

City of Mt. Washington
Regular Council Meeting
June 14, 2021
Fick Hall

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

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

Alice Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Armstrong asked those present to take a moment of reflection. George Maddox asked everyone to remember Councilman Troutman.

Minutes

Councilman Maddox made and Councilwoman Hockenbury seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting for May 24, 2021. Motion carried.

Police Report

Major Dan Kelty read the Police Report for the Month of May 2021.

Ordinance

Second Reading -Vote Required

Hayden Sweat read the second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 150 Building Regulation section 18: Exhibit 1 Fee Schedule of the Mt. Washington Code of Ordinances. Councilman Gentry made and Councilwoman Hockenbury seconded a motion to approve. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 5 to 0.

Second Reading -Vote Required

The City Attorney read the second reading of an ordinance amending certain sections of chapter 52: Storm Water Quality Management. Councilman Maddox made and Councilman Armstrong seconded a motion to approve. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 5 to 0.

Second Reading -Vote Required

Hayden Sweat read the second reading of an ordinance implementing fees for the City of Mt, Washington Pool. Councilman Maddox made and Councilman Armstrong seconded a motion to approve. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 5 to 0.

Mayor Armstrong stated the pool will be open on Friday, June 18, 2021. Lori updated everyone on the status of the pool.

Second Reading -Vote Required

City Attorney Sweat read the second reading of an ordinance adopting the Budget Ordinance for the fiscal year July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. Councilman Barr made and Councilman Armstrong seconded a motion to approve. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 5 to 0.

Second Reading -Vote Required

Hayden Sweat read the second reading an ordinance amending the Budget Ordinance for the fiscal year July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021. Councilman Gentry made and Councilwoman Hockenbury seconded a motion to approve. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 5 to 0.

Sign in Sheet

DeeDee Sallee addressed the City Council regarding the road condition of block top when you turn off Elaine Way onto Louise Way. The weeds and trash on Elaine Way on the right-of-way behind the garage. Mayor Armstrong said he will have Ronnie follow up on the road and he will have Lori assure Jacilynn adds this area to her schedule to clean-up.

Craig Kinslow discussed with the City Council on the timeline of his sign permit for his business. Mr. Kinslow stated 10 days is way to long to get clarification and they still have no permit. He also stated the minutes from the website neither the proposed ordinances were not posted on the website. He always asked if there is any documentation of the cost to build in mt. Washington. Ronnie Fick said the water and sewer tap on fees are separate than the building fees. Dawn Hardin stated there is a Residential and Commercial Packet that can be found online and stated there is money allocated in the upcoming budget to revamp the city website to provide easier navigation and better information to our citizens and business community.

Mr. Kinslow asked what his next steps were to get his permit. Hayden Sweat asked if he has a permit from the county. Mr. Kinslow said no they do not have one. Hayden said once he has his permit from the county, the city can issue the permit. Hayden Sweat ais moving forward everything should start at the county since we are a joint planning commission.

Dawn Hardin said in the administration at city hall are working with the building housing and construction office to clarify and simplify the process moving forward.

Mayor Armstrong said there are 3 regulatory agencies involved, which are State, County and City.

Kenny Stout addressed the City Council regarding his sign at Stout's Ace Hardware. Mr. Stout said in 2018 he extended his sales and service to Steele Outdoor Services and one of the requirements is to advertise with a Steele sign. He acquired his approval from P&Z and then

applied with the city and paid the required fees. In 2020 he received a letter from code enforcement that he needed to acquire a new permit because his permit has expired. On June 3rd of this year, he received a certified letter from the city after I applied for two other signs, that said the Steele Sign that has been erected will need to be removed. He said he called city hall and requested a copy of his original application and was told he needed to fill out an open records request to receive a copy. He said he supports reviewing and overview for building and construction. Mr. Stout said if there are going to be changes to the sign ordinance, he said he believes there should be representatives from business organizations that are able to provide their opinions.

Mr. Kinslow asked if proposed ordinances posted online. The mayor said the proposed ordinances are not posted, but anyone can request copy from city hall.

Councilman Gentry said the last sign ordinance did have input from Lori but another Council Member was involved and no longer on the council, but it was voted on and passed by the city council. He said if there are changes that need to be made the council members will put their best foot forward to do so.

Lori Puchino said her job is to enforce the ordinances passed by the City Council

Dawn Hardin stated when a request comes through city hall that it is standard procedure to request by an open records request.

Mayor's Report

Re-Appointments / new Appointments to Code Enforcement Board

The mayor said Joe Wells was appointed to serve on the Code Enforcement Board but was determined afterward that he did not meet the residency requirement to serve on the board.

The mayor said he is recommending re-appointment of the following board members to continue to serve on the Code Enforcement Board and a new appointment to fill a vacant position. The mayor asked for a motion to approve the following:

1. Barry Loy - Re-appointment for 3-year term
2. Moise Napier- Re-appointment for 2-year term (Alternate)
3. Lisa House -New Appointment for 3-year term

Councilman Barr made a motion to approve, and Councilwoman Hockenbury seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The mayor announced the hiring of a new Parks Director Wally Adams and Assistant Parks Director Chris O'Brien and stated their official day was today.

The mayor also announced announce that the KY Dept of transportation will be installing a 4-way stop at the intersection of Flatlick Road and Wales Run Road and Park View Avenue.

Report from Council

Councilman Barr complimented Ronnie and Public Works for their work on the Pool.

Councilman Gentry said he received several calls regarding a light at Bogard Lane and 44E and said there was a traffic study completed a week ago, and he has contacted Representative Huff and said we do not know the results as of yet.

Councilman Maddox complimented Code Enforcement Mike Smith for responding and handling a code enforcement issue he received a call on and did so immediately.

Councilman Armstrong congratulated the Bullitt East softball team for winning their first District Championship since 2012.

Lori Puchino said the Farmers Market is Wednesday 4PM-7PM and Saturday 8AM-12PM and story with Lori on Saturday's at 10:00AM. Lori thanked Ronnie Fick, Ben Hodge, John Humphrey, Tim Morris, his wife Lynn, daughter Brook and Tim's mother Joyce for helping in the concession stand in the park on Saturday.

Dawn Hardin thanked Ronnie Fick and Public Works for their hard work on getting city hall renovated and ready to re-open to public on July 6th and said our new lobby hours are posted on the website and have been advertised on our Facebook page.

Executive Session

Councilman Maddox made, and Councilman Gentry seconded a motion to enter into executive session at 8:55 PM.

Reconvene

Councilman Gentry made, and Councilwoman Hockenbury seconded a motion to Reconvene at 9:19 PM.

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 Councilwoman Hockenbury seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:19PM. Motion carried.

Barry Armstrong
Mayor

Elizabeth D. Hardin
City Administrator