

City of Mt. Washington
Regular Council Meeting
April 26, 2021
Fick Hall

VIA LIVESTREAM FACEBOOK

Mayor Armstrong called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with the following council members present, Greg Gentry, Sandra Hockenbury, Gayle Troutman, George Maddox, Dustin Armstrong and Troy Barr.

Also present were City Attorney Hayden Sweat, City Administrator Dawn Hardin, Major Tim Morris, City Treasurer Alice Harris, Public Works Director Ronnie Fick and Community Development Director Lori Puchino.

Hayden Sweat led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes

Armstrong made and Councilman Troutman seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting for April 12, 2021. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

City Treasurer Alice Harris read the treasurer's report for the month of March 2021.

Presentation provided by Highgates. Eric Farris provided a PowerPoint presentation for Highgates, a developer anticipating building homes on the property owned by Gwinn Hahn located on Pete Huber Lane. (Presentation attached hereto as part of the official minutes) Mayor Armstrong asked Mr. Mindel how many exits there will be in this development. Mr. Mindel stated there are expected to be 2 exits right now, one onto Hwy 44 and one on Hubbards Lane. The mayor asked how many units and apartments they were anticipating. Mr. Mindel said there will be approximately 450 and 300 lots. Councilman Maddox asked if they were going to be requesting an R3 zoning in the future. Eric Farris stated this would be a smart code. Councilman Maddox asked the size of the homes that will be built. Mr. Mindel stated there will be a variety, most will be on a 50ft lot, 40ft wide and 40ft deep, some will be 2-story and some with a walk out basement. Councilwoman Hockenbury asked what the square footage will be for these homes. Mr. Mindel said the minimum will be 1600 sq ft. Councilman Barr asked if the lots will be open to the local builders. Mr. Mindel said the developer will be open to talk with local builders. Ronnie Fick reminded everyone that the development in this particular area will also have to factor an impact fee per lot as part of the east interceptor sewer line. Eric Farris thanked the city council for the opportunity to introduce this future development.

Ordinance

First Reading Reading – Sponsored by Councilman Gentry

- A) Hayden Sweat read the first reading of a consensual request to annex 58.659 acres located at 650 Pete Huber Lane owned by Gwinn Hahn. Councilman Maddox asked if this property will be part of the development that is already inside the city limits. The mayor stated that this would be.

Mayor's Report

The mayor reported that Wendy McCutcheon submitted a letter of her resignation as the Parks and Recreation Director effective April 20, 2021.

The Mayor also reported that we received bids for the cable franchise, and Hayden Sweat said there will be an agreement provided at the next meeting for the Council's vote.

The Mayor announced that the water company will be resuming disconnection of non-payments for water usage beginning June 2021 and will offer payment plans for prior delinquencies. There will also be other resources provided to utility customers through the CDBG and information will be provided as it becomes available.

The Mayor also reported the American Relief Fund is estimated to be disbursed to the city in June 2021.

The Mayor also reported the US Census is reporting 331 Million and said there were several states that lost a seat, but Kentucky didn't lose or gain a seat. They are not reporting individual city populations at this time.

The mayor stated there was a need for executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810, for the purpose of the sale or future acquisition of real property, and litigation but asked the city council if they had anything they wanted to report.

Dave Chapman addressed the City Council regarding theft of his property and the county attorney explained to him that he should contact the Police Department. Mayor Armstrong asked him to see Major Morris after the meeting and he would be able to assist him.

Report from Council

Councilman Barr thanked Wendy McCutcheon for her service and everything she did at the Park. He congratulated the Bullitt East, Eastside Middle and Bullitt Central cheerleaders for winning Nationals.

Councilman Gentry also thanked Wendy McCutcheon for her service at the park.

Councilman Gentry also wanted to have Hayden draft an ordinance to address the fees for Food Mobile Trucks possibly a onetime permit. Hayden said he will get something drafted by the next meeting.

Councilman Gentry asked if the old T-Mart falls under the new abandoned property tax ordinance. Mayor Armstrong stated that code enforcement and our building official is involved on citing the owner and trying to get the property torn down due to hazard and safety issues.

Mayor Armstrong said he has received a couple complaints regarding the Brewery coming into town and selling alcohol. Mayor stated that if a property is zoned correctly for a business and follow the licensing requirements set forth by state ABC and our city ordinance that it is allowable.

Executive Session

Councilman Gentry made, and Councilman Barr seconded a motion to enter into executive session at 7:38 PM.

Reconvene

Councilwoman Hockenbury made, and Councilman Armstrong seconded a motion to Reconvene at 8:34 PM.

Mayor Armstrong stated he needs a motion to enter into an agreement with the Board of Education for the East Interceptor impact fee for \$95,0000. Councilman Maddox made and Councilwoman Hockenbury seconded. motion carried.

City Attorney Hayden Sweat stated the City Council met in accordance with KRS 61.810 and no further action was taken.

Adjournment

Councilman Barr made, and Councilman Troutman seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:36 PM Motion carried.

Barry Armstrong
Mayor

Elizabeth D. Hardin
City Administrator