
City Council Meeting December 6, 2022

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, December 6, 2022, 06:00 PM

Members Present:

Mayor Mike Fuesser
Mayor Pro Tem Ed Brown
Councilmember Matthew Hickey
Councilmember Marion Ramsey

Councilmember Stephanie Jarrett
Councilmember Charles Brewer
Councilmember Kellie Harrold

Staff Present:

Interim City Manager Barbara Denny
Municipal Clerk Amy Craig
Fire Chief Mike Regal
Captain Gary Messer

Others Present:

(See Sign-in Sheet)

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mike Fuesser

- Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

2. PRAYER

Mayor Pro Tem Ed Brown

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Mike Fuesser

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1. SERVICE AWARDS

Interim City Manager Barbara Denny presented employees with extensive years of service to the City of York and the community with certificates, pins, and crystal plaques. The employees that have served five years are Stephanie Brakefield (York Police Department), Robert Hoffman (Public Works), Matthew Earls (York Police Department), Thomas Dunham (York Police Department), Kristi Ramsey (York Fire Department), and Tyler Williams (York Police Department). The employees that have served fifteen years are Dale Edwards and Jimar Gwinn, both with York Police Department. One employee, Alisa Lundy, was recognized for serving twenty-five years with York Police Department.

4.2. TENNIS COURTS

Jim Bradford, on behalf of Friends of York County, presented a proposal for resurfacing six high school tennis courts. He urged Council to consider joining forces with York School District One to apply for matching grants from USTA. He stated that York School District One does not have funds allocated in this year's budget to repair or resurface the tennis courts. Mr. Bradford stated that he is aware Council may be concerned about making improvements on property owned by the school district, but similar arrangements are going on throughout York County.

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5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

5.1. Ordinance 22-685, Septic Discharge Fees

No public comments were made

6. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public comments were made

7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

7.1. City Hires New City Manager

The City of York has hired a new City Manager, Dalton Pierce, who begins his tenure on January 3, 2023. Currently, he serves as the Town Manager of Blacksburg. Mr. Pierce has led and implemented a Strategic Operations Plan, comprehensive land-use plan, zoning ordinance updates, and infrastructure assessment and evaluation, in addition to various capital improvement project programs. The City of York looks forward to welcoming Mr. Pierce in January.

7.2. Paymentus Changes

Interim City Manager Barbara Denny reported that since early 2022, the City's utilities billing software, Harris Software, was no longer in a relationship with Paymentus, the City's online bill pay processor. With this change, the City transitioned to Clover Connect for online bill pay. The customer experience has been relatively smooth, but the back-end issues have been challenging, plus the fees have increased. Ed Harris renegotiated their agreement with Paymentus so that the City will be transitioning back to Harris Software. This transition will save the City approximately \$4,800 in annual fees. In addition, the transition will allow an increase in customer transaction limits without increasing the customer's transaction fees. Interim City Manager clarified that residents that choose to pay through autopay are not affected by changes with Paymentus, and the web portal will remain the same.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

8.1. Council Meeting, November 1, 2022, Special Called Meeting, November 3, 2022, and Special Called Meeting, November 15, 2022.

Councilmember Ramsey made a Motion to accept the Minutes from last month into the record, which was Seconded by Councilmember Hickey. With No Discussion, the Motion passed unanimously.

9. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Director Barbara Denny discussed the finances for the end of October. There is nothing to report due to this being the first month of the Fiscal Year. She stated that she is preparing for the audit, so Accruals will be added to the last Fiscal Year for Revenues Received, and the Reversals will be seen in the month of October 2022.

10. OLD BUSINESS:

10.1 Ordinances:

- First Reading, Ordinance 22-684, Rezoning Creekside PUD

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No action was taken due to the petition for rezoning being withdrawn

- Second Reading, Ordinance 22-685, Septic Tank Discharge Fees
Councilmember Hickey made a Motion to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 22-685 to change Septic Tank Discharge Fees to \$55/1000 gallons, which was Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. In the Discussion, Councilmember Ramsey wanted to clarify that the amount was \$25/1000 gallons. With no other Discussion, the Motion was adopted unanimously.
- Derelict Structures – 5 and 9 Springdale Drive
Mayor Fuesser explained that Mr. Foster had 60 days to repair or demolish the derelict structures at 5 and 9 Springdale Drive, or the City would take action to demolish them. Mayor Fuesser gave a synopsis of the last meetings, dating back to October 2021, regarding these two properties. Councilmember Hickey made a Motion to take action to start the bid for demolishing the two properties. Councilmember Jarrett Seconded the Motion. In Discussion, Council stated that the time given to Mr. Foster had been more than fair. Also, a question was brought up whether Mr. Foster had made an attempt or submitted anything since October 2022. Interim City Manager Denny clarified to Council that nothing had been submitted since October, when Mr. Foster was given 60 days. With no other Discussion, the Motion was adopted unanimously.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1. Bids & Solicitations:

- York Fire Station Study
Councilmember Hickey made a Motion to approve Beacon GIS to conduct the Fire Station Study in the amount of \$9,735, which was Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. In the Discussion, Councilmembers discussed the price differences in the bids. Fire Chief Regal stated that travel expenses from other states created substantial cost differences in the bids. With no other Discussion, the Motion was approved unanimously.
- Storm Drain Repairs
Councilmember Jarrett made a Motion to approve RNF Construction, LLC, for the storm drain repairs on Ole Eastpoint Drive for \$19,710, which was Seconded by Councilmember Hickey. In Discussion, Council discussed that the Ole Eastpoint Drive area belongs to the City, and the C-Funds would cover the expenses and hopefully be paid by the spring or summer. With no other Discussion, the Motion was approved unanimously.

11.2. Event Applications:

- Annual Martin Luther King Parade, Western York County NAACP
The Martin Luther King Parade 2023 will be on January 14, 2023, at 1:00 pm, beginning at the corner of Madison Street and Congress Street to the York One Academy on Congress Street. And the H-Tax grant awarded will be used for the costs. This MLK parade is the longest-running in the state.
Councilmember Hickey made a Motion to approve the Annual Martin Luther King Parade, which was Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. In the Discussion, a line item on the application was questioned about electricity being needed. It was confirmed that the Masonic Lodge provided electricity. With no other Discussion, the Motion was adopted unanimously.

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12. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Fuessler reminded everyone of the City of York's annual Christmas Parade on Friday, December 9, 2022, at 6 pm. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

13.1 To Discuss Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Councilmember Hickey made a Motion to go into Executive Session to Discuss Appointments to Boards and Commissions, which was Seconded by Councilmember Ramsey. The Motion was adopted unanimously.

Councilmember Harrold made a motion to exit the Executive Session, which was Seconded by Councilmember Brewer. The Motion was adopted unanimously.

14. UPON RETURNING TO OPEN SESSION, COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION – APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Councilmember Hickey made a Motion to postpone the Discussion of Planning Commission appointments until the April Council Meeting, which was Seconded by Councilmember Brewer.

Councilmember Brewer made a Motion to reappoint Gene Gaulin and Gary Stewart to the Board of Architectural Review and James Caldwell to the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals, which was Seconded by Councilmember Harrold. The Motion was adopted unanimously.

15. ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tem Brown made a Motion to Adjourn, which was Seconded by Councilmember Hickey. The Motion was adopted unanimously. The meeting Adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amy Craig
Municipal Clerk