

1996

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 2, 2019

6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and Council met for a called meeting.

Those Present:	John Howard	Mayor
	Wayne Adcock	Vice-Mayor
	Lee Malcom	Council Member
	Myoshia Crawford	Council Member
	Larry Bradley	Council Member
	Norman Garrett	Council Member
	Nathan Little	Council Member
	David Dickinson	Council Member
	Logan Propes	City Administrator
	Debbie Kirk	City Clerk
	Jesse Couch	City Attorney

Absent:	Ross Bradley	Council Member
---------	--------------	----------------

Staff Present:	Danny Smith, Jeremiah Still, Sam Treadwell, Jimmy White, Beth Thompson, Rodney Middlebrooks, Brian Thompson, Darrell Stone, Patrick Kelley, Chris Bailey, Beverly Harrison
----------------	--

Visitors:	Andrew Kenneson, Les Russell, Arus Kinney, Lucas Kinney, Lawrence Quammen
-----------	---

I. CALL TO ORDER – JOHN HOWARD

1. Roll Call

Mayor Howard noted that Council Member Ross Bradley was absent. There was a quorum.

2. City Administrator Update

City Administrator Logan Propes stated the April Clean-up Campaign is getting kicked off Citywide. It will be broadened to last for the entire month of April instead of a week. Dumpsters will be placed in various locations around the City. There will be dumpsters located at Mathews Park, Peters Street, West Marable Street at the water tower, the area of Booth Drive and Oak Street at the old Carver School, Magnolia Street and Mears Street in front of the old Legion, 1101 South Madison across from the Quick Pick Food Mart, Towler Street at EC Kidd Park, Walker Drive at the service entrance near the creek, Childers Park in the parking lot near the library, and Hammond Park. He explained he had a ride-around with the Georgia Department of Transportation District Engineer to view the current projects and many of the future needs for the City. The Service Delivery Strategy is getting close to being a draft document that can be circulated to Council. This was discussed in more detail at the Walton County Municipal Association meeting last Thursday; there are a few more background documents for the City Managers to get in order. He stated they hope for the adoption by June, because the deadline is June 30.

Mayor Howard reminded everyone that April 27 is Community Clean-up Day, and he has requested for all of the Churches to get involved.

3. Central Services Update

Mr. Chris Bailey stated the Drive-thru and Police Department roof supplies have been ordered and shipments should start arriving soon. The bids will be in this week for the old City Hall building, the Public Works building, and the Art Guild. The Energy Newsletter is almost complete, and they are working on a Government 101 Newsletter. It will be sent to all of the City employees to help everyone understand daily operations and processes. The planters should be in place within the next week and a half, and the DDA has approved them to be replanted. Hopefully, they will be done by May 1.

II. COMMITTEE INFORMATION

1. Finance

a. Monthly Finance Report

Ms. Beth Thompson presented the monthly Finance Report. She stated utilization should be at 17% as of February and all departments have been at or around that, so they are staying within budget. She has started meeting with the departments concerning their quarterly budgets and access to the In-Code Express software system. Ms. Thompsons explained they are waiting on

final numbers from the auditors. She has started working on the CAFR, which she hopes to bring to Council in May or June.

2. Airport

a. Monthly Airport Report

Mr. Chris Bailey presented the monthly Airport Report. He stated the East Apron is open. The only thing remaining is a gutter at the end to stop the erosion running off the pavement which was installed. The West Apron needs additional excavation, which may happen at the end of May. He discussed the Georgia Department of Transportation Inspection Report from February 15. There were a few tree issues, a couple of grading issues, a storm drain cover needs to be lowered, and some markings that have faded. He explained the markings are going to be pressure washed next week.

3. Public Works

a. Monthly Solid Waste Report

Mr. Danny Smith presented the monthly Solid Waste Report. The Friday schedule will be extended again this month; the Transfer Station will stay open until 5:00 pm for the month of April. The hours will then be analyzed at the end of the month. He will be contacting vendors to discuss the repair of the concrete tipping floor. He explained the Citywide Clean-up dumpsters will have signs regarding the items which will be accepted.

b. Monthly Streets & Transportation Report

Mr. Jeremiah Still presented the monthly Streets & Transportation Report. He stated they have been putting out some new signs. The crews have been finishing up some sidewalk projects, utility cuts, and patching with hot mix. The right-of-way crews are mowing, picking up trash, and wrapping up leaf collection.

