

# REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

**January 19, 2021**

PRESENT: Mayor Carswell, Council Members Anderson, Bates, Byne, Tinley, Williams (was present from item 6b thru 12), City Manager Valerie Kirkland and City Attorney Frails

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Jones

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Carswell at 6:30 p.m.
2. Council Member Bates gave the invocation.
3. Council Member Byne led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Council reviewed the following minutes:
  - a) January 4, 2021 Regular Council Meeting
  - b) January 11, 2021 Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting
  - c) January 13, 2021 Public Works Committee Meeting  
Council Member Byne made a motion to approve the minutes. Council Member Tinley seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.
5. City Manager Kirkland presented the recommendation for adjustments to City Council Meeting time and frequency. Council Member Byne made a motion to separate the recommendation into three separate parts for voting purposes. The motion was seconded by Council Member Anderson.
  - a) City Council Meeting time to be changed from 6:30pm to 6pm. Council Member Byne motioned to accept the recommendation to change the time to 6pm. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.
  - b) City Council Meeting frequency should be reduced from twice monthly to once a month due to increase in COVID-19 cases locally and in the state. Once infection rates are within a safer range, the additional meet time will resume. Council Member Byne motioned to accept the recommendation to reduce meeting frequency from two to one. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.
  - c) City Council scheduled meet dates are the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays monthly. Council to decide which Monday to continue to meet on and which one to temporarily discontinue. Council Member Tinley asked City Manager Kirkland to best be in line with city operations, which Monday would be best to hold the meetings. City Manager Kirkland suggested Council continue to hold meetings on the third Monday. Council Member Byne motioned to accept the recommendation to keep meetings on the third Monday. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.
6. City Manager Kirkland recommended that Council approve to reinstate the 80-hour allotment of Emergency Paid Sick Leave for city employees. Also, that Council approve city employees that

used available sick or vacation time to pay themselves because of COVID-19 related leave be allowed to replenish that used sick or vacation time with the new allotment of Emergency Paid Sick Leave retroactive to January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

- a) Council Member Anderson motioned to approve to reinstate the 80 hours of Emergency Paid Sick Leave for city employees. Council Member Bates seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion
  - b) Council Member Byne motioned to approve that city employees can replenish used sick or vacation pay used for COVID-19 related absence retroactively from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 from the reinstated 80 hours of Emergency Paid Sick Leave. Council Member Bates seconded the motion. The council voted unanimously in favor.
7. City Manager Kirkland recommended that Council approve the Alcoholic Beverages License application for The Lakeview Restaurant. Council Member Tinley made a motion to approve the license. Council Member Williams seconded the motion. Council Members Anderson, Bates, Tinley and Williams voted in favor. Council Member Byne voted against the recommendation.
  8. City Manager Kirkland recommended that Council approve an Emergency Sewer Line Replacement located near the intersection of 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Academy Street. City Manager Kirkland proposed that SPLOST (Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax) funds be used to finance the project. Public Works Superintendent Robert Seamans provided a detailed description as to the extent of the damage and scope of the work necessary to replace the sewer line. Council Member Tinley made a motion to approve the emergency repair work. Council Member Byne seconded the motion. The Council voted unanimously in favor.
  9. City Manager Kirkland recommended that Council approve to appoint Gilbert and Associates, Inc as the Administrator for the 2021 CDBG Grant and the firm Armentrout Matheny Thurmond, P.C. (AMT) for their Architectural/Engineering Services for the 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project. Council Member Byne motioned to approve the appointments. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously in favor.
  10. In conjunction with the Waynesboro Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Carswell discussed wanting to have an area of the new City Hall set up for tourism. The area would have various items available for purchase such as post cards, envelopes, keepsakes, etc., The recommendation will be placed on the agenda for the next City Council Meeting.
  11. Council Member Byne suggested to Council that a study be conducted of the traffic patterns for Shadrack and 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Due to the disruption of traffic flow caused by the construction being done in that area delays are occurring on a daily basis. A suitable detour or adjustment to minimize or prevent the continued delays would be ideal.
  12. Council Member Williams inquired about the Dilapidated Housing Program as to whether there was any funding left in the budget. City Manager Kirkland offered a brief update regarding changes in funding. Mayor Carswell spoke to gaining clarification on previous actions taken by

Council regarding dilapidated housing then addressing the questions on status and funding in a future meeting.

13. With no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.