

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

June 22, 2021

MONTGOMERY CITY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sara Countryman declared a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present: Sara Countryman Mayor
Carol Langley City Council Place # 1
Kevin Lacy City Council Place # 2
T.J. Wilkerson City Council Place # 3
Byron Sanford City Council Place # 5

Absent: Julie Davis City Council Place # 4

Also Present: Richard Tramm City Administrator
Dave McCorquodale Assistant City Administrator
Caleb Villarreal City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

T.J. Wilkerson gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAGS

VISITOR/CITIZENS FORUM:

Any citizen with business not scheduled on the agenda may speak to the City Council. Prior to speaking, each speaker must be recognized by the Mayor. Council may not discuss or take any action on an item but may place the issue on a future agenda. The number of speakers along with the time allowed per speaker may be limited.

Mayor Countryman congratulated Mrs. Kimberly Duckett, Court Administrator on her fifth anniversary with the City of Montgomery. Mayor Countryman gave Mrs. Duckett a token of appreciation and acknowledged all the hard work she has done.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Matters related to the approval of the June 8, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.
2. Consideration and possible action regarding an Interlocal Agreement by and between the City of Montgomery and Montgomery County regarding reimbursement of COVID-19 related expenses.
3. Consideration and possible action regarding TxCDBG Contract #7217320 Amendment No. 2.

Byron Sanford moved to accept the Consent Agenda cumulatively as presented. Kevin Lacy seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

Mayor Countryman stated for the record Julie Davis was not present this evening, however, they do have a quorum.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

4. Consideration and possible action regarding accepting a proposal from Ward, Getz & Associates, PLLC for completion of application renewal for Texas Pollution Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permits for both the Stewart Creek and Town Creek Wastewater Treatment Plants.

Mr. Tramm said the TPDES Permits must be renewed every five years for proper permitting of wastewater treatment plants. Mr. Tramm said the City has maintained the permit for the old treatment plant site (Stewart Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant) in addition to the currently operated site (Town Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant). Mr. Tramm said the reason for maintaining the older facility site is it gives the City greater flexibility with its future in wastewater treatment needs. Mr. Tramm said it would be much easier to put an existing plant that is not operating back into operation than to re-permit a new plant and that is the reason for maintaining the permit. Mr. Tramm said given the scope of this work, it is an item he

thinks is best performed by the current City Engineer versus being the subject of an RFQ. Mr. Tramm said he reviewed the proposal and believes it is reasonable for the scope of work to be performed.

Kevin Lacy asked if there is anything out of the ordinary from what is typically done every five years. Mr. Tramm said no this is completely ordinary.

Kevin Lacy moved to accept the proposal as submitted. Byron Sanford seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

5. Consideration and possible action regarding adoption of the following Ordinance: AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 64 "PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS, AND VENDORS" OF THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD SEC. 64-6 "STREET FESTIVALS"; PROVIDING FOR FEES AND PENALTIES; REPEALING ALL OTHER CONFLICTING ORDINANCE PROVISIONS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AFTER PUBLICATION.

Mr. Tramm said City Council may remember last fall when they approved changes regarding festivals to this Ordinance and other items. Mr. Tramm said Montgomery has a lot more outdoor events so this may be an Ordinance that they will come back to periodically to update as conditions change.

Mr. Tramm said specifically what is on the agenda tonight is regarding chapter 64. Mr. Tramm said the previous change allowed for street festivals, what most of you might think we would commonly call events in the City. Mr. Tramm said it did not provide specific guidelines for how to be permitted. Mr. Tramm said each street festival application will be required to be reviewed by the Chief of Police with final approval by the City Administrator. Mr. Tramm said that once approved, the permit will be issued and filed in the office of the City Secretary.

Mr. Tramm said this Ordinance provides for a clean-up clause of \$200.00. Mr. Tramm said that number came from the Public Works Director after considering what staff time might be necessary and that could be refundable if the event is cleaned up. Mr. Tramm said that way

they are not seeking to charge them after the fact. Mr. Tramm said it would cover the cost of two Public Works individuals for clean-up should that be necessary.

