

MINUTES
YORK CITY COUNCIL
September 4, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Eddie Lee
Mayor Pro Tem Ed Brown
Councilmember Jim Bradford
Councilmember Mike Fuesser

Councilmember Steve Love
Councilmember Denise Lowry
Councilmember Bill Miller

OTHERS PRESENT:

City Manager Lisa Wallace
City Attorney Mac Brice
City Engineer Bill Yetman
Finance Director Jennifer White
Fire Chief Domenic Manera
Planning Director David Breakfield
Public Works Director Terry Montgomery
Police Chief Andy Robinson
Recreation Director Carolyn Leake

Linda Ellington
Tim Evans
Karen Jones
Jan Ramsey
Ronnie Taylor

1. Welcome and Call to Order: Mayor Lee
2. Prayer: Councilmember Ed Brown
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Lee
4. Public Hearings:
 - ❖ Ordinance 18-599, An Ordinance Adopting a Budget Proposed by the City Manager Containing Estimates of Proposed Revenues and Expenditures by the City of York, for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2018, and Ending September 30, 2019, and Declaring That Same Shall Constitute the Budget of the City of York for Such Fiscal Year.
 - There was no public comment on this matter.
 - ❖ Ordinance 18-600, Amending the Code of Ordinances by Revising Chapter 44, *Utilities*, Article II, *Rates and Charges*, as Pertains to Water and Sewer Rates.
 - There was no public comment on this matter.
5. Minutes:
 - ❖ Regular Meeting, August 7, 2018. Councilmember Miller's motion to adopt the minutes was seconded by Councilmember Fuesser. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

6. Comments and Requests from the Public:

- ❖ Jan Ramsey discussed concerns that she has regarding the condition of the porch on Blackburn Street. Planning Director Breakfield stated that the owner has been issued a summons to appear before the judge in September. Jan Ramsey wanted to know if the city could go and clean-up the property and then apply the cost of the clean-up over a period of time to the owner's utility bill. City Attorney Brice explained that there is not currently a legal mechanism in place to force a property owner to clean-up their property and it would be difficult to put an ordinance in place that would do that based on recent Supreme Court rulings. Currently the only legal mechanism in place is for fining property owners. Mayor Lee inquired as to the status of an overgrown lot at 324 Liberty St. It was determined that this lot has been cut today.

6. City Manager's Report:

- ❖ City Manager Wallace stated there was \$50,000 allocated in this year's budget for the rehabilitation of the public works facility. Currently, the city is looking into possibly obtaining the Army Reserve facility to utilize for the public works building within the next 60 days. Bids have been received for improvements for the current public works building. City Manager Wallace stated that she would like to reallocate these funds to the new budget year beginning October 1st. If the plans for the Army Reserve facility do not materialize within 60 days, then the city would proceed with awarding the bids for the rehabilitation of the current building.
 - Councilmember Bradford's motion to reallocate \$50,000 to the 2018-19 capital project funds for the rehabilitation of the public works facility was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. The motion passed with unanimous approval.
- ❖ City Manager Wallace stated that the city received two bids to stripe and resurface City Market. It was staff recommendation to award the bid to the lowest bid from Granite Contracting for \$26,320.
 - Councilmember Miller's motion to award the bid to Granite Contracting for \$26,320 was seconded by Councilmember Fuesser. The motion passed with unanimous approval.
- ❖ City Manager Wallace stated that the city received a proposal for a 14 ft. lighted and decorated Christmas tree from Mosaca Design for \$6,713 to be purchased from hospitality tax funds. It was the recommendation of staff to authorize this purchase.

