

**City of Mt. Washington
Regular Council Meeting
December 13, 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 and newly appointed Albert Thompson.

Also, present were City Attorney Hayden Sweat, City Administrator Dawn Hardin, Assistant Chief Dan Kelty and Public Works Director Ronnie Fick.

Councilman Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Armstrong welcomed Albert Thompson as the newly appointed Council Member.

Mayor Armstrong asked those present to take a moment of reflection and to remember everyone who was affected by the recent destruction of the tornadoes in Western Kentucky.

Lori Puchino announced donations are being collected for tornado relief and the drop off location is at the Mt. Washington Community Park in the ticket booth. Donations can be dropped off from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM Tuesday – Friday. She read a list of suggested items that are needed. Lori stated the flyer will be posted on the city website as well.

Mike Ekbundit is working with students from the high schools in Bullitt County. Mr Ekbundit is an engineer with General Electric and working with High School students and going around the community to discover where they can improve disability inclusion in our area. He said the students went out on their own and are here tonight to present potential solutions to the mayor and council tonight. Mr. Ekbundit stated the students are currently in the feasibility study phase which is to recognize the problem and then move on to a solution and after presenting here tonight will hopefully get some positive feedback from you to see how they should move on.

He stated there are two teams from Bullitt East High School and two teams from the Bullitt East Advanced Math and Science Program.

Dimitri Mann, Haley Mason and Andrew McCormick were the first team to present from Bullitt East High School. Their proposal added a component to swings that a parent could push the swing with a disabled or able body child. They provided a diagram to show what the swing component would look like.

Justin Combs, Gunter Shahada, Joshua Hathcoat made up team two and they presented the idea of adjustable water fountain in the park. Water is a basic need for everyone especially while

being active in a park. They provided a concept drawing for everyone to view. The water fountain is to be made to be adjustable so everyone regardless their mobility may use with ease and access drinking water.

Team one of the Advanced Math and Science group was Grace Shepherd and Jennifer Nahler. They presented the concept of a solar powered shelter around the sports field due to the limited seating around the current fields. The shelters would provide shelter from the elements of the weather and also utilizing rain water to provide a misting mechanism to cool as well.

The final presentation was team two from Bullitt Advanced Math and Science Group, presenting were Layla Garner, Elise Smith and Amy Ensenat. The concept they presented was providing accessibility for children who are disabled to have the ability to play on a cart activated by hand peddles the name of the device they gave it is “tealy wheely”

Mike Ekbundit thanked the Mayor and council for their time and stated the support provided will encourage these groups to continue and move forward with their ideas.

Minutes

Councilman Barr made, and Councilman Armstrong seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting for November 22, 2021. Motion carried.

The mayor stated there is an appeal hearing request for Storm Water Quality and ask for a motion to enter into the hearing.

Storm Water Quality Appeal Hearing

At 7:00PM, Council Barr made, and Councilwoman Hockenbury seconded a motion to enter into the appeal hearing requested by Coy Kelien of 2x4 Custom Homes.

Mr. Coy Kelien stated he received a Notice of Violation from Mike Bowen with no warning and discussed with Mike Bowen that he was going to clean up the road and repair the silt fence.

Councilman Barr asked if the site had been cleaned up initially. Mr. Kelien stated he cleaned up the site and emailed Mike Bowen and attached pictures of the site.

Anthony Branham, City Building Official stated he can not speak on the communications between Mike Bowen and Mr. Kelien due to the resignation of Mike Bowen no longer being with the city. Anthony said he could speak on the NOV and documents on record.

Anthony stated reports show on 10/27/2021 that Mike Bowen documented during a recurring inspection of deficiencies for the location of lot 707, 621 Bluff’s Edge Drive and the following deficiencies were noted: dirt and rock leaving site, silt fence needs maintenance, construction entrance needs maintenance and dirt and rock on the road.

Anthony stated he did find an email from Mr. Kelien to Mike Bowen that he was going to clean the road and repair the silt fence.

Anthony Branham described exhibit a, b and c, to the city council and stated that all deficiencies has been remediated.

Attorney Hayden Sweat stated the city council has the authority to reduce the fine, waive the fine enforce the fine or hold fine amount, which means this fine would be held and not brought back up unless other fines are issued on the same violation. Hayden stated Mr. Kelien is exercising his right to an appeal process and the city council will need to make their decision based on the evidence presented here tonight.

Mayor Armstrong stated with the material witness of our Storm Water Quality official no longer with the city it may seem hard to argue the facts, but what was presented by our Building official it seems there was a long period of time that went by before the issues were remediated. He said he doesn't want Mr. Kelien leaving here thinking he was issued fines wrongfully and said he has pictures here tonight showing the deficiencies. The mayor stated that Mr. Kelien is building in an area where people are already living and there is mud on the road and stated the silt fence is down.

Councilman Gentry stated there were other construction sites that had silt fences up and due to the amount of rain we had o Friday there was mud that washed out on the road. He said the roads were cleaned up but that amount of rain in that time frame is difficult to avoid. Ronnie Fick stated a silt fence is designed to be effective during a normal rain, but the roads should be clean within 24 hours after a rain event.

Mayor Armstrong asked for a motion from the council on their decision.

Councilman Barr made a motion to reduce his violation fines to a warning since there were no prior violations. Councilman Gentry seconded the motion, motion carried.

At 7:30 PM Councilman Maddox made, and Councilman Barr seconded a motion to reconvene back into the regular meeting. Motion carried.

Police Report

Assistant Chief Dan Kelty read the Police report for the month of November 2021.

Resolution

The city attorney read a resolution authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement with the Department of Transportation and Department of Highways for a utility relocation in front of Bullitt East High School. Ronnie Fick stated this is a turning lane that will start around Primrose and the project bid will go out on or around July 1st. Ronnie says the utilities will be relocated from Primrose to Love Avenue in this first phase. Councilman Maddox made, and Councilman Gentry seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously b a roll call vote of 6 to 0.

First Reading Sponsored by Councilman Barr

Hayden Sweat read a first reading of a consent annexation of 9.437 acres owned by Mark Queenan, LLC being tract 2 on Bleemel Lane.

First Reading Sponsored by Councilman Gentry

The city attorney read the first reading of a consent annexation of 2.31 acres owned by John and Katie Hileman located on the corner of Simmons Lane.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Armstrong updated everyone on the intersection of Landis Lane and North Bardstown Road (31E) by reading an email he received from the site engineer, Will Nolan with QK4. The mayor stated Will is working with LG&E for easements. The mayor said the city is reviewing options for a round-a-bout or a traffic signal at this location. Mayor Armstrong stated more information will be provided as they become available.

The mayor reported Bullitt County remains in the red zone on the map incidence map at 44.3.

Mayor Barry Armstrong reported a contest was held within the Bullitt East Art class for the rendering of the graphic design of the SRO vehicle and announced that Jenna Tipton was the winner and showed a picture of the new SRO vehicle.

Report from the City Council

Councilman Barr asked Ronnie about the sewer line project. Ronnie reported the end is near with just a few hundred more feet to go, he said rock has been a big issue throughout this project and said they are still within the timeline. Councilman Barr asked if the paving will be redone once the project is complete. Ronnie said yes, they have actually been paving roads as they go, he also said yard repairs will also be completed in the spring.

Councilman Gentry asked how the city is doing on the paving of city roads. Ronnie said the city is behind but have started and with the unusual warm weather this time of year its actually going down well.

Councilman Gentry commended the public works department for the decorations and Christmas lights throughout the city.

Mayor Armstrong also thanked the police department for their efforts in traffic control during this process.

Councilwoman also thanked everyone involved in Light Up Mt. Washington.

Dawn Hardin commended Anthony and his team for the fireworks display especially with it being short notice.

George Maddox reiterated how great Light up Mt. Washington was and said it was very successful.

Council Armstrong asked how many applications has been turned in for the exterior grant program. Dawn Hardin said the city has not received any application as of yet, she stated we have some interest, but no applications filed.

Councilman Armstrong announced Bullitt County Board of Education is also excepting donation for tornado relief for Mayfield and it's called stuff the bus, they are asking for similar items as Lori read earlier. Mr. Armstrong also thanked the Fire Department for driving Santa Claus around town.

Adjournment

Councilman Maddox made, and Councilman Armstrong seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:52 PM Motion carried.

Barry Armstrong
Mayor

Elizabeth D. Hardin
City Administrator