Mr. Tramm said the City Attorney has reviewed and approved the Ordinance. Mr. Tramm said a couple of things he would like to mention is this provides that the application would need to be turned in 30 days before the event. Mr. Tramm said this will not be enforced on events that are in progress right now. Mr. Tramm said there will be a fee of \$50 for the festival permits. Mr. Tramm said one of the most notable items and of the most value to them and the City is that non-food vendor participants will not have to individually permit with the City as vendors as they will be covered by this Ordinance. Mr. Tramm said those putting on the event will provide a list of those vendors to them so the City will be notified of who is participating. Mr. Tramm said imagine with one of our events such as Sip N' Stroll with 30 or 40 vendors there. Mr. Tramm said we do not need them all here, we just need to know who they are. Mr. Tramm said that will put the administrative burden on those putting on the event and take it off all these vendors who might be coming in once or twice. Mr. Tramm said why should they permit for something that they are going to come in for once or twice. Mr. Tramm said they do have a six-month option on permitting, but if they are only planning to come once or twice that might not be of interest to them. Mr. Tramm said this is hopeful also to encourage more to participate with the City.

Mr. Tramm said he wanted to reiterate what he mentioned earlier that he envisions there will be modifications as time goes on as events change and certainly the City of Montgomery is changing and they see a lot more events today than they did five or 10 years ago. Mr. Tramm said the way the community keeps growing and the greater area keeps growing, he envisions there will be a lot of changes to come.

Mayor Countryman said if she recalls correctly they had previous events where clean-up was more expensive because they had to pay the guys overtime and with all hands on deck it was a lot more expensive than the \$200. Mayor Countryman asked if \$200 was enough. Mr. Mike Muckleroy, Public Works Director said they came up with \$200 as a good number to hopefully be safe but also to not discourage someone from wanting to participate because of a large deposit like they did in the past with hydrometers. Mr. Muckleroy said they pushed people away from using hydrometers because they made the deposit so large and helped make the

decision for them to try and steal water instead. Mr. Muckleroy said they do not want to do that and put a burden on anyone. Mr. Muckleroy said it is a gamble and they have had much worse and also had minor clean-up that \$200 would have been more than enough. Mayor Countryman asked Mr. Muckleroy if he feels like adding this deposit would encourage clean-up behavior from those in charge of the event downtown. Mr. Muckleroy said \$200 is a good enough number to at least make someone think about making a sweep back through to check everything versus the alternative to let someone else worry about it. Mayor Countryman said she just thought it was low given what she had remembered but it is fine if Mr. Muckleroy and Mr. Tramm are comfortable with it. Mr. Tramm said if they find they are wrong they can come back and revisit this Ordinance. Kevin Lacy asked if this also applies to holiday parades and things like that because it talks about having animal wash stations. Mayor Countryman said yes it falls under events and festivals.

Mayor Countryman said on the certificate of insurance listing the City of Montgomery as an additional insurer, it is her understanding through TML that they have insurance for the festival but are requiring vendors to get an additional policy. Mr. Tramm said that would be if there is something they need to seek through their insurance that they are the cause of. Mr. Tramm said our insurance covers the general public but imagine a vendor is doing something and they are the cause of something that is damaged. Mr. Tramm said yes our insurance covers it but if they are the cause, their insurance should cover it as well. Mayor Countryman asked if in the case of a parade and a vehicle or horse runs into a building is that on the City's insurance or is it on the festival's insurance or is it on the independent person who owns the vehicle or horse. Mr. Tramm said that is why they are seeking they have insurance, but because it is a City event, the City's insurance can cover it, however, it is going to be more appropriate than the one causing the damage use their insurance to cover it. Mr. Tramm said if their insurance did not properly pay, the City's insurance would pay for it and then would go after that person or entity, otherwise, the City would be the only one liable.

Mayor Countryman said they just went through this with the Antique Festival and they have been paying \$1,000 for an insurance policy they did not need and it was cutting into HMBA's profits. Mayor Countryman said they found out from TML the City would have insurance and therefore that was able to save them on that expense.

