
Council Special Called August 21, 2023

DATE AND TIME: Monday, August 21, 2023, Immediately Following Council Work Session

Members Present:

Mayor Mike Fuesser
Mayor Pro Tem Ed Brown
Councilmember Marion Ramsey
Councilmember Stephanie Jarrett

Councilmember Charles Brewer
Councilmember Kellie Harrold
Councilmember Matt Hickey

Staff Present:

City Manager Dalton Pierce
Municipal Clerk Amy Craig
Finance Director Jeff Wilkins
Utilities Director Ben Wright
Assistant Fire Chief Brian Rose
Parks & Rec Director Chris White

Human Resources Director Sarah Ramirez
Community Engagement Director Becky Mestas
Planning Director David Breakfield
Public Works Director Chris Wallace
Police Chief Brian Trail

Participants:

Others Present:

(See Sign-in Sheet)

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mike Fuesser

- Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:44 pm

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 Contract Approval – Lord & Co.

Utilities Director Ben Wright stated that a Letter of Intent was sent to Lord & Company for the Water Tower/SCADA system project. The Letter of Intent is a requirement for them to be able to order the parts necessary for the project since there is a 13-16 weeks lead time on getting the parts.

Councilmember Jarrett made a Motion to approve the contract between the City of York and Lord & Company for the improvements to the water tower, which was Seconded by Councilmember Hickey. With no Discussion, the Motion was adopted unanimously.

2.2 Contract Approval – AMI

Utilities Director Ben Wright stated that a Letter of Intent was sent to AMI for the AMI meter reading system project. The Letter of Intent is a requirement for them to order the parts for infrastructure, due to the backlog of 20-22 weeks, possible more, of getting those parts. When this project is complete, only one operator is required and will allow the other employees to go back into the Utilities Department to help with stormwater inspections.

Councilmember Ramsey made a Motion to approve the contract for AMI, which was Seconded by Councilmember Jarrett. In Discussion, Council questioned if this would ever go to bid. Utilities Director Wright explained that this is the preferred vendor. With Ferguson being the City's sole source, this falls under procurement policy as an exception. Using someone else, the costs would substantially increase. Using Ferguson would be financially advantageous. With no other Discussion, the Motion was adopted unanimously.

3. SPECIAL EVENTS APPLICATIONS

3.1 Olde York Dash at Dusk

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York YMCA is holding an Olde York Dash at Du5k & Walk-a-thon on Friday, October 27, 2023, which does not conflict with any football games. The event will begin at the York YMCA and loops through town. The event will benefit the First Thursdays Club, which connects those with special needs with friends.

Councilmember Hickey made a Motion to approve the Olde York Dash at Du5k for October 27, which was Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. With no Discussion, the Motion was adopted unanimously.

3.2 Carolina Christmas Show

Yorkville Marketplace is hosting the Carolina Christmas Show in their parking lot where tents will be set up. Shopping will be available inside and outside. The event will take place November 9-12, 2023, from 10am -8pm.

Councilmember Jarrett made a Motion to approve the Carolina Christmas Show for November 9-12, which was Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. With no Discussion, the Motion was approved unanimously.

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Second Reading Ordinance 23-700 Moratorium Extension

City Manager Dalton Pierce stated that the Motion the Second Reading on August 1, 2023, did not pass, so Council needed to impose the pending ordinance doctrine to extend the temporary moratorium ordinance. The Moratorium Extension will carry through October 3, 2023. Councilmember Ramsey made a Motion to approve Second Reading Ordinance 23-700 Moratorium Extension, which was Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. With no Discussion, the Motion was adopted unanimously.

4.2 Proposed Organizational Changes

- A. Handbook
- B. Accrual Rates
- C. Holidays

City Manager Dalton Pierce stated that Council had received proposals that recommended changes to the employee handbook, an increase in accrual rates, and add holidays. One change that was made was the police becoming certified before a PTO payout, which gives more incentive. As of October 1, the City will be doing away with sick pay. Payouts are not built into the budget.

Councilmember Hickey made a Motion to Table for further Discussion at next Work Session, which was Seconded by Councilmember Jarrett. During Discussion, Council was concerned about employees coming back and receiving another payout, but it was clarified that with the revisions employees would have to wait an additional 5 years before another payout. With no other Discussion, the Motion was Tabled unanimously.

4.3 Ancillary Benefit Renewal

Councilmember Hickey made a Motion to approve the Ancillary Benefit Renewal as presented by Sarah Ramirez, which was Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. With no Discussion, the Motion was adopted unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

5.1 Council Meeting August 1, 2023

5.2 Council Special Called August 3, 2023

Mayor Pro Tem Brown made a Motion to approve the Minutes, which was Seconded by Councilmember Ramsey. With no Discussion, the Motion was adopted unanimously.

Councilmember Ramsey made a Motion to adjourn the Special Called meeting and enter into Executive Session, which was Seconded by Councilmember Hickey. With no Discussion, the Motion was adopted unanimously.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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6.1 Discussion of Proposed Sale or Purchase of Property

Councilmember Ramsey made a Motion to adjourn Executive Session and enter into Open Session, which was Seconded by Councilmember Hickey. With no Discussion, the Motion was adopted unanimously.

7. UPON RETURNING TO OPEN SESSION, COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

No action was taken

8. ADJOURN

Councilmember Hickey made a Motion to Adjourn, which was Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. The meeting Adjourned at 6:13pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amy Craig
Municipal Clerk