- Councilmember Bradford's motion to authorize the purchase of the Christmas tree for \$6,713 from hospitality tax funds was seconded by Councilmember Miller. The motion passed with unanimous approval.
- ❖ City Manager Wallace stated that the city received bids to put lights on the trees on Main Street several years ago at a cost of \$117,000. There has been an alternative means to add the lights to the trees that would cost \$7,024 to be paid from hospitality tax funds.
 - Councilmember Bradford's motion to authorize the expenditure of \$7,024 to add lights to the trees on Main Street to be paid from hospitality tax funds was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. The motion passed with unanimous approval.
- ❖ Councilmember Love wanted to know what could be done to make Downtown York more handicap accessible. Hopefully there will be a way to add more curb cuts for wheelchair accessibility. It was determined to have this matter discussed further.
- ❖ City Manager Wallace stated that we are in the process of applying for a Rural Infrastructure Authority Grant, for up to \$500,000, to replace old fire hydrants. The grant requires a 25% match, which means the city would have to contribute up to \$125,000 in matching funds paid from budgeted funds from the utility budget.
 - Councilmember Lowry's motion to authorize up to \$125,000 for a RIA grant match to replace fire hydrants from budgeted funds in the utility budget was seconded by Councilmember Fuesser. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

7. Monthly Finance Report:

- ❖ Finance Director White reported that we are 83% of the way through the fiscal year. Revenues for the general funds are at 90% and expenditures are below expectations. Last week York County notified the city that we would only be receiving half of the recreation fees now and the other half in January/February. This combined with over-budgeted revenues will contribute to a \$66,000-\$70,000 shortfall. Capacity fees and hospitality taxes are good. The utility fund is on target for revenues and expenditures. Councilmember Lowry inquired as to the cause of the over-budgeted revenues. Finance Director White stated that it was a transposition of numbers

8. Council Committee Reports:

- ❖ Events and Recreation: Councilmember Lowry reported that this committee met on August 21, 2018 at 5:00pm. The following items were discussed: two special events applications were processed, the Fourth of July event, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Breakfast event, playground equipment at the York

Recreation Complex, park improvements, and the Thomasson property. Councilmember Bradford discussed a meeting that was held between the City of York, York EDC, and Keck & Wood. Keck & Wood have provided a proposal for their services for a conceptual design for the Thomasson property. Councilmember Bradford stated that the YEDC will raise funds for this.

- ❖ Planning, Public Works, & Economic Development: Councilmember Fuesser reported that this committee met on August 21, 2018 at 3:45 pm. The following items were discussed: comprehensive plan update, update regarding the Cleveland Avenue property, Austen Lakes update, project updates, vacancy on the planning commission, upcoming meetings of boards and commissions, trees on Main Street, stormwater issues on Galilean, intersection improvements to 321 by-pass and Kings Mountain Street, resurface City Market parking lot, RIA grant, SCDHEC dam spillway inspection, Tri-County sewer project, York County water boost pump station and ground storage tank, and the Thomasson property.
 - Councilmember Fuesser made a motion for city staff to proceed with the derelict structure process on 305 California Street which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. The motion passed with unanimous approval.
- ❖ Public Safety: Councilmember Miller reported that this committee met on August 22, 2018 at 4pm. The following items were discussed: police events, police activity, pending legislation for public safety, fire department events, fire calls, comments and concerns for the police and fire departments, and a proposed fireworks ordinance.
 - Councilmember Miller made a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 18-601, To Amend Section 28-92 of the Code of Laws of the City of York entitled "Fireworks" which was seconded by Councilmember Love. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

9. Old Business:

- ❖ Second Reading, Ordinance 18-599, An Ordinance Adopting a Budget Proposed by the City Manager Containing Estimates of Proposed Revenues and Expenditures by the City of York, for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2018, and Ending September 30, 2019, and Declaring That Same Shall Constitute the Budget of the City of York for Such Fiscal Year. Councilmember Love voiced concerns regarding approving this budget with the millage increase for infrastructure without having a plan in place for infrastructure improvements.
 - Councilmember Fuesser made a motion to approve second reading of Ordinance 18-599, which was seconded by Councilmember Bradford. The motion passed with Councilmember Love voting against the motion.
- ❖ Second Reading, Ordinance 18-600, Amending the Code of Ordinances by Revising Chapter 44, *Utilities*, Article II, *Rates and Charges*, as Pertains to Water and Sewer Rates.

- Councilmember Bradford made a motion to approve second reading of Ordinance 18-600, which was