Mr. Tramm said the example he thought of earlier concerning this was if you have a food truck vendor and then their food truck catches fire and catches the neighborhood building on fire. Mr. Tramm said that is the City's way to make sure they have their proper insurance in place. Mayor Countryman asked if they would go after the food truck or after the festival insurance. Mr. Tramm said their insurance should take care of it and their insurance should notify the City, but if for some reason there was a problem they know the City's insurance would cover it. Mr. Tramm said the City's insurance has to cover everything which is a protection for the City. Carol Langley asked if this is even for Sip 'N Stroll. Mr. Tramm said yes. Mr. Tramm said for those ongoing events that are in the works right now they will work closely with them to get this in line presuming approval from this day going forward. Mr. Tramm said their interest is in working with them to get everything covered, not preventing anything from happening.

Kevin Lacy moved to adopt the Ordinance as presented. T.J. Wilkerson seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

6. City Administrator's Reports for May 2021 – Mr. Tramm presented his report to City Council. Mr. Tramm said they have coordinated with the Texas Department of Emergency Management to host a juvenile COVID-19 vaccine clinic to be held at the City Community Center on June 24th from noon to 5:00 pm. Mr. Tramm said they will also be returning next month to provide a second round of shots, which are provided at no cost to those who need them. Mr. Tramm said the main point is a lot of the providers who have been providing those vaccinations started scaling those down around the same time the juveniles became eligible to start receiving them. Mr. Tramm said if you know of anyone who is looking for those vaccinations for their juveniles or even adults as well, please let them know.

Kevin Lacy asked how many vaccines do they have. Mr. Tramm said 150 and those administrating the vaccinations are trained Army National Guard personnel. Mr. Tramm said they have notified the local school district.

Mr. Tramm said the engineering transition is well underway and most items that are transitioning to WGA from Jones/Carter have already transitioned. Mr. Tramm said they had a meeting with both parties and had organized a list of what items are being transferred and when. Mr. Tramm said there are a couple of ongoing project items that will stay with Jones/Carter and right now they are working on the completion of two traffic studies, a speed study, and a traffic study off of FM 1097.

Mr. Tramm said earlier in the meeting City Council approved the Interlocal Agreement with Montgomery County on COVID-19 funding and that will be sent to Montgomery County this week. Mr. Tramm said the Commissioner's Court still has to pass that but that will open up a door to them to release the funding to Montgomery County.

Mr. Tramm said TML is hosting a small cities workshop on July 15, 2021, in Austin, Texas. Mr. Tramm said it is a half-day question and answer, problem-solving event and thinks it is the kind of event that might be of interest. Mr. Tramm said if anyone is interested, please see him or Ms. Susan Hensley, City Secretary.

Mr. Tramm said if anyone on City Council is interested in getting a newer device on laptops or computers please let him or Ms. Hensley know.

Mr. Tramm said he wanted to congratulate Mrs. Kimberly Duckett, Court Administrator on her fifth anniversary with the City. Mr. Tramm said Mrs. Duckett is a very valued department head in the City.

Mr. Tramm said residential and commercial construction are both continuing throughout the City. Mr. Tramm said AutoZone is close to complete and near to obtaining their occupancy.

Mr. Tramm said in the calendar year through May 31, 2021, there were 23 new homes completed and more new homesites are coming later this year both in Hills of Town Creek where 30 new home sites will go on the market and Town Creek Crossing.

Mr. Tramm said the Downtown Improvement Plan draft which is a product of the MEDC is expected late in July. Mr. Tramm said he expects the MEDC Board to approve the plan after comments in August.

Mr. Tramm said he attached the Sales Tax Report for review. Mr. Tramm said they do not have anyone coming this month to provide comments. Mr. Tramm said there are some changes ongoing with the firm that he will be discussing next month. Mayor Countryman asked if they are staying with SRI. Mr. Tramm said he sees no reason that will change for the time being. Mr. Tramm said he does not have any information as to why it would need to change, he thinks it is just a matter of new personnel they will be dealing with.

