

Observer: Sue Calder

Aldermen Present/Absent: All and the mayor. The clerk as well.

Staff Present: Cummings and Richardson

Meeting began: 4:39 pm

Meeting ended: 6:46 pm

911 Commission Council Appointment: Wynn is resigning and stated that the commission meets quarterly and it is moving into a technical phase connecting systems together. Braithwaite expressed interest and later Rue-Simmons did. Suffredin offered to resign early. Both were elected.

Compensation report: Basically the report was dissed. Discussion focused on benefits and that some take them only for themselves and others use a family plan. Rainey would like to receive the same “compensation” as those who use the family plan; suggested that each get \$47,000 and can use it as they see fit. Fleming and Braithwaite stated that offering benefits helps make the council more diverse and without it the council may look like that of Oak Park where all are retirees. Others complained they do not get reimbursed for the use of their WiFi, tickets to galas, coffee with constituents, fuel for their car to attend meetings, etc. Staff did respond that staff do not get “compensated” if they only use the insurance for themselves. This will go to Council for more discussion and adoption.

In-Person Meetings: It was recommended that while Covid is a threat, meetings (although they’d like them to be in person) will remain remote.

Missing Executive Meeting Minutes: Haggerty stated that he had requested from Clerk Reid the whereabouts of minutes from 12 executive meetings and has not received a response and is very frustrated. (I can’t account for all but: 5 audio recordings are corrupt, 2 were rejected by council because they were too verbatim, at 2 meetings other staff were there as Reid was a subject of the discussion, the 2 last meetings are in the Manager’s office.) Several aldermen tried to put the discussion into a more business-like mode by asking to set deadlines for when minutes would be completed. Reid agreed to the deadlines. There has been some contact with the AG’s office about releasing the minutes and not reviewing them semi-annually; Cummings noted that if this is not done in a timely fashion the City could be subject to legal liabilities, i.e. fines. Wilson wanted to know where all the files have gone that were in the office when Greene left. Reid said he didn’t know. He also said he did not have a storage space for the exec. com. minutes, but it was pointed out that they should be on a secure Google drive on the net, which he should do (I think it was indicated that his staff does that.) In order to get the corrupted files available, it is likely that an outside consultant would have to do the work.