TOWN OF BOWLING GREEN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Thursday, May 02, 2019 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM ESTABLISHED:

The Mayor opened the meeting and noted a quorum was present.

PRESENT

Mayor Jason Satterwhite

Vice-Mayor Glenn McDearmon

Council Member Valarie Coyle

Council Member Jean Davis

Council Member Mark Gaines

Council Member Tammie Gaines

Council Member Deborah Howard

Council Member Otis Wright

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

FY 2019 - 2020 Budget and Tax Rate – The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at at 7:01 p.m. The Town Manager presented an outline of his proposed budget. The Mayor called for comments from the public.

<u>Bonnie Cannon, 123 S. Main Street</u> - Ms. Cannon asked that Council consider cutting expenses rather than raising water rates.

<u>Barbara Allen, 201 Travis Street</u> - Ms. Allen questioned staff salaries and the conversion of the Events Coordinator position from contractor to employee. She stated that she was opposed to a 50% increase in Town Council Salaries and commented that if Council were to be given health insurance benefits it may lead to the possibility of part-time employees also receiving health insurance benefits. Ms. Allen asked that Council consider exploring areas for new water connections in lieu of raising water rates.

The Mayor called for additional comments. Hearing none, he closed the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m. He reminded the public that Council would vote on the budget and tax rate at its June meeting.

DELEGATIONS:

White Street One Way Proposal - proposal to convert White Street to a one-way street in an effort to deter cut through traffic from E. Broaddus Ave to S. Main Street via Maury Ave.

<u>David Beale</u>, <u>VDOT</u> - Mr. Beale spoke on the matter.

Council agreed that a public hearing should be held to solicit the public's opinion on converting White Street to one way and directed staff to advertise the public hearing. Staff was also directed to draft a memo to Mr. Beale to discuss crosswalks, the striping on E. Broaddus Ave., additional fines for speeding, and handicap ramps.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

<u>Ann-Marie Jiles, 260 Roper Dr.</u> - Ms. Jiles thanked the Mayor for the manner in which he handles public comments. She stated that she appreciated staff addressing her concerns over the obstructed sidewalks.

<u>Bonnie Cannon, 123 S. Main St.</u> - Ms. Cannon commented on speed enforcement on Main Street, cleaning of the streets, number of Town employees, and trash pick-up. She asked the cost and reasoning for the Town's sponsorship of an event at Meadow Event Park.

The Mayor explained that the sponsorship was secured at a discounted rate and was to advertise for the upcoming Bowling on the Green Wine Festival.

STAFF REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS:

The following staff reports were noted:

Bowling Green Police Department Council Monthly Report April 2019

Public Works and Utilities Council Monthly Report for April 2019

Event Coordinator Council Monthly Report for April 2019

Town Clerk/Treasurer's Monthly Report to Council April 2019

Town Manager's Monthly Report to Council for April 2019

CONSENT AGENDA:

The following items were presented on the Consent Agenda:

March 2019 Bills (Attached)

April 2019 Bills (Attached)

Town Council Meeting Minutes April 4, 2019

Re-appointment of Planning Commission Members - Planning Commissioners Valarie Coyle and Arthur Wholey were re-appointed to the Planning Commission with terms expiring July 1, 2023.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor McDearmon, Seconded by Council Member Wright to approve Consent Agenda as presented. Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor McDearmon, Council Member Coyle, Council Member Davis, Council Member M. Gaines, Council Member T. Gaines, Council Member Howard, Council Member Wright. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tax and Utility Rate Ad for FY2019-2020 - Ordinance O-2019-002 to set Tax and Utility rates for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

Motion made by Council Member Gaines, Seconded by Council Member Howard to adopt Ordinance O-2019-002 setting the Tax and Utility rates for fiscal year July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020.

Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor McDearmon, Council Member Coyle, Council Member Davis, Council Member M. Gaines, Council Member T. Gaines, Council Member Howard, Council Member Wright. Motion passed.

O-2019-003 Ordinance on Commercial Water Rates - Proposed ordinance would change the manner in which commercial buildings sharing one restroom facility are billed. The Town Manger asked for authorization to advertise for a Public Hearing on the matter.

Motion made by Council Member Howard, Seconded by Council Member Davis to authorize the Town Manger to publish a notice of Public Hearing on this matter.

Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor McDearmon, Council Member Coyle, Council Member Davis, Council Member M. Gaines, Council Member T. Gaines, Council Member Howard, Council Member Wright. Motion passed.

EDA Member Application - An application template was presented for approval.

Motion made by Council Member M. Gaines, Seconded by Council Member T. Gaines to adopt the proposed application.

Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor McDearmon, Council Member Coyle, Council Member Davis, Council Member M. Gaines, Council Member T. Gaines, Council Member Howard, Council Member Wright. Motion passed.

REPORT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES/MEMBER COMMENTS:

<u>Council member T. Gaines</u> - stated that a facilities committee meeting was scheduled for May 28th and reminded that it was open to the public as are all committee meetings. She stated that she would like to see Council adopt a code of conduct by which members would abide.

<u>Council member Howard</u> - stated that the ordinance committee discussed how taxidermy fits into the current zoning ordinance.

<u>Council member Davis</u> - stated that she had attended the Hero's Banquet and that it was a very nice event.

Vice Mayor McDearmon - Asked if random drug testing of staff was required per Town Code.

Council member Wright - had no comment.

Council member Coyle - stated the Planning Commission was reviewing the Comprehensive Plan.

<u>Council Member M. Gaines</u> - stated that the Main Street Business owners' group had been working on with the Main Street Affiliate program and had applied for a grant to fund the incorporation of the Main Street Business owners to become an affiliate member of the Main Street Program.

<u>Mayor Satterwhite</u> - stated that he had received positive feedback from the public on the new Council meeting set up and has decided to continue with the arrangement.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

The following informational items were presented and discussed:

Little Free Library

Business Appreciation Reception

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Council Member M. Gaines, Seconded by Council Member Howard, to adjourn the meeting. Voting Yea: Vice-Mayor McDearmon, Council Member Coyle, Council Member Davis, Council Member M. Gaines, Council T. Member Gaines, Council Member Howard, Council Member Wright.

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