

CITY OF MOUNTAIN PARK
Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council
August 24, 2020
Community Building at 100 Lakeshore Drive
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER-Mayor Pro-Tem Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL-Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Murphy, Council Members Don Carlson, Linda Dixon, Lloyd Hendricks, and Carol Silver, City Attorney Brandon Bowen, and Clerk/Administrator Karen Segars.

DISPOSITION OF ABSENCES-None

FINANCIAL REPORT-presented by Segars

Ending Bank Balances as of 7/31 are:

General Fund	\$843,255.80
Enterprise Fund	\$474,332.97
Court	\$ 22,593.31
Lake Restoration Fund	\$267,754.13
SPLOST	\$ 37,101.21
TSPLOST	\$321,116.14
TOTAL	\$1,966,153.56

Performance for the month of July:

Revenues Enterprise Fund:	\$ 26,541.15
Expenses Enterprise Fund:	\$ 25,725.60
Net Income:	\$ 818.94

Revenues General Fund:	\$ 26,810.42
Expenses General Fund:	\$ 30,677.13
Net Deficit Income:	\$ (3,866.71)

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Dixon moved to waive the reading and adopt the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of July 27, 2020. 2nd by Hendricks. Approved 5-0-0.

ADOPT MEETING AGENDA

Dixon moved to adopt the agenda as presented. 2nd by Carlson. Approved 5-0-0.

MAYOR'S REPORT/COUNCIL REPORTS

Murphy announced City of Roswell wants to increase the cost of the Police, Fire, and 911 Contract from \$35,000 to \$200,000 over the next five year period which would mean \$660 more per home.

He noted Mayor Still and Segars were speaking with other entities as options to provide the service.

Murphy stated he was yelled at by a resident for a code violation and issued a plea for showing kindness to one another in light of all the negativity taking place currently.

CITY HALL REPORT

Segars reiterated ongoing meetings with other entities for police, fire and 911 services. She noted an upcoming meeting with TSPLOST engineer, as well as Cherokee County for SDS. Segars introduced Whit Engle as the new code enforcement officer. Engle stated he had issued 34 citations for a total of 47 violations. He advised he had also issued 1/3 in warnings. Engle noted 25% were for fishing and boating violations, 50% were parking violations, and 25% were nuisance violations, with about 10% both parking and nuisance violations. He advised all but one open/pending case resulted from patrol. Engle also stated some potential legislative changes would be forthcoming. Murphy asked about late night activity to which Engle stated his patrols had been limited to daylight, dusk and dawn. Dixon recommended giving a copy of the code section to people who are cited. Silver noted overnight parking near pavilion. It was noted that was not a violation currently. Deborah Bennett stated they had been cited for parking a vehicle on an area with wood chips and that many do not have paved driveways. She also stated Engle had called the police. Dixon recommended giving warnings.

PRESENTATIONS/APPEARANCES

Katherine Johnson

Silver stated the position of arborist was not currently open; however she was not super happy with the current arborist and stated she wanted to retire. Silver introduced Ms. Johnson as a Roswell High School graduate and noted Ms. Johnson had permission from her current employer to work part-time with the city. Ms. Johnson stated she was born and raised in Roswell and held a B.S. in Biology with a concentration in Botany. She noted her focus would be saving and maintaining trees.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Arborist Hire

Silver stated the city needed to hire a paid arborist. Murphy asked if the city truly needed to budget 100 hours per month. Silver recommended three days per week. Murphy inquired as to the scope of work and noted it would cost \$60,000 annually for 100 hours per month. Silver recommended amending the budget. Michelle Dasher stated the additional money Roswell wants and paying an arborist would mean an additional \$900 annually for each home. She noted trees are a renewable resource. Wanda Taylor agreed noting the importance of public safety. Dixon stated Pierson wants to retire and recommended hiring a company. Murphy stated he felt an individual would be cheaper. Bill Kolbrener recommended passing the cost to the building/individual. Dixon stated the city needed to hire a real arborist. John Dasher noted the need for public safety. Jane King asked for clarity on the issue. Engle suggested allowing the individual to hire and pay for their arborist. Murphy stated the next step was to determine how to pay for this cost.

2. Russell Rd/Mountain Park Road Intersection Improvement

Murphy noted the near misses and non-stops at this intersection. Silver reviewed a list of recommendations from Kolbrener's engineer and pointed out each action had an associated cost. Dixon stated traffic from bird land does not stop and new stop signs are needed with the intersection made narrow. She recommended the placement of turtles at the stop signs. Kolbrener also noted no defined lanes of traffic currently exist. Hendricks

asked if the money could come from TSPLOST. Segars replied negatively; however, recommended SPLOST. Taylor recommended turtles at all stops. Dixon agreed. Dee Lansche stated the stop signs were not visible. Silver stated her opposition to speed tables and thanked Kolbrener for having his engineer look at the intersection. Kolbrener stated the turtles were less than \$2 each. Silver expressed her desire to see pedestrian crosswalks. Taylor inquired if the streets were too narrow for lines and stated 25 mph was too fast.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Variance Request at 122 Cardinal Drive for Car Park Hendricks moved to grant the variance with the following conditions:

1. The property owner shall provide the city with a Certificate from Certified Engineer:

- a.) confirming structural compliance with State and County standards and
- b.) a determination of the maximum load the structure will safely hold, in the event an Emergency Vehicle had to traverse that area (42000 lbs. Minimum).

2. The Property owner shall permanently remove all vegetation located in the parking pad – which shall be defined as the area between the Timber wall(s) & the edge of the street – enabling any vehicle entering or leaving the parking pad to be clearly visible by :

- a) south-bound vehicles cresting the hill at 124 Cardinal and
- b) north-bound vehicles rounding the curve at 118 Cardinal.

3. As the height of the wall exceeds 30”, a Railing or Barrier is to be installed along the top row of timbers to prevent anyone from falling from the pad to the ground below.

4. Any Vehicle parked on the pad by owner will maintain a 36” clearance from the side of the vehicle to the edge of the Asphalt –to accommodate Pedestrian and Bicycle traffic when there is vehicular traffic is present.

5. All four conditions must be met within 60 days of this ruling, otherwise, the variance [~~is deemed to be denied~~ will be brought back before city council].

Bowen recommended amending the motion to bring the issue back to council within 60 days if the conditions are not met. Both the motion and 2nd were amended as shown in the above correction. Approved 4-1 (Dixon)-0.

John Dasher asked for a point of order regarding whether a conflict of interest existed regarding Hendricks voting on the matter. Bowen stated negatively since no money was involved and the property was not adjacent.

2. Consideration of Community Wifi Hotspot Proposal

Silver moved to extend the wifi out to the green with the posting of a sign to contact city hall for a password. 2nd by Carlson. John Dasher inquired about security measures. Silver asked for his recommendation. Dasher advised not to do it because it would get hacked. Silver withdrew the motion.

3. Consideration of Replacement of Trolley Door System on Engine Bay at Fire Department Murphy stated this item did not pass work session.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Carlson moved to adjourn. 2nd by Hendricks. Approved 5-0-0. 7:59 p.m.

Mark Murphy, Mayor Pro Tem

Karen Segars, Clerk/Administrator