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# City Council Meeting April 2, 2024

**DATE AND TIME:** Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 6:00 PM

**Members Present:**

Mayor Mike Fuesser  
Mayor Pro Tem Ed Brown  
Councilmember Stephanie Jarrett

Councilmember Charles Brewer  
Councilmember Marion Ramsey

**Members Absent:**

Councilmember Hickey  
Councilmember Harrold

**Staff Present:**

City Manager Dalton Pierce  
Municipal Clerk Amy Craig  
Finance Director Jeff Wilkins  
Utilities Director Ben Wright  
Fire Chief Mike Regal

Human Resources Director Sarah Ramirez  
Community Events Coordinator Chloe Jones  
Planning Director David Breakfield  
Lieutenant Detective Kevin Hoffman  
Sergeant Detective Kiera Fayall

**Participants:**

**Others Present:**

(See Sign-in Sheet)

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**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. Crimestoppers YC Investigator of the Year Award**

Lieutenant Detective Kevin Hoffman presented Sergeant Detective Kiera Fayall as the award recipient for Crimestoppers York County Investigator of the Year for 2023. She was presented a plaque for this prestigious accomplishment.

**5. PUBLIC HEARING**

**5.1 Second Reading Ordinance 24-717, Amendment FY23-24 Rates & Fees**

*\*\*No public comments were made.\*\**

**5.2 Second Reading Ordinance 24-718, Highway Commercial Zoning**

*\*\*No public comments were made.\*\**

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## 6. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

*\*\*No public comments were made.\*\**

## 7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

### 7.1 Mid-Fiscal Year Highlights

City Manager Dalton Pierce provided a presentation that covered the highlights from October 2023 until now. The presentation demonstrated the various capital projects, FY23-24 Budget, LGIP accounts, departmental highlights, programs and initiatives. City Manager Pierce stated that the audit report should be completed in 45-60 days and that the new AMI system will be installed very soon and will provide more accuracy than the City's current system. Citizens can expect their water bill to increase slightly because of the accuracy of the new system.

## 8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

### 8.1. Council Meeting March 5, 2024

### 8.2 Council Work Session March 18, 2024

Councilmember Ramsey made a Motion to approve the Council Meeting Minutes from March 5<sup>th</sup> and the Council Workshop Meeting from March 18<sup>th</sup>, which was Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. With no Discussion, the Motion was approved unanimously.

## 9. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director Jeff Wilkins provided a presentation of the City's mid-year finances in regard to the revenues versus the budget. The City has already exceeded the expected property taxes for the year and is at the \$3.8million mark on those. The Business License revenues will continue to increase in April, May, and June. Department Heads have been given a deadline of May 1<sup>st</sup> to turn in their Budget requests. Currently, Parks & Rec are doing well with the baseball season and in the summer there is typically a lull. Once football season picks up in the fall, the revenues will increase again. All departments are doing well at over 50% of their mark, minus Public Works, which is at 47% of their mark. The substantial repairs for the trucks has caused the difference for their department.

## 10. OLD BUSINESS

### 10.1. ORDINANCES:

- Second Reading Ordinance 24-717, Amendment FY23-24 Rates & Fees  
Councilmember Jarrett made a Motion to approve Second Reading Ordinance 24-717, Amendment FY23-24 Rates & Fees, which was Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. With no Discussion, the Motion was adopted unanimously.
- Second Reading Ordinance 24-718, Highway Commercial Zoning  
Councilmember Jarrett made a Motion to approve Second Reading Ordinance 24-718, Highway Commercial Zoning, which was Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. With no Discussion, the Motion was adopted unanimously.

## 11. NEW BUSINESS

### 11.1 BIDS & SOLICITATIONS:

- Liberty Street Water Filtration Plant  
The City solicited bids for the demolition and remediation for the Liberty Street Water Filtration Plant, in which four bidders came forth. Staff and the engineer recommend that Wilma's Pump & Tank Co. be awarded the bid for this project and not to exceed \$350,000.

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Councilmember Brewer made a Motion to approve Wilma's Pump & Tank Co.'s bid, not to exceed the value of \$350,000, which was Seconded by Councilmember Ramsey. With no Discussion, the Motion was adopted unanimously.

## 11.2 SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATIONS:

- Kickoff to Summer Carnival  
Community Events Coordinator Chloe Jones stated that TC's Amusement, the host from last year, will host this event again. Kickoff to Summer Carnival will provide games, rides, food trailers for the community. There will be no road closures for this event. The event is to be held Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>-Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Councilmember Jarrett made a Motion to approve the Kickoff to Summer Carnival Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, which was Seconded by Councilmember Ramsey. With no Discussion, the Motion was adopted unanimously.

## 11.3 ORDINANCES:

- First Reading Ordinance 24-719, Sale of Property – McCorkle Street  
City Manager Dalton Pierce stated that the City has received a Letter of Intent from a local developer that wishes to purchase and infill the property on McCorkle Street, which consists of 14 lots. The City acquired the lots 3 years ago and has no future intent for this property. The lots have already been platted and surveyed out. The developer has agreed to install all the infrastructure within the right of way for roads, water, and sewer. After speaking with staff, City Manager Pierce stated that there will not be any rezoning requirements. The lots are currently zoned as R7.  
Councilmember Ramsey made a Motion to approve First Reading Ordinance 24-719, Sale of Property – McCorkle Street, which was Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. With no Discussion, the Motion was adopted unanimously.

## 11.4 A-TAX GRANTS:

- A-Tax Grants Funding Recommendations  
City Manager Dalton Pierce stated that the Accommodations Tax Grant Committee is responsible for handling the Accommodations Tax Grant funding allocations for all funding related to tourism. The Community Events Department has received 7 applications for the 2024 Accommodations Tax Grant program. The FY23-24 Budget allocates \$50,000 accommodations revenue for these programs. The total grant requests are \$60,367, and the committee recommends that \$44,217.16 be granted.  
Councilmember Jarrett made a Motion to approve the A-tax grants as staff has recommended, which was Seconded by Councilmember Brewer. With no Discussion, the Motion was adopted unanimously.

## 12. MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Fuesser read a Proclamation for Fair Housing Month 2024.

## 13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 13.1 Discussion of Negotiations Incident to Proposed Contractual Arrangements
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- 13.3 Discussion of Proposed Sale or Purchase of Property

Mayor Pro Tem Brown made a Motion to leave Regular Session and go into Executive Session, which was Seconded by Councilmember Ramsey. With no Discussion, the Motion was adopted unanimously.

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Councilmember Ramsey made a Motion to exit Executive Session and enter back into Regular Session, which was Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. The Motion was adopted unanimously.

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

Councilmember Jarrett made a Motion to move forward with the agreement to provide consulting services with Retail Strategies, which was Seconded by Councilmember Ramsey. With no Discussion, the Motion was adopted unanimously.

### **15. ADJOURN**

Mayor Pro Tem Brown made a Motion to Adjourn, which was Seconded by Councilmember Ramsey. With no Discussion, the Motion was adopted unanimously. The Meeting Adjourned at 7:19pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amy Craig  
Municipal Clerk