4. Utilities

a. Monthly Electric & Telecom Report

Mr. Brian Thompson presented the monthly Electric & Telecom Report. He explained the trees have been delivered for the North Broad Street Project, and the tree gators will be installed over the next few days. Construction has started on the 2nd Street Project, which will loop the power behind the Mill. He stated the poles have been set, and they will string the wire next week. MEAG has installed the new concrete poles on Spring Street, and the distribution design is being finalized to move the City's pole in line with the new poles. The new meter testing equipment is in service and has reduced the residential meter testing time from a week to three and a half minutes. The small commercial meter testing has been reduced from 30-minutes to five minutes. Mr. Thompson explained the telecom conduit was installed along with the power at Stone Creek. The PON Equipment has been installed and tested at the Water Tower; they are splicing the fibers to make that connection.

b. Monthly Water, Sewer, Gas, & Stormwater Report

Mr. Rodney Middlebrooks presented the monthly Water, Sewer, Gas, & Stormwater Report. He stated the gas lights at City Hall are finished, and the lanterns have been hung on the front of the building. The Ash Street gas main replacement has been completed. The interior and exterior renovation of the Norris Street Water Tank will start next Tuesday, so the tank will be out of commission for about three weeks. He explained there may be a small drop in pressure, but it should not be that noticeable. The air compressors were the only CIP purchase, with a budgeted amount of \$54,000.00. They were able to purchase used air compressors from United Rental for \$30,000.00. He stated they have moved into the new offices at the Water Treatment Plant, and started operations there yesterday.

5. Public Safety

a. Monthly Fire Report

Fire Captain Jimmy White presented the monthly Fire Report. He stated Chief Owens and the other Senior Fire Officers are attending the Georgia Fire Chief's Conference this week. The Recruit Class is in progress and going well. He explained hydrant testing will begin in April and will be coordinated with the Water Department. Testing announcement dates will be made through local media and social media outlets.

b. Monthly Police Report

Police Captain Sam Treadwell presented the monthly Police Report. He stated they provided security for the Chocolate Walk and Carriage Rides. Lieutenant Brent Davis participated in Dancing with the Stars. They have implemented the Downtown Foot Beat, which has Officers walking downtown meeting the business owners.

1998

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 2, 2019

6:00 P.M.

Council and staff discussed the right-turn only from McDaniel Street onto South Broad Street and the new speed limit on South Broad Street. The 25 miles per hour speed limit was posted last week by the Georgia Department of Transportation for South Broad Street.

6. Planning & Code

a. Monthly Code Report

Mr. Patrick Kelley presented the monthly Code Report. He stated Murphy Oil, the gas station in front of Walmart, has shut down and will be completely rebuilt into a convenience store with additional pumps. Silver Queen has their plans finalized for some revisions; they are getting started with their footings and sub-walls. The Main Street Apartment Complex is underway, and South on Broad is moving along.

7. Economic Development

a. Monthly Economic Development Report

City Administrator Logan Propes presented the monthly Economic Development Report. He stated the New Marketing Brochure from Nextsite has been updated. The City of Monroe was asked to participate on a panel for the Georgia Planning Association Spring Conference in Decatur on March 27 regarding housing efforts through the GICH Program. The Events Mailers have been updated for 2019. He stated the Dock Dogs and Paws in the Park events will be on April 13 and 14. This will also be the debut event for the Town Green.

8. Parks

a. Monthly Parks Report

Council Member Myoshia Crawford stated the Parks Committee does not have anything to report this month, but there will be information to report in June.

III. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

1. **Rezone – 1600 East Church Street** (Darrell Stone informed the Council that the applicant had withdrawn his request for rezoning.)
2. **Appointment – Library Board**
3. **Appointment – Historic Preservation Commission**
4. **2nd Reading – Speed Zone Ordinance Amendment**

There was a general discussion on the above items. There was no action taken.

IV. ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION

1. 1st Reading – Zoning Ordinance Code Text Amendment #7

Mr. Darrell Stone thanked Council for all their time during the Planning Retreat and the Special Work Committee. He also thanked Patrick Kelley and Logan Propes for all their insight; the project has been a team effort. He explained an Infill Overlay District (IOD) has been created, which is applicable to R1, R1A, R2, and MH. Also, Section 610 used to be R3 will now be coded as MH to be congruent with the Zoning Map. Mr. Stone discussed in detail the intent and purpose; applicability; lot dimension requirements, design specifications; roads and streets connectivity; and single, two-family, and multi-family dwellings for the IOD. He also discussed the Corridor Design Overlay District (CDO) and other modifications to the R1, R1A, R2, and MH Zonings. Mr. Stone highlighted the major impacts and explained the goal is to incentivize quality housing for everyone.

Council and staff discussed the Infill Overlay District, the Corridor Design Overlay District, and the R1A Moratorium which is expiring later this month.

City Administrator Logan Propes explained that the Infill Overlay District can be applied to certain qualifying properties, if the applicant applies for it.

City Attorney Jesse Couch presented the first reading of the ordinance.

V. ADJOURN

*Motion by Malcom, seconded by Crawford.
Passed Unanimously.*


MAYOR


CITY CLERK