

**City of Mt. Washington
Regular Council Meeting
October 24, 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, City Treasurer Alice Harris, and Chief Tim Morris.

Public Works Director Paul Brannon 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 Maddox made, and Councilman Armstrong seconded a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for October 10, 2022. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 6 to 0.

Treasurer's Report

Alice Harris read the treasurer's report for the month of September 2022. Councilman Gentry made a motion to accept, and Councilwoman Hockenbury seconded. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote of 6 to 0.

Sign in Sheet

Lisa House addressed the City Council members and stated she is a business owner on Main Street and described her journey as a brick-and-mortar business owner in the community. Ms. House discussed her concerns with the annual Small Business Saturdays and how this one day affects her business and allows her the revenue to purchase the merchandise for her business for January through December each year. She asked the City Council to consider the requirements of pop-up vendors and how it directly affects the Small Business Community. Ms. House also addressed the requirements for Non-profit 5013c and asked for verification to be looked at in the future.

Barbie Allgeir also addressed the City Council and said she is a separate business owner in the same space as Ms. House. She stated Small Business Saturdays was introduced in 2010 by American Express during the recession to encourage people to support small businesses and shop

small and after black Friday. Ms. Allgier said it's very important for our local stores to have this day and the revenue they receive on this one day. Ms. Allgier asked the City Council to look at the Ordinance to prevent loopholes.

Councilman Hockenbury asked if there is something the City Council can do to secure this day for Small Businesses, Hayden Sweat said he will definitely look into this and assure there isn't anything unconstitutional.

Taylor Thompson said his family owns the Dance Studio here in Mt. Washington and he provided a history of his family and business as being a long history of dance teachers. Mr. Thompson said his business strives to give back to the community. He said his business is wanting to host an event to fundraise money for the children who participate in the activities of dance and will go back into events, costumes for children that participate in the dance activities as this is very expensive for families. He said he is not here to take away from anyone or current business owners but said there are some gray areas that he asks to be addressed and wants to do the correct way. Mr. Thompson said this event will be on Shop Small Saturday but will not profit for the business. Mr. Thompson said they called it a holiday Bizarre last year and said their intention is not to become a retail store. He also said the one of the reasons they selected Small Business Saturday was to incorporate the small local businesses to post and advertise within their event. Mr. Thompson said he wants to assure they're in compliance with the ordinance.

Anthony Beck addressed the City Council prior and discussed he is asking for a variance for the building materials at his building located at 9855 Highway 44 East. Councilman Barr said he has gone by the location and said he observed the building he is asking for a variance and said the building is over a football field from the road and said this is a good example of why variances exist. Councilwoman Hockenbury said she agreed with Councilman Barr. Hayden Sweat asked for the record, what the building material will exist of. Mr. Beck said the existing building is bricked face with metal sides and is asking to allow metal all the way back starting at the brick faced front.

Councilman Barr made a motion to approve a variance to allow metal sides instead of hardie board on the building. Councilman Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 6 to 0.

Bud Johnson is with the Lyon's Club and reported on improvements and their involvement with the Shoal Walter Cemetery located on Branham Way. Mr. Johnson stated the Lyon's Club assisted in the installment of a flagpole that was erected at the Highland Memory Gardens Cemetery. He stated they flagpole was damaged due to an accident and will utilize the flagpole and possibly erect at the Shoal Walter Cemetery located on Branham Way. He also stated the correction for the drainage is underway at that location. Mr. Johnson also thanked the MWPD for their assistance in the 5k run this past Saturday morning.

Lynn Marin with the Mt. Washington Historical Society discussed a project that is underway for a historical walk throughout downtown Mt. Washington and discussed the prototype to install 12

X 18 historical markers and the Lyon's Club has shown interest with helping with funding and the city has shown interest in this project. He described the project and said he is trying to get the program off the ground and said there are estimated to be around 10 markers as of now. He said they want to incorporate this in a historical walking circuit that will continue to grow in the future and appreciate the support. Mr. Martin said he hopes this program is well received and believes this will be complimentary to our community. Mr. Martin also said the markers will have a QR code embedded that will be linked back to their website for more additional information that will be educational.

Mayor Armstrong asked Chief Morris to introduce the newest appointed Sergeant with the Mt. Washington Police Department. Chief Morris stated Mark Batson has been acting Sergeant for several months and recently promoted as Sergeant for the Mt. Washington Police Department and commended him for his service.

First Reading Sponsored – Sponsored by Councilman Gentry

Hayden Sweat read the first reading of an ordinance relating to the rezoning of 1.6247 acres more or less owned by SPP, LLC from B-2 Central Business to B-1 Highway Business located on Spring Place Drive in Mt. Washington.

Mayor Armstrong asked the representatives on the sign in sheet to come up and discuss the property. David Lorei and Gus Wilson were representing SPP, LLC and said they are the Civil Engineers on this project and are with Abercrombie and Associates. Mr. Lorei stated Mr. Wilson has handouts of the site layout for the Council to review. Mr. Lorei said they attended the Board of Adjustment Hearing on October 14, 2022, for two requests, one being the rezoning of this property from B2 to B1 and the other for a conditional use with the board of adjustments. He said he is presenting Caliber Collision which is an auto body shop. He said the property owner, Kenny Stout is also in attendance tonight. Mr. Lorei said he has discussed a buffering and lighting with the surrounding property owner. Mr. Wilson described what kind of business Caliber is and what they were not. Mayor Armstrong asked Mr. Wilson if there will be junked cars on the property. Mr. Wilson said they will not have junked vehicles on the property period. Mr. Wilson said the only cars that will be on the property are vehicles that will be worked on. All damaged vehicles will be behind fencing. Mayor Armstrong asked what color fencing will be around the property. Mr. Wilson said they generally go with a blacking vinyl fencing. Mr. Wilson said their hours of operation is Monday – Friday generally 8:00AM to 5:00PM give or take 30 minutes. Mayor Armstrong asked about the landscaping surrounding the property. Mr. Lorei said there are requirements they will meet with the buffer especially along the backside of the property between commercial and residential. Mayor Armstrong said he is interested in an existing Caliber Store that is operating. Councilman Gentry said there are 3 Caliber Collisions nearby, located on Dixie Highway, Bardstown and Shepherdsville. Mr. Wilson pulled up a rendering of the hardie board and product on a tablet and showed examples to the City Council. Hayden Sweat stated that the information provided tonight is for the rezoning of the property and not the rendering of the building and materials, he said that that could potentially come back to the council at a later date. Councilman Gentry asked if this business only handle minor repairs and Mr. Wilson said yes. Mr. Wilson said this is not a franchise and is a company owned store

and range from 13 to upward to 20 to 25 employees and based on square footage. Mr. Wilson also said the traffic flow is estimated to 5 to 10 cars daily.

Mayor Armstrong asked Kenny Stout about the exit onto Bardstown Road and the future growth with restaurants and the possibility of addressing issues with KYTC. Kenny Stout said he has been monitoring the flow in and out there. Barry Armstrong also stated there is no stop sign coming out of that development. Kenny said that is something that will need to be worked out with the city and he believes it's been a year.

Mayor's Report

The mayor said he received a call to request off road vehicles on specified city streets in Mt. Washington. I'd like the city council to research, and I have asked the gentleman to address his request at our next scheduled city council meeting. Chief Morris said these are legal in some states like California and making UTV street legal. Hayden said he will do some research on this matter.

Lori Puchino provided information on Community Development events and said there will be a Kids Fall Fun Day at the pavilion Saturday from 10-1 and there are various activities for the kids to enjoy such as making crafts and Story Time.

Lori also said the city is in the process of continually seeking out grants for sidewalks.

Mayor Armstrong announced the following events:

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

Trunk or Treat October 28th 5:30PM – 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.

An all-inclusive playground is still under way and is due to be shipped in December we will have details as they become available. See latest rendering.

11/5 Toys for tots at the City Pavilion 8:00Am- 2:00PM

12/3 Exact Sports soccer college showcase 9:00AM – 3:00PM

12/2 Light up Mt. Washington -more details of all the festivities will be announced as they develop.

Report from the City Council

Councilman Gentry said the Police Foundation is having a car show on October 30, 2022, to help support the MWPD for things they may need outside the budget.

Dawn Hardin said Mr. Ekbundit reached out and said the students that presented their all-inclusive ideas will be back at the meeting on November 28, 2022.

Councilman Armstrong mentioned several accomplishments from Bullitt East High School Sports.

Paul Brannon announced the Fall Clean up 10/27 & 10/28 7AM -7PM on college Street.

Mayor Armstrong announced on the front page of the Pioneer News that the Farmer's Market is ranked #1 in the state. He also mentioned the acknowledgment of grant money for an Arbor Walk in honor Mayor Joetta Bass Calhoun.

Executive Session

At 8:38 PM, Councilman Armstrong made, and Councilman Thompson seconded a motion to enter into executive session. Motion carried.

Reconvene

Councilman Barr made a motion to reconvene at 09:05 PM and Councilman Gentry seconded. Motion carried.

The city attorney stated the city council met in accordance with KRS 61.810 and no final action was taken.

Adjournment

Councilman Barr made, and Councilman Armstrong seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:06 PM. Motion carried.