7. Public Works Monthly Report for May 2021 – Mr. Muckleroy, Public Works Director said on the water section they replaced several meter box lids and activated and deactivated 18 water accounts. Mr. Muckleroy said they completed 11 work orders for sewer taps and two for sewer-stop ups. Mr. Muckleroy said they removed fallen limbs and debris from storm events and repaired four potholes. Mr. Muckleroy said they replaced keypads and a receiver at the Sewer Plant 2 gate and repaired brake wiring on the dump trailer. Mr. Muckleroy said they prepared the Clover's Dedication Area at Cedar Brake Park and rebuilt flower beds at the entrance to Homecoming Park. Mr. Muckleroy said Fernland docents reported 684 visitors and they provided 44 tours for the month.

Mr. Muckleroy said they assisted with the Antique Festival and attended a meeting with the Eagle Scout candidate to discuss a possible lighting project at Memory Park.

Byron Sanford said he was reading earlier there was a Lift Station 3 that had four or five calls, something that seemed like it was all electrical related. Mr. Muckleroy said they did have a lot of electrical issues this last month and Mr. Williams will cover that in his report.

8. Police Department Report for May 2021 – Mayor Countryman said she wanted to thank Chief Solomon for the detailed report that gives a very clear vision of what is going on in the City by what the patrol division is doing and the breakdowns. Mayor Countryman said she received an email this week from a gentleman that was concerned with the activity on SH 105 regarding Montgomery being a speed trap. Mayor Countryman said because of Chief Solomon's detailed

report she was able to go back through the minutes and find those. Mayor Countryman said luckily he realized that not everyone that is pulled over is for a speeding ticket and other things are going on in the City. Mayor Countryman said Chief Solomon made it very easy to reference and appreciate that and not having to do a formal records request.

Chief Solomon said they went back and looked at those and started their fast initiatives from these DWI's they had this month and that is significant. Chief Solomon said just as many people who say it is a speed trap, those people call and say the City needs more traffic control. Mayor Countryman said if we are known for a speed trap then people need to slow down.

Mayor Countryman said 12 DWI's is a high number. Chief Solomon said it is really high. Mayor Countryman asked if it was people from within the City or people driving through the City. Chief Solomon said people driving through the City. Mayor Countryman said she thinks that is the highest she has ever seen here.

9. Court Report for May 2021 – Mrs. Kimberly Duckett, Court Administrator said for the Court Report for May there were 205 citations written and the collections were \$21,995.10

10. Utility & Development Report for May 2021 – Mr. Tramm said the utility collection for the month was just under \$150,000 and there was over \$17,000 collected in construction permit fees.

Mr. Tramm said one item he finds the most significant to note between the new water accounts and the disconnected water accounts is a lot of that is transitional with people moving in and out. Mr. Tramm said if we continue this way per month, although it might not sound like a lot, that is a one percent growth the City has had off and on for a while. Mr. Tramm said 10-12 percent growth rate a year is an awful high growth rate the City has seen and maintained.

11. Water Operations Report for May 2021 – Mr. Mike Williams, Vice President of H2O Innovation, said they did have several electrical issues and whether it was related to the weather in town or all across the area or Entergy related issues, Mr. Muckleroy has been in touch with an Entergy representative to try and resolve this issue.

Mr. Williams said if you take out all the electrical and rain-related issues there are only three issues that stand out. Mr. Williams said Lift Station 4, sewer back up there was a manhole

overflowing and the sewer lines were jetted to clear the blockage. Mr. Williams said they were notified of a sewer back up on 20821 Eva Street but found that to be a private issue. Mr. Williams said on May 15th Lift Station 3 over temperature they found one pump running and one pump tripped at overload. Mr. Williams said the pumps were pulled and cleaned of debris.

Mr. Williams said flow for the month of April-May was 6,475,000 gallons, daily peak flow for May 1, 2021, was 764,000 gallons, and average daily flow was 215,900 gallons which is 54% of permitted capacity. Mr. Williams said it is a little higher than average because of all the rain but there is still plenty of board space there.

Mr. Williams said all samples were in compliance for May on the effluent report with a total of 9.45 inches of rainfall for the month.

Mr. Williams said for the water report they pumped a total of 10,365 gallons, flushed 178,000, and sold a total of 9,722,000 with 96% accountability. Mr. Williams said the total connection count was 1,024.

Mr. Williams said they received a letter from TCEQ notifying them the Wastewater Treatment Plant inspection that was completed was given a clean bill of health and there were no violation issues. Mr. Williams said the City is following all the rules and regulations.

Mr. Tramm said receiving a clear inspection report with no violation on a wastewater treatment plant is not easy.

12. Finance Report for May 2021 & Quarterly Investment Report – Mr. Anthony Lasky, Senior Accounting Clerk presented his report to City Council.

Mr. Lasky said for the general fund there are seven and a half months of reserve, MEDC has over two years of reserve, and the utility fund is under one year of reserve.

Mr. Lasky said sales tax collected for May 2021 was over \$440,000.

Mr. Lasky said one of the invoices for the cash flow in May that was paid that he would like to point out was for check #31228 to AV Design Pros which is the second installment for the live stream as well as the PID reimbursement for this past year for \$38,364.38.

Mr. Lasky said the budget for sales tax in the general fund collected \$440,000, \$330,000 of it was for the general fund. Mr. Lasky said they did receive the June numbers and it was just under \$280,000 collected for that month to show on the next month's report.

Mr. Lasky said revenues for May were roughly 27 percent over. Mr. Lasky said for the fiscal year of eight months completed, 97 percent of revenues were collected.

Mr. Lasky said expenditures were 12 percent under in May and roughly 74 percent was collected.

Mr. Lasky said the Downtown Waterline Improvement pay application #4 was paid for \$135,400.

Mr. Lasky said the debt service is going to be a lower payment than what was expected for the September 2021 interest payment. Mr. Lasky said it will be around \$30,000 less. Mayor Countryman asked if that was because of what they approved a couple of months ago. Mr. Lasky said yes and the entire 2012 series are now both paid.

Mr. Lasky presented the quarterly investment report summarizing the TexPool money markets, active CDs, plus pledge securities.

Mayor Countryman asked if \$440,000 was the most ever collected. Mr. Lasky said they did collect \$450,000 in February.

Kevin Lacy asked about the police drug and miscellaneous fund account. Chief Solomon said it is for procedures for the District Attorney's office.

Mr. Tramm said to answer Mayor Countryman's question, in May \$440,993 was collected in the quarterly collection that included May. Mr. Tramm said in February it was \$415,079, approximately \$10,000 more whereas every fourth month, quarterly month, February quarterly month is an annual month because some businesses file annually. Mr. Tramm said February typically has a good chance to be the highest throughout the year.

13. City Engineer's Report for May 2021 – Mr. Chris Roznovsky, City Engineer said regarding the Downtown Waterline Replacement Project, they did receive approval today for the project on FM 149 being completed.

Mr. Roznovsky said they received the draft reports for the FM 1097 speed study.

Mr. Roznovsky said the plans they received from Jones/Carter regarding Wendy's were resubmitted. Mr. Roznovsky said the plans were from before he reviewed them in the Fall of 2019, so those will be revised and sent back, as well as an encroachment agreement that will be on next month's agenda.

Mr. Roznovsky said they had a meeting last week for Town Creek Crossing to review the current construction status and yesterday they started inspection work for Town Creek Crossing.

Mr. Roznovsky said they restarted the biweekly operations call this morning.

Mr. Roznovsky said TxDOT has advised them the FM 149 & SH-105 NB Right Turn Lane Project is let and construction is expected to begin in late September.

Mayor Countryman said she understands it is the property they purchased coming north, but asked if they ever received the agreement with Exxon. Mr. Roznovsky said he does not believe so. Mr. Roznovsky said when they were finding a way to move the dumpster over when they redeveloped their site it never got resolved. Mr. Roznovsky said the FM 149 Improvements Project is when that will likely happen at the same time.

Mr. Roznovsky said all of TxDOT's 2021 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects applications were submitted on June 14th.

Mr. Roznovsky said they have had a handful of transition meetings and will go through all the City documents from the hard drive to make sure they have everything. Mr. Roznovsky said for the immediate term issues and how they broke up the transition was to determine what do they need today to keep things moving and what will they need eventually down the road. Mr. Roznovsky said they have everything they need for today to keep things moving forward.

Kevin Lacy asked if the sidewalk work for Memory Park was included in what they approved. Mr. Roznovsky said it was along Bessie Owens and Clepper Street and not anything on the Park Project. Mr. Roznovsky said the reason is that since it is not on a road, it is outside the scope.

Mayor Countryman asked when they can expect to hear back about this as she knows they have submitted everything, but what is the timeframe. Mr. Dave McCorquodale, Assistant City Administrator said they were told they would likely be following up in late August or sometime in September, but the official answer comes in October.

Mayor Countryman asked if the transition from Jones/Carter has been easy going and smooth as promised. Mr. Roznovsky said so far so good. Mr. Roznovsky said they have been provided information and are working through the chain of command and identifying the right people to get updates from.

Mayor Countryman asked if Staff felt it was an easy transition. The staff said yes.

Kevin Lacy moved to accept the Departmental Reports as presented. T.J. Wilkerson seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The City Council reserves the right to discuss any of the items listed specifically under this heading or for any items listed above in executive closed session as permitted by law including if they meet the qualifications in Sections 551.071(consultation with attorney), 551.072 (deliberation regarding real property),551.073 (deliberation regarding gifts), 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (deliberation regarding security devices), and 551.087 (deliberation regarding economic development negotiations) of Chapter 551 of the Government Code of the State of Texas.

There was no Executive Session held.

POSSIBLE ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

COUNCIL INQUIRY:

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sect. 551.042 the Mayor and Council Members may inquire about a subject not specifically listed on this Agenda. Responses are limited to the recitation of existing policy or a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry. Any deliberation or decision shall be limited to a proposal to place on the agenda of a future meeting.

Kevin Lacy said he would like to revisit the Sign Ordinance and asked if that is something they are going to look at soon. Mr. Tramm said they had a good conference call with Mr. Alan Petrov, City Attorney last week and they are working through some of those things and he thinks it will be in the next month or two when they will bring it back to City Council. Mr. Tramm said one of the things they need to do is drive around the City and look for items they may need.

Kevin Lacy asked if they found out anything regarding political signs. Mr. Tramm said he does have additional guidance with that and they will be able to move forward with some of those.

Mayor Countryman asked with the current ordinance concerning banners are they allowed for hiring for smoothies, for coffee, etc. Mr. McCorquodale said they can put something up for less than 30-days. Mr. McCorquodale said he thinks the City has latitude in the way it is written that if they need to address it they could. Mr. McCorquodale said he has been mindful since COVID-19 has started to try and allow those businesses the latitude to find the staff they need or advertise hours. Mayor Countryman said she does not have a problem with the staffing but there is a new smoothie sign and it just takes away from the downtown aesthetics. Mr. McCorquodale said he has not seen it but he will take a look at it. Mayor Countryman said it is where they use to fly the coffee banners. Mayor Countryman said everyone talks about the charm and everyone up here ran on the platform of keeping the charm and then when there are vinyl banners that have anything other than now hiring, it is true, it is a tough spot right now with hiring. Mayor Countryman said she just thinks it takes away from the aesthetics of what they are trying to achieve. Mr. McCorquodale said it is more a Sign Ordinance than it is a Historic Preservation Ordinance. Mr. McCorquodale said it is temporary and the Sign Ordinance even has a time and a date that should give them the latitude to address something like that.

T.J. Wilkerson asked if there is an update on the park benches for Homecoming Park. Mr. Tramm said there is a 16-month backlog on orders. Mr. Tramm said they do have orders in but are just waiting for them to come in due to materials, COVID-19, and popularity.

Kevin Lacy asked if there have been any applicants for the Planning and Zoning Commission position. Mr. Tramm said they have received one at this time, but the insert that will go in the utility bills has not gone out yet.

Byron Sanford said he has had enough time to absorb things and has told people when he came in it was an outstanding staff and things are going in the right direction and there is a reason for a lot of optimism. Byron Sanford said he can appreciate Mr. Tramm's position as a mid-manager because he knows as being a principal and athletic director himself, you have to deal with a lot of things. Byron Sanford said he just wants to encourage everyone to not let the tail wag the dog. Byron Sanford said the City is a highly marketable place and he assured the people when he was on the election trail that he wants to see the City negotiate from a position of strength and not people's special interests. Byron Sanford said he is not speaking about any particular thing or person. Byron Sanford said he just knows that politics is politics and in his short time he has already had people say, "Well you are with City Council", and yes he is, but he does not own the City. Byron Sanford said this is one of the specific things he had on the campaign trail. Byron Sanford said when we convince our constituents and potential clients from the outside especially that the way the City operates clearly defined long and mid-range goals and daily driven decision making, they will not even push us eventually to fudge on anything. Byron Sanford said they need to have clearly defined goals and a way to get there. Byron Sanford said going into the August budget meeting, he wants to have something that drives him now to meet those three, five, and 10-year goals. Byron Sanford said the elephant in the room is still infrastructure and when people ask him, he wants to be able to have an answer. Byron Sanford said he and Mr. Tramm have had some personal conversations about that. Byron Sanford said they need to get articulated so they are all saying the same thing because that is the way the government is perceived, the left-hand does not know what the right hand is doing. Byron Sanford said he can say from experience in coaching that everyone needs to be on board and understand how to answer the people so it does not become more political than it already is inherently.

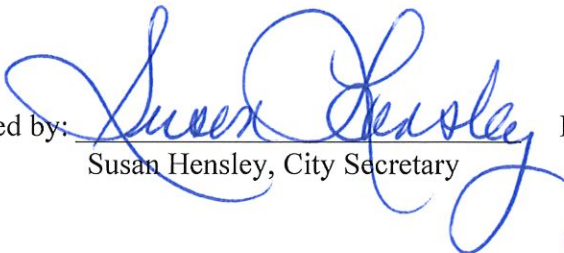
Mayor Countryman said she thinks what Byron Sanford is touching on is a workshop and for all of them to define what the three, five, and ten years and even look to what the need for 20 and 30-years is. Mayor Countryman said when it comes to infrastructure it is not just three and five-year plans. Mayor Countryman said at the workshop maybe if they have a little extra time or if there is an additional workshop they can put on the schedule that would be great so they can get those defined and City Council can start moving in the same direction instead of independently.

Mr. Tramm said he thinks everyone on City Council knows he sent out emails with the times and dates and has received four responses that the 1:00 p.m. start time is good for them. Mr. Tramm said that would be a good time for them to do this in the first workshop or the second. Mr. Tramm said he is a

believer in organized planning and one of the things he does want to see in this coming budget is simplified categories for longer-term savings and target those two things like a future water storage tank and future capital projects. Mr. Tramm said over this fall and winter he expects some of the City staff and City Engineers to redo the longer-term capacity plan for water and wastewater capacity. Mr. Tramm said he thinks all of those all work together. Mr. Tramm said this City growing as it is has a lot of future infrastructure needs, but it is also in a good position to be able to get those needs in place before they are needed and not having to play catch up. Mr. Tramm said he thinks the City is in a good position today, but you have to plan to do it. Mr. Tramm said they will endeavor to include that within the first workshop.

ADJOURNMENT

Kevin Lacy moved to adjourn at 6:56 p.m. T.J. Wilkerson seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

Submitted by: 
Susan Hensley, City Secretary

Date Approved: 07/13/2021


Mayor Sara Countryman

