Nov 15th, 2022

Mayor Samantha Rector P

Vice Mayor 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 Nov 15th, 2022.

A **Motion** was made Commissioner Kellermann, **seconded** by Commissioner Stone, to **approve the minutes of the meetings** October 11th, 2022 and October 17th, 2022. 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 Rector:**

Congratulations to Dale Woodfin with Arts in the Burg for receiving a Innovation Award from Southeast TN Development.

**Comments from Vice Mayor Lancaster:**

N/A

**Comments from Commissioner Kellermann:**

Commissioner Kellermann asked the progress of getting Colburntown Rd repaired- the quote from Marion County Highway Department for Tar and Chip is $132,000.

**Comments from Commissioner Buchanan:**

Commissioner Buchanan advised that December 3rd will be the Miracle on Cedar Ave Market 5:00 pm and the Christmas Tree Lighting at 7:00 pm.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Rector, **Seconded** by Commissioner Kellermann to **Close Cedar Ave between 4th and 5th Streets December 3rd, 2022, 3:00- 9:00 pm.** Roll call vote: Commissioner Kellermann, yes; Commissioner Buchanan, Yes; Commissioner Stone, yes; Vice Mayor Lancaster, yes; Mayor Rector, yes. Five voted ayes.

Commissioner Buchanan advised the next meeting for the 150th Anniversary Celebration meeting will be Jan. 9th, 2023 at the Senior Citizens Activity Building.

**Comments from Commissioner Stone:**

Commissioner Matt Stone advised the he would like a Workshop to revisit the Bike Path/ Sidewalk for South end of South Pittsburg and to discuss employee pay rates.

**City Administrator Gene Vess:**

A **motion** was made by Vice Mayor Lancaster, **seconded** by Commissioner Stone to **give employees $400 Christmas Bonus**. Roll call vote: Commissioner Kellermann, yes; Commissioner Buchanan, Yes; Commissioner Stone, yes; Vice Mayor Lancaster, yes; Mayor Rector, yes. Five voted ayes.

**A Thank you was given to Vice Mayor Lancaster for all his years of service to the City of South Pittsburg.**

**Reports were given from Street Dep’t, Fire Dept, Police Dep’t, Library, Building Inspector, and Parks and Rec.**

Police Dept

A **motion** was made by Mayor Rector, **seconded** by Commissioner Kellermann to **approve Justin Ruth’s resignation as a full-time officer and move to Part Time, also to hire Kyle Ragan as a full-time police officer**. Roll call vote: Commissioner Kellermann, yes; Commissioner Buchanan, Yes; Commissioner Stone, yes; Vice Mayor Lancaster, yes; Mayor Rector, yes. Five voted ayes.

Old Business

n/a

New Business

**n/a**

**Citizens Comments**

**Citizen Hank Lee from Colburntown addressed the board on issues of Colburntown Rd., he advised that it has been annexed for 63 years, City has failed them for the lack of infrastructure, no fire hydrants, no school bus turn arounds and violation of oath. Roads need to be widened; the waterlines need to be repaired. He advised to the board that this would be his last address to the Board of Mayor and Commissioners, he will start filing Class action lawsuits January 4th, 2023.**

**Carolyn Millhiser recognized Vice Mayor Lancaster for his years of Service to the City of South Pittsburg as Police Officer, Police Chief, Commissioner and Vice Mayor.**

**Kerri Brewer addressed the Board concerning the RFP for Princess Management. She advised that she did submit a proposal along with 2 others that were all rejected. Since then, the city has offered to enter a contract with a group that has been offered $5000 a month for the 1st 3 months, which is 1/3 of the Budget. Kerri advised that this has not been completed, the Board is losing creditability. Needing action from the Board, has events that are only 3-4 months away.**

**Pastor of Calvary Baptist church addressed the Board concerning Dogs at large, he advised the City desperately needs a Dog catcher.**

**A motion was made by Mayor Rector, seconded by Commissioner Stone to adjourn the meeting.**  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