

City of Mt. Washington
Regular Council Meeting
April 25, 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, City Administrator Elizabeth Hardin, Public Works Director Paul Brannon and City Treasurer Alice Harris.

Councilman Gentry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes

Councilman Armstrong made, and Councilwoman Hockenbury seconded a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for April 25, 2022. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Alice Harris read the treasurer's report for the month of March 2022. Councilman Maddox made, and Councilman Thompson seconded a motion to approve the treasurer's report for the month of March 2022.

Sign in Sheet

Steve Torla addressed the City Council regarding a siding variance request for the materials he has displayed at his business located at 246 S. Bardstown Road. Councilman Maddox asked if he thought about just painting the brick on the exterior as an alternative. Mr. Torla said he wants to insulate the exterior of the building, so he doesn't lose any interior space. Councilman Barr made, and Councilman Armstrong seconded a motion to approve the variance request for Certain Teed 8" Board and Batten for the material as requested. Motion carried.

Melissa Cox addressed the City Council on her business license being denied due to the zoning being incorrect. She stated that she spoke to city representatives and was told there was not anything she needed, and everything was good to go. Mrs. Cox asked if there was anything that the city council can do to help as she could not afford to pay to have the property rezoned at this time. Hayden Sweat said the city council cannot override a zoning with out the process going through planning and zoning. Councilman Maddox asked if a conditional use permit was issued through planning and zoning as well. Hayden said yes that is also at the county level. Mayor Armstrong apologized if there was confusion and said that at this time there is nothing else that the city could do.

Dan Spitler addressed the city council regarding a variance request for materials for the exterior building of the precision auto body shop and presented a presentation showing what the proposed new exterior building and materials will look like. Mayor Armstrong asked what the composite of the material for the siding was made of. Mr. Spitler said it is made of aluminum. Mayor Armstrong asked if there was a picture of the north side of the building. Mr. Spitler said he does, but it wasn't a part of this presentation, and he could provide IT a thumb drive to show the northside of the building.

Hayden Sweat read the materials that are required by the Commercial Planning Design ordinance and the variance request process for a reference while waiting for the thumb drive to load the picture that was requested.

Mayor Armstrong also reiterated that there has been other variance request in the past from other businesses that have not been approved and asked the city council to be mindful and stated that each property is unique, and this process is on a case-by-case instance. If there is an approval tonight this does not change the material requirements as set forth in the ordinance for future commercial buildings.

Councilman Barr made a motion to approve the exterior materials as presented in the presentation. Councilman Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ordinance

First Reading -Sponsored by Councilman Gentry

The city Attorney read the first reading of an ordinance updating the rates for water and sewer pursuant to Chapter 50: Water and Sewer of the Mt. Washington Code of ordinances. The mayor said the rates do not take effect until July 1, 2022.

The Mayor announced the Spring Cleanup is April 28th through 30th located 173 College Street.

Mayor also announced that the Spring Festival May 13th and 14th

The City has applied for the Cyber Liability Grant and Safety Grant through KLC and have received an amount of 10,500.00 thus far.

Mayor Armstrong said the Mt. Washington Fire Department implemented the 9th Safe Haven Baby box at the Mt. Washington Fire Department/EMS. He said this program was founded by Monica Kelsey who was abandoned as an infant, she has dedicated her life to end infant abandonment through aid and awareness. Barry Armstrong said through the funds donated by the Mt. Washington Lion's Club this program is possible. He thanked the Lion's Club and the Fire Department for their continued support and all they do for our community.

The Mayor reminded everyone that there are food pantries located outside at the Police Department, Eastside Middle School and Crossroads Elementary School for anyone who may be in need or would like to leave items discreetly. He said he noticed someone left easter baskets over the easter weekend and said that was a very thoughtful gesture. Dawn Hardin said there is also a food pantry at the MWPD for pets as well.

The mayor said there is no need for executive session tonight but invited everyone to stay for the public hearing to discuss the round a bout and traffic signal at the intersection of Landis Lane and North Bardstown Road.

Report from the City Council

Councilman Gentry asked if there was an update on when Gallant Fox is going to open. The mayor said they are intending to open partially in July but due to delays they may not fully open for a year.

Paul Brannon announced there is a bid opening scheduled tomorrow at city hall for the Snapp Street project at 11:00AM and another bid opening scheduled for May 3rd at city hall for the Pleasant Grove project at 11:00AM.

Paul Brannon reported the Whitledge Lane project is almost complete.

Adjournment

Councilman Barr made, and Councilman Maddox seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:35 PM. Motion carried.

Barry Armstrong, Mayor

Elizabeth D. Hardin, City Administrator