

City of Mount Washington
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
March 9, 2020
Fick Hall

Mayor Armstrong called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with the following council members present Greg Gentry, Sandra Hockenbury, Daniel Dooley, Gayle Troutman and Troy Barr. Councilman Holt was absent.

Also present were City Attorney Hayden Sweat, City Administrator Dawn Hardin, City Treasurer Alice Harris, Chief Troy Pitcock, and City Engineer.

Mayor Armstrong reminded anyone wanting to speak to please sign in at the podium.

Councilwoman Hockenbury led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Armstrong asked those present to take a moment of reflection.

Judge Executive Jerry Summers stated the county will be implementing a 5% Insurance Premium Tax that will go into effect on 7/1/2020. The funds received for the tax will pay down the county's debt of \$12 Million and will do so in two years, in which the 5% county tax rate will be rescinded. He asked for support of the City Council and that there will be no adoption to assume the additional tax in each city of Bullitt County. Mayor Armstrong asked that an interlocal agreement be drafted for the purpose and expenditures of the 5% tax and the City Council can review and vote at a later date.

Minutes

Councilman Troutman made and Councilman Gentry seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting for February 24, 2020. Motion carried.

Mayor Armstrong administered the swearing in of Officer Michael Stump to Sergeant in the Mt. Washington Police Department.

Police Report

Chief Pitcock read the Police report for the month of January 2020.

Sign in Sheet

Mike Billings presented the city council with a proposed car wash building on behalf of Jim Howard with Jim's Express Car Wash. He stated Jim currently has a car wash similar to the one he is proposing in Elizabethtown, KY. He said Mr. Howard is interested in purchasing property at the corner of highway 44E and Hardy Lane for a car wash. Mr. Billings stated he has reviewed city ordinances and spoke with Lori Puchino on building materials. Mr. Billings stated that concrete block is not permitted and asked if there is a variance that can be applied for.

Mayor Armstrong stated the ordinance has been in place since 2017 and the council has not made an exception to date and said that the ordinance is in place for a reason and believes if we start making exceptions, then we will have to do so moving forward for everyone. However, Mayor Armstrong stated he can submit the plans and follow the process set forth by the ordinance and go through the proper channels on requesting/ appealing to the city council accordingly.

Jan Farly, a resident in Cornell Village Parkway asked if the city followed up with EMS on the site map where there are some addresses not pulling up. Mayor Armstrong stated he has been in contact with Kenny Hardin, Director of EMA and they are aware of the situation and are working towards making corrections at the county level. Dawn Hardin stated the Cornell Subdivision is on our local GIS Mapping System and the Secretary of State's website.

Michelle Singleton addressed the City Council regarding a large water retention basin in Twin Eagles. She stated the HOA has this retention basin mowed every other week and was wondering if there was some kind of drainage code that requires the HOA to mow it or can they plant some kind of wild flowers because it is so large. Dave Derrick City Engineer said storm water retention basins are required in every new development to control run off. Dave Derrick suggested erosion matting but can be very expensive, he said the size requirement that it needs to be for the development is large and would not recommend crushed stone because eventually it will wash away. Mrs. Singleton said she spoke with Ronnie Fick regarding a damn that was constructed that is blocking the water flow. Dave Derrick suggested that Ronnie pull the plans and see what was submitted in the plans and go from there. Mayor Armstrong said he will discuss with the Public Works Director Ronnie Fick and come by and make an observation.

Mrs. Singleton also stated they have an irrigation system for the sprinklers, and they turn on from May until October on Monday, Wednesday and Friday's for 15 minutes starting at 5:00AM. She said the most the bill has been was \$97.00, but they discovered the bill increased dramatically to \$700.00. Mrs. Singleton said she spoke with the city billing clerk, Joyce Buky and she stated the initial rate was being billed as residential instead of commercial. Mayor Armstrong also stated new smart meters were installed that provide a more accurate billing of the usage of water flowing through the meters. Dawn Hardin stated that the new metering system detects the flow of the water that goes through the meter and customers can login and monitor the usage and also set up parameters to send alerts for notifications for abnormal or high usage.

Ordinance (s)

SECOND READING – VOTE REQUIRED

Hayden Sweat read the second reading of an ordinance amending chapter 50: Water and Sewers of the Mt. Washington Code of Ordinances. Councilman Troutman made a motion to adopt and Councilman Barr seconded. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 5 to 0.

SECOND READING – VOTE REQUIRED

The city attorney read the first reading of an ordinance adopting with amendments on Alcoholic Beverage Control Ordinance. Councilman Barr made and Councilman Troutman seconded a motion to approve. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 5 to 0.

FIRST READING – SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN BARR

Hayden Sweat read a first reading of an ordinance regulating the public rights-of-way in the City of Mt. Washington.

Mayor’s Report

The Mayor said the U.S Census day in the park is April 1, 2020. He encouraged everyone to come out and participate.

The Mayor said the Corona Virus is very concerning and said he is monitoring daily.

Report from Council

Councilman Barr said the Police Department and Fire Department will be escorting the Girls Basketball team through town starting at noon.

Adjournment

Councilman Troutman made, and Councilman Barr seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:07 PM. Motion carried.

Barry Armstrong
Mayor

Elizabeth D. Hardin
City Administrator