

**City of Mt. Washington
Regular Council Meeting
October 25, 2021
Fick Hall**

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

Also, present were City Attorney Hayden Sweat, City Administrator Dawn Hardin Chief of Police Tim Morris, Public Works Director Ronnie Fick and City Treasurer Alice Harris.

Alice Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes

Councilman Gentry made, and Councilman Armstrong seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting for October 11, 2021. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Alice Harris read the treasurer's report for the month of September 2021. Councilman Maddox made, and Councilwoman Hockenbury seconded a motion to approve.

Resolution(s)

A) Hayden Sweat read a resolution authorizing the Mayor to amend and execute a new lease agreement between the City of Mt. Washington and the Mt. Washington Senior Citizens Building and extend lease for a five (5) year term.

First Reading Sponsored by Councilman Armstrong

The city attorney read the first reading of an ordinance adopting an ordinance establishing a downtown exterior improvement program. Discussion followed regarding lowering the minimum funding to a grant recipient. Hayden said he would change the ordinance to reflect a 60% contribution by the building owner and 40% by the city and the minimum investment of the builder will be 10,000. The mayor requested the proposed ordinance be posted on the city's website.

First Reading Sponsored by Councilman Maddox

Hayden Sweat read the first reading of an ordinance amending Mt. Washington Zoning Regulations section 5.603 Residential Zone R-3 Zoning classification Text amendment within the City of Mt. Washington.

First Reading Sponsored by Councilwoman Hockenbury

Attorney Sweat read the first reading of an ordinance amending Mt. Washington Zoning Regulations section 6A Text amendment for addition of Article 6A: R-3 Site Plan Review within the City of Mt. Washington

Sign in Sheet

Tiffany Reynolds, a social worker at the Bullitt County Board of Education spoke to the City Council regarding the number of homeless and displaced students in our Bullitt County Schools. She said she is a liaison for the homeless program in our district. Mrs. Reynolds said there are many reasons homelessness occurs such as economic hardship or family crisis. She explained the need in our county and said she believes we are failing our students and families in our county by not providing shelters for these families. In closing, she asked for Mt. Washington to consider helping and contributing for a facility for homeless and said the school board averages 400 students per year in this situation.

Parry Cooks with Mark 12 introduced Lonnie, a student in Bullitt County Schools and she shared her story of homelessness.

Parry Cook said there are many reasons for homelessness and stated Bullitt County is the only county that does not have facilities for situations like this and asked when the ARPA Funding hearings will be and said he believes if all the cities in our county would lock arms and come together, we could construct a building to help with the homelessness in our county. He stated his organization needs a one-time amount of money to construct the building and the operations moving forward would be covered by other organizations.

Mayor Armstrong stated the city will help in any way we can and stated the City of Mt. Washington is in the process of calculating our loss revenue and assuring compliance with the ARPA guidelines before allocation funds.

Trisha Moats addressed the City Council regarding the lifeguard certification. Hayden Sweat stated this is a personnel issue and will need to be addressed with Human Resources at the City of Mt. Washington.

Ginger Davis also wanted to discuss the lifeguard policy for certification. The city Attorney stated this is a personnel issue that will need to be addressed with Human Resources at the City of Mt. Washington.

Kenny Stout asked if the Gallant Fox would be an example of the program. He also asked if the City Administrator should be the person making the decision of the grant award. Councilman Gentry stated this was discussed and that the City Administrator will not be approving, she will be assuring compliance with the ordinance and there will be a checklist attached to the application that will be followed. Hayden Sweat also stated this isn't a selection process, this is on a first come first serve as funds are available. Councilman Gentry also stated there will be a time stamp upon submittal of the grant applications. Kenny also reiterated issues from his sign

application, and Hayden stated that he contacted Kenny to come in a discuss and he was out of time. Hayden asked Kenny to contact him and set up an appointment.

Mayor's Report

The mayor reported on the incidence rate map (as of October 21 Bullitt County went into the Orange Zone currently at 20.3

Mayor Armstrong announced there is a Trunk or Treat in the Park on October 29th from 5PM-7:30PM

Executive Session

Councilwoman Hockenbury made, and Councilman Armstrong seconded a motion to enter into executive session at 7:51 PM.

Reconvene

Councilman Armstrong made, and Councilman Maddox seconded a motion to Reconvene at 8:40 PM.

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

Adjournment

Councilman Maddox made, and Councilman Armstrong seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:40 PM Motion carried.

Barry Armstrong
Mayor

Elizabeth D. Hardin
City Administrator