

**City of Mt. Washington
Regular Council Meeting
October 10, 2022
Fick Hall**

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

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

Councilman Maddox led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mayor Armstrong announced there are hear back headsets available for anyone wishing to utilize them during the meeting.

Minutes

Councilman Armstrong made, and Councilwoman Hockenbury seconded a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for September 12, 2022. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 6 to 0.

Assistant Chief Dan Kelty announced a new program called Angel's Initiatives that the Mt. Washington Police Department has implemented. He said KSP and the City of Jeffersontown is the only other agencies that have implemented this program so far. He read information regarding this program and said that anyone who needs help with drug addiction can ask for help through MWPD and they will be connected to a counselor with no questions asked (if there are no current felonies).

Brian with RAC said there are social workers available on hand 24/7 and will determine the best care for individuals needing assistance. They also work with Impact Network, and no one will be turned away for any reason. Todd Sharp is with Community Outreach and said he is a person in long term recovery and said he is proof that this program works, Mr. Sharp said this program is saving lives.

Police Report

Chief Morris read the Police report for the month of September 2022. The Chief announced, "Killer Decision" (a reenactment of a DUI Accident), will be held on in the Mt. Washington Park from 5-8 on Wednesday October 12th and encouraged everyone to attend. The Chief also announced that the MWPD has a safe place drop off at the Mt. Washington Police Department whether it's a child drop off for custody related issues or marketplace exchange. The parking lot

is well lit and under surveillance. Councilman Thompson asked how many officers attended the active Shooter training in the county. The Chief said MWPD had 5 officers including himself who was a participant in the reenactment. The Chief said this training was very beneficial as a county as a whole.

Councilman Maddox asked for an update on the city's new K-9 Officer. The Chief said TJ Best is our new K-9 Officer and is still in training, and the K-9 is also in training and should be ready to come home in a few weeks. Our new canine is a female Mowal and should be able to see her on the streets, hopefully in November.

Sign in Sheet

Anthony Beck is the owner of Fast Track Auto Sales located at 9855 Hwy 44 E and he is addressing the City Council regarding remodeling he is doing on the rear exterior of his building. He understands there is an ordinance that have guidelines for specific material for remodeling of commercial buildings and he is asking for the city council to allow him to utilize two-toned metal and he is also wanting to paint the exterior brick to match the metal and be aesthetically pleasing.

He said the rear building is hard to see from the road, he passed around pictures of the building and what he is wanting to utilize instead of the hardie board that is specified in the ordinance.

Councilman Maddox made a motion to postpone a decision until next meeting to allow the council to look at the property. Councilman Thompson seconded the motion and motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Resolution (s)

The city attorney read a resolution approving and authorizing an assistance agreement between the City of Mt. Washington and Kentucky Infrastructure Authority to provide up to 700,000 of loan funds for project number B22-006. Councilman Barr made, and Councilwomen Hockenbury seconded a motion to approve. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 6 to 0.

Hayden Sweat read a resolution authorizing the mayor to enter into and execute an amended lease agreement with Gallant Fox Brewing Co. Councilman Barr made and Councilman Gentry seconded a motion to approve. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 6 to 0.

Ordinance-Second Reading Sponsored by Councilman Armstrong

Hayden Sweat read the second reading of a consensual annexation request being a total of Tract 1 and Tract 2 located on Armstrong Lane and owned by KJS Investments Property, LLC. Councilman Barr made, and Councilman Gentry seconded a motion to adopt the ordinance. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of 6 to 0.

Mayor's Report

The mayor made the following announcements:

Fall Clean up 10/27 & 10/28 7AM -7PM

Trunk or Treat October 28th 5:00PM – 7:30 PM. Every year we get a lot of calls regarding changing the day for Halloween (trick or treating) Halloween is on the 31st in the City of Mt. Washington.

The mayor reported the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security awarded the Mt. Washington Police Department with a Law Enforcement Protection Program Grant in the amount of \$16,625.00 for the purchase of 25 body armor vests. There was a delay in receiving the funds, but we have now been reimbursed for the vests we purchased early last year.

The mayor also announced that the city also secured a grant for Foster Lane in the amount of \$480,000 to extend waterlines to provide water service for customers on Foster Lane.

Mayor Armstrong also said the city is seeking to contract traffic control officers along Hwy 44E for school traffic in the morning and afternoon at Bullitt East High School & Old Mill Elementary as well as Eastside Middle School & Mt. Washington Elementary School. Please see posting on the city 's website and Facebook for more information.

Councilman Maddox asked for a status update on the traffic light at Bogard Lane. The mayor stated the project has been approved and at the mercy of the KYTC on when the project will begin.

Lori Puchino reported that she has been in contact with the landscaper to locate trees that have died on the Bypass for replacement in early November. Lori said the splash pad will be up and running from 12:00PM -3:00PM on Tuesday and Wednesday. She announced on Thursday from 7:00PM- 10:00PM there is a concert on Main Street for Tony and the Tan Lines and said she is working on an Oktoberfest next year. Saturday October 29th from 10:00AM to 1:00PM at the Pavilion she is hosting a kid's fun fall day.

Lori Puchino updated the city council of events happening in the Community Development Department and said she was happy to announce that the Mt. Washington Farmer's market was voted #1 in the State. She thanked everyone for their involvement and support to make this possible. She also said she is working on a banner to display at the pavilion.

Lori Puchino also reported that she is working on a grant to fund an Arbor in honor of Mayor Joetta Calhoun who served as Mayor, and this will be constructed in the city plaza and will be called mayor Joetta Calhoun Bass arbor walk.

The Mayor stated Nora McCoy was hired in at the water department and found that she has grant writing experience, Dawn Hardin said she has recently transitioned to a new position as our Risk and Safety Coordinator /Deputy EMA. Dawn also said at the last meeting that Paul Brannon

graciously volunteered as our ADA Representative and he will still have the role of verifying that all projects submitted to the city meet those requirements, but for the community representative, please contact Nora McCoy for all ADA concerns.

Report from the City Council

Council Gentry announce the Police Foundation is having the 3rd annual car show in the Sports Park on October 30th from 11:00AM -2:00PM. Councilman Gentry also commended the Parks Department for the concert series in the park and mentioned the possibility of offering a permit for mobile food trucks for events excluding the ball tournaments, he asked the city council to think about this in the future. The mayor also said there may need to be another restroom constructed near the amphitheater.

Councilman Armstrong extended well wishes to the fire fighter that was injured last week due to a fall. He wished everyone safe travels during fall break this week, He announced Halloween in the halls at Bullitt East this Thursday October 27 beginning at 7:00PM. He congratulated Coach Mike Brangers and the Boys' soccer team for winning their first district title and they play southern tomorrow night at 7:30PM at Mercy.

Paul Brannon said they have removed the stone wall at Lindsey Duvall Park around the playground area, he said the road will close temporarily at Branham Way for repairing the drainage for the cemetery at Braham Way there will be a detour provided through Branham Way, Sullivan Hill Road to College Street.

Adjournment

There being no more business to come before the City Council, Councilman Maddox made, and Councilman Thompson seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:45 PM. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Barry Armstrong, Mayor

Elizabeth D. Hardin, City Administrator