

November 9th, 2021

Mayor Samantha Rector	P
Commissioner Ronnie Lancaster	P
Commissioner Matt Stone	P
Commissioner Cheryl Kellermann	P
Commissioner Allison Buchanan	P

The Board of Mayor and City Commissioners met in a regularly City Meeting on November 9th, 2021.

A **Motion** was made Commissioner Kellermann, **seconded** by Commissioner Stone, to **approve the minutes of the meetings on October 12th, 2021**. Roll call vote: Commissioner Kellermann, yes; Commissioner Buchanan, yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Vice Mayor Lancaster, yes; Mayor Rector, yes. Five voted ayes.

Comments from Mayor:

Mayor Rector extended a “**Thank you**” to the Public works crew, City Administrator and all volunteers who helped with Trunk or Treat, Concert on Nov 6 and the American Countess docking on Nov 7th, 2021.

After a recommendation from Chief Jordan, Mayor Rector advised that the Sunshine provision that was made to allow Chickens at residences for therapeutic reasons will be removed. This was a 6-month trial basis to see how this would work and it is not working out. The City will return to the original City Ordinance allowing no Chickens within the City limits.

Comments from Vice Mayor Lancaster:

n/a

Comments from Commissioner Kellermann:

N/A

Comments from Commissioner Buchanan:

Commissioner Buchanan checked on the progress of the bathrooms at Playground Paradise, City Administrator Gene Vess advised that the Toilets, doors and sinks have been ordered and will be installed soon.

Commissioner Buchanan checked on the status of the Security Cameras for Playground Paradise, City Administrator Gene Vess advised that we are waiting on the WiFi box which should take up to another 3 weeks.

Commissioner Buchanan discussed the upcoming event Christmas in Burg.

Commissioner Buchanan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Stone **to close Cedar Ave between 4th and 5th Streets, for the Lighting of the Tree ceremony on December 4th, 2021.** Roll call vote: Commissioner Kellermann, yes; Commissioner Buchanan, yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Vice Mayor Lancaster, yes; Mayor Rector, yes. Five voted ayes.

Comments from Commissioner Stone:

Commissioner Stone advised that the City has been approved for a H&H study from the Army Corps of Engineers, to study Haley's Branch. This is 100% funded and will help advise next steps to control flooding issues and assist in applying for Stormwater grants.

Commissioner Stone made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kellermann to **obtain Architectural drawings for Armory Expansion.** Roll call vote: Commissioner Kellermann, yes; Commissioner Buchanan, yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Vice Mayor Lancaster, yes; Mayor Rector, yes. Five voted ayes.

City Administrator Gene Vess:

A recommendation from City Administrator Vess, a motion was made by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Buchanan, **to give City Employees \$200 Christmas Bonus.** Roll call vote: Commissioner Kellermann, yes; Commissioner Buchanan, yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Vice Mayor Lancaster, yes; Mayor Rector, yes. Five voted ayes.

Reports were given from Street Dep't, Police Dep't, Fire Dep't, MNG, Library, Building Inspector, Princess Theatre

Keith Garth- MNG advised that residents should expect a 10%-20% increase in Gas Bill.

Old Business

New Business

A motion was made by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Mayor Rector to putting out an **RFP for clearing the 3rd Street Culvert.** Roll call vote: Commissioner Kellermann, yes; Commissioner Buchanan, yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Vice Mayor Lancaster, yes; Mayor Rector, yes. Five voted ayes.

Citizens Comments

Alton Stewart advised that him and his neighbor are trying to claim put of a 10ft alleyway between their homes. Chief Jordan advised that he has spoke to Mr. Stewart on this matter and also contacted City Attorney on this matter- this is a civil case between the neighbors, the City has no say in this matter.

Paul Robinson wanted to check the status of the updates to Moore Park- Mayor advised that we have applied for a grant for Moore Park the results should be in before the end of the year.

Bill Stuart stated that the sidewalks from the state line to the High School are much needed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kellermann, seconded by Commissioner Stone to adjourn. Roll call vote: Commissioner Kellermann, yes; Commissioner Buchanan, yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Vice Mayor Lancaster, yes; Mayor Rector, yes. Five voted ayes.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Samantha Rector

Heather Pickett, City Recorder