

Board of Alderman Minutes
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OPEN MEETING

Roll Call taken by Mayor Stephen Short

Jeffrey Danderson PRESENT, Sherry Veach PRESENT, Dennis Roe PRESENT, Ben Lord PRESENT, Leon Beaty PRESENT, Richard Icenhower PRESENT

Call to order at: 6:30 p.m.

Approve Agenda. Motion by Veach to approve agenda. Seconded by Beaty Danderson AYE, Veach AYE, Roe AYE, Lord AYE, Beaty AYE, Icenhower AYE

Public Forum

Old Business

New Business

DISCUSS CITY BUILDING CODES

Icenhower says that our building code is the BOCA code and he discussed it with local contractors. It is set up for Florida and Alaska. He thinks we would be better off with using the Greene County Code instead of the International Building Code. Veach asks what the difference is between the two. Carey Breshears (Building Inspector) addresses the board. Greene County uses International Building Codes ("IBC") and they make amendments. He knows where to look to find those codes and issues. Over 47 years he has learned a lot of things not to use. Some are for California and Virginia, and they are set up for them but they are good practices here. As code enforcement, he feels it is his job to make builders follow the code. Breshears says that someone wants to plant their feet firmly on the ground. Icenhower says that is when it's his job to step up.

Breshears: Greene County currently uses the IBC Code. If county sees an issue with the IBC Code then they amend it. Icenhower asks what are we. We are IBC 2018. County is also but they have amended and done differently but the only thing that he has found is the exhaust fan issue. Breshears is trying to get some of the codes changed, like nailing in a certain pattern. He crawls under the house, and looks at how they should be nailed. Icenhower asks Breshears what his suggestion is. Breshears thinks we need to go with IBC and maybe Greene County amendments. He is working with Chandra and Sara to get stuff together to hand out to people who receive building permits. He has a builder in town that he did an inspection on and they did a lot of things that they weren't supposed to do. Icenhower asks if there are books available.

They are in the office to be viewed. Danderson says that it is a form of communication, he doesn't know anything about building inspections. He has always stood up for inspectors. We had to order 12 books and they sat here for 90 days for everyone to review before they were adopted. We need something to show the builder before they build. Breshears agrees. He is working towards getting it done with Sara and Chandra. Icenhower says that is what he wants. Breshears would like to see it online. It won't include everything but it will eliminate some things. Roe thinks it's a step in the right direction to have something for the builders to sign off on before they receive the permit. Breshears says that many plans he has seen he wouldn't have approved.

John Hayes says that he has over 30 years of experience. The codes are minimum standards that a home can be built to. Generally, when a builder comes in to get a permit, you can tell them that the city has adopted certain codes and they are able to look them up.

DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE MAYOR TO SIGN PERMIT RENEWAL FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Motion by Danderson to approve the Mayor sign the Wastewater Treatment Plant permit renewal
Seconded Veach

Danderson AYE, Veach AYE, Roe AYE, Lord AYE, Beaty AYE, Icenhower AYE

DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE UNUSED VACATION TIME

Danderson says that this is for Kenny who may or may not get to take his vacation before May 5th and this is because we don't have a backup for Kenny. Either Kenny gets to take his vacation and leave the plant unmanned or we pay him for his unused vacation time. Beaty asks if there is an issue with getting someone in here to help . Danderson says it is an issue. Beaty asks what we do if he has an accident and can't be at the plant. Danderson says we pray.

Motion by Danderson to pay Mr. Hokanson any unused vacation before May 5th. Seconded by
Roe

Danderson AYE, Veach AYE, Roe AYE, Lord AYE, Beaty AYE, Icenhower AYE

Beaty asks if Kenny loses it if he doesn't use it and Danderson says yes.

GREENE COUNTY CLERK SHANE SCHOELLER TO DISCUSS APRIL 2, 2024 ELECTION

Shane Schoeller thanks everyone for having him. As we know, last Tuesday an election was held and there were some streets that were given the wrong ballots. He takes responsibility for that. Apologizes for it. No way intentionally did anything. Once it was recognized county took steps to correct it. Had it corrected by the end of the day. There was concern about ballots. There were 4 issued incorrectly that day. Did a recount on Friday 95 total casts, 52 for Petty and 43 for Danderson. One write in was an additional. The county has election integrity Because there were questions that day, he petitioned the court to hold a special election. The county would pay for the election. At this point, we wait on the court.

Roe asks the streets that were misidentified. Shane doesn't have those with him. Roe says that Magen Street was one and it didn't change when we changed the boundaries. Unfortunately, there is a technicality between their system and the state system. Occasionally errors do occur. Danderson asks about a time frame. Schoeller says it will move quickly. Mayor asks to explain what the judge will be looking at. Judge has petition with the facts, there is doubt on the votes, the judge will make that decision based on what information is given. City Attorney can be there on behalf of the city.

Sells asks when the election would take place. Anticipate there will be a runoff election with another city and they would like those done together. Thinks it may be in June.

Sells ask if the judge rules against that petition if the results would stand. Certified yesterday. Polling place will remain. If the judge grants a new election, then we would anticipate in June.

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Linda Hayes, The lines were redrawn in 2021 and its 2024 and we are just now figuring it out. Schoeller says that they didn't know because no one was opposed. There is a time lapse for when things change and when they are put on the books officially. We need to remember that in the back of our minds to allow the time needed for those changes to reflect correctly.

The goal when they send out the voter ID cards is for you to check the information and make sure it is correct.

Sells appreciates Shane being at the polling place on election day and being here tonight.

Civil litigation isn't the same as criminal. Public can attend if they chose to.

Petty asks if they will be served, and they are served as they are named. Shane doesn't think they HAVE to show up. Everyone thanks Shane for being here.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Danderson to go into Closed Session 610.021 (3) hiring, firing discipling, or promoting particular employees at 7:03 p.m. Second Veach
Danderson, Veach, Roe, Lord, Beaty, Icenhower


Motion by Danderson to go back to open session at 8:03 p.m. Second Beaty
Danderson AYE, Veach AYE, Roe AYE, Lord AYE, Beaty AYE, Icenhower AYE

Mayor Report

Adjournment

Motion by Danderson to Adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Second Veach
Danderson AYE, Veach AYE, Roe AYE, Lord AYE, Beaty AYE, Icenhower AYE

Adjourned at 8:04 p.m.


Sara Davis, City Clerk