

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman on July 11, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Alderman Present: John Clough
Kelly Coleman
Rex Dale
Ken Dodson
David Langford

Alderman Absent: Chris Speck

Mayor Curtis Hayes called the meeting to order.

Rex Dale made the motion to accept the minutes as handed out. John Clough seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Kelly Coleman made the motion to add the following items to the agenda: Time for public to speak, Term Limit referendum and agenda policy. John Clough seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Mayor Hayes stated that per property owners request the second reading on Ordinance 2022-6-1(Rezoning) is postponed at this time.

Amanda Mainord of Grassroots Planning and Consulting informed the Board that the city had been awarded a \$500,000 Home Grant. There will be a public hearing on this grant to start the application process.

Mayor Hayes presented Resolution 2022-7-1 (A resolution to adopt formal policies and procedures for the THDA home grant project).

David Langford made the motion to pass Resolution 2022-7-1. Ken Dodson seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Arno Proctor addressed the Board about his concerns on the problems at the police department. He felt that there was lack of oversight, some Board should have recused themselves when voting on the issue of the Police Chief's suspension because of their close friendship with the police chief.

Kelly Coleman made the motion to table item #3 (fireworks). Ken Dodson seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Mayor Hayes stated that Greg Etheredge had resigned as police chief and that he had appointed Ray Smith as interim police chief.

Interim Police Chief Ray Smith informed the Board that he had contacted the DA about the evidence room and an agent from the DA's office will be joining them at the police department this week.

Alderman Coleman read a statement on his feelings on the situation concerning the police department evidence room and the police officers that were resigning. He also had concerns about the statement in the report concerning "borrowed cash". This needs to be clarified as to what was borrowed. He ask City Attorney John Meadows to contact the Comptroller's Office or DA about this matter. He stated that he feels the Board of Alderman and Mayor share some of the blame because of the total lack of oversight.

Alderman Coleman stated that he did not think that Greg Etheredge took the missing money. He knows that Greg is a good man and has a passion to help people. He thanked Greg for his years of service and his dedication to our town.

Rex Dale made the motion to donate lights that the city cannot use to the Rickman Recreational League. Kelly Coleman seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Alderman Coleman requested that term limits be added to the August agenda.

The Board discussed agenda policy.

Kelly Coleman made the motion to have a policy and procedure developed for placing items on the agenda. John Clough seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Ken Dodson made the motion to adjourn. David Langford seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Mayor

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