

**City of Mt. Washington
Regular Council Meeting
March 28, 2022
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, Troy Barr, Albert Thompson and George Maddox.

Also, present were City Attorney Hayden Sweat, Chief Tim Morris, Public Works Director Paul Brannon, and City Administrator Elizabeth Hardin.

Councilman Barr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes

Councilman Maddox made, and Councilman Armstrong seconded a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for March 14, 2022. Motion carried.

Will Nolan with Qk4 was asked to discuss the possibility of a Roundabout and a temporary traffic signal at the intersection at North Bardstown Road and Landis Lane. Mr. Nolan stated this project started about three years ago when the city was awarded a grant to construct a multipurpose pathway from Apollo Drive to Landis Lane. Will Nolan presented a preliminary design of the roundabout as well as a temporary traffic signal at the Landis Lane and North Bardstown Road intersection. Mr. Nolan stated once approval was provided by KYTC the city will have a public meeting to discuss further. Will also stated there have been traffic studies at various locations on North Bardstown Road to provide information that shows where the traffic signals warrant the best improvement for traffic flow in this area.

Treasurer's Report

Alice Harris read the Treasurer's Report for the month of February. Councilman Gentry made a motion to approve, and Councilwoman Hockenbury seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Judge Executive Jerry Summers was present to speak of the traffic light at Bogard and said he is looking to partner with the city to construct this light at the intersections. Mr. Summers thanked city officials who help deliver meals during the Covid -19 pandemic. He also mentioned he is looking to work with the city on paving throughout the city in upcoming year. Mr. Summers stated a few years ago, this would not have been possible but was happy to have the opportunity to announce the county is debt free and able to provide more services throughout the county.

Magistrate Shaun Logsdon was also present and stated he is in his third year in serving the 2nd District and announced he is running again. Mr. Logsdon provided his background and brief bio

of who he is and stated he would appreciate the support of the community in his upcoming election.

Ordinance (s)

Second Reading – Vote Required

(A) Hayden Sweat read the second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 32: City Council section 32.01 (C) of the Mt. Washington Code of Ordinances. Councilman Barr made, and Councilman Gentry seconded a motion to approve. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 6 to 0.

Second Reading - Vote Required

(B) The City Attorney read the second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 31: City Officials section 31.21 (E) of the Mt. Washington Code of Ordinances. Councilman Gentry made, and Councilman Maddox seconded a motion to approve. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 6 to 0.

First Reading - Sponsored by Councilman Barr

(C) Hayden Sweat read the first reading of an ordinance relating to the rezoning of 1.5074 acres owned by SBL Properties LLC from R-1 to B-2 Central Business located at 9750 Hwy 44 E.

The Mayor recognized Billy Lucas as the owner of said property and said he was sure he would be speaking in favor of the zoning request before us tonight. Mr. Lucas stated he is the owner and he and his wife were here tonight to request a favorable recommendation. Mr. Lucas provided his background and said he owns an electrical business and said he purchased the property three years ago with the intention of improving the property and to move his business location here on the 1.5 acres and said he does not have any plans for the remainder of the property surrounding. Mr. Lucas stated he plans to utilize the property as a business location and the possibility of leases some office space within. Mr. Lucas stated that his business is mostly by word of mouth but would eventually like to erect a monument sign for advertising and said he was aware of the sign guidelines the city currently has.

Nathan Bennett is a resident that lives in the neighborhood that borders the property requesting the zoning change. Mr. Bennet said he is the president of the HOA of Woodlake Subdivision and is representing the residents there. Mr. Bennett stated that the county said this rezoning met the comprehensive plan and said it does not. Mr. Bennett read section 8-16 from the comprehensive plan. Mr. Bennett discussed his opposition of this rezoning request for traffic and congestion reasons and businesses should meet the comprehensive plan adopted by the Bullitt County Planning and Zoning which also includes the City of Mt. Washington. Mr. Bennett discussed that the owner intends to expand his business for commercial purposes. The City Attorney stated that discussion and consideration must be kept to the 1.5074 acres and that this is the only portion of the property that is being rezoned at this time. Mr. Bennett asked that

the City Council not consider this for rezoning.

Carmen Ellington a resident in Lakewood spoke of her disappointment for the lack of notification from the city. Dawn Hardin stated the process and the responsibility of the notifications on rezoning request.

Mr. Lucas wanted to assure the residents of Woodlake and reiterated his intentions for his business at this location and said nothing he will do will bring down the property value and he will continue to improve the esthetics of this property. Mr. Lucas said he would appreciate a favorable vote.

Mayor's Report

The mayor announced the Spring cleanup on the 28th, 29th and 30th of April located at 173 College Street. He read the items that will not be accepted. He also stated citizens will be required to provide a valid ID to verify residency.

Mayor Armstrong also announced the Spring Festival is scheduled for May 13th & 14th and the city will have a booth and more information will be announced as they become available.

Report from the City Council

Councilman Barr wished his wife a Happy Anniversary and said they have been married 25 years tonight.

Executive Session

At 8:08 PM, Councilman Armstrong made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to KRS 83A .075 for the purpose of litigation. Councilman Thopson seconded. Motion carried.

Reconvene

Councilman Maddox made, and Councilman Armstrong seconded a motion to reconvene into the regular meeting at 9:04 PM. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Councilwoman Hockenbury made, and Councilman Gentry seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:05 PM Motion carried.

Barry Armstrong

Elizabeth D. Hardin