

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 17, 2019

PRESENT: Mayor Carswell, Vice Mayor Lewis, Council Members Anderson, Williams, Jones, and Tinley, City Manager Coalson

ABSENT: Council Member Byne and City Attorney Dube

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Carswell at 6:30 p.m.
2. Reverend Doris Tongo gave the invocation.
3. Council Member Tinley led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Council reviewed the following minutes:
 - a. Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on June 3, 2019: Vice Mayor Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on June 3, 2019. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.
 - b. Executive Session Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on June 3, 2019: Vice Mayor Lewis made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on June 3, 2019. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.
 - c. Minutes from the Called Council Meeting on June 10, 2019: Vice Mayor Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes from the Called Council Meeting on June 10, 2019. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Council Members Tinley, Williams, Jones and Vice Mayor Lewis voted in favor of the motion. Council Member Anderson voted against the motion. The motion carried 4-1.
5. Council discussed the Downtown Beautification and Accessibility Project. The project will include installation of safety handrails and ADA accessible ramps. Council also discussed placing birddog statues downtown. The Beautification Committee will meet at a later date to discuss the birddog statues.
6. Council discussed the Formation of a Homelessness Taskforce. Mayor Carswell requested that each Council Member recommend one person from his/her ward to serve on the taskforce. The taskforce will review the issue of homelessness in Waynesboro.

7. Council discussed the supervision of the Police Department by the Police Committee (Mayor and Council). Mayor Carswell expressed his frustration regarding not being informed on whether moving the supervision of the Police Department under the Mayor and Council was legal or not. City Manager Coalson expressed that the action was legal and that Council could make an amendment to the City Code to allow the supervision change.
8. Minutes from the Public Safety Committee Meeting held on June 10, 2019 were provided to Council.
9. City Manager Coalson provided an update on the following projects:
 - Beaver Dam Project: The consultant for the project declined to provide a cost estimate for the project. The City will continue to trap and remove beavers and work on finding a long-term solution to the problem.
 - Western Bypass Truck Route Project (Utility Relocation): The project was awarded to L & L Utilities, Inc. at the last Regular Council Meeting on June 3, 2019.
 - New City Hall Building: Building plans are being finalized and the project should be ready to bid out in the next 30 days.
 - LMIG Resurfacing Project: Work is underway on Sixth and Eighth Streets. Barron Street will be added to the project also.
 - Highway 56 Widening Project: This project will include relocating water, sewer and natural gas lines and will begin in December 2019.
 - Downtown Renovation Project (Façade Improvements): This project should begin in the next two weeks.
10. At 7:20 p.m., Vice Mayor Lewis made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the hiring of a Police Chief. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.
11. At 7:45 p.m., Council Member Jones made a motion to enter back into Regular Session. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.
12. At 7:45 p.m., Vice Mayor Lewis made a motion to return to Executive Session. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.
13. At 7:52 p.m., Council Member Jones made a motion to enter back into Regular Session. Vice Mayor Lewis seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.
14. Back in Regular Session, Council Member Jones made a motion to hire Willie Burley as the Police Chief with an annual salary of \$65,000; promote Major Tommy Henderson to the position of Assistant Police Chief with an annual salary of \$60,000; and compensate Major Henderson in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the 15 weeks he served in the position of Officer-in-Charge of the Police Department. Vice Mayor Lewis seconded the motion. Council Members Jones, Anderson

and Vice Mayor Lewis voted in favor of the motion. Council Members Tinley and Williams voted against the motion. The motion carried 3-2.

15. With no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.