always question these types of articles and fact check.

Mayor Wheeler stated that he was looking forward to the Independence Celebration and shared that he was thankful for the Civic Club, staff and Councilmembers that worked to put the event together. Mayor Wheeler added that he was invested in the City and was proud of how well everyone works together and comes together for City events, and stated that he was looking forward to getting together with the residents on July 4, 2020.

#### 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.*

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Mayor Wheeler stated for the record that Council would move into executive session at 8:52 p.m.

Executive Session -- According to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code as follows:

- i) Government Code § 551.071. Pending Litigation;
    - Harold Denton
  - ii) Government Code § 551.072. Deliberation Regarding Real Property;
    - David Memorial Drive
  - iii) Government Code § 551.074. Personnel Matters;
    - City Administrator Evaluation
- a) . Consideration and if determined appropriate, take action resulting from the item(s) listed under Executive Session.

Mayor Wheeler reconvened the regular meeting at 9:26 p.m. and stated for the record that no action was taken in executive session.

COUNCILMEMBER BRADT MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE CITY ADMINISTRATOR KATHIE REYER TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY FROM HAROLD DENTON ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, COUNCILMEMBER RAYMAKER SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

There being no further business, Mayor Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 9:27 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.**

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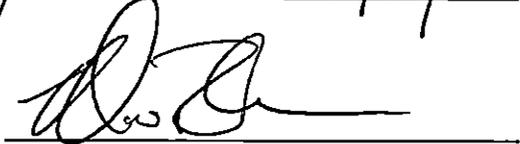
SUBMITTED BY:

  
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Courtney Clary, City Secretary

DATE APPROVED:

08/12/2020



  
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M. Ritchey Wheeler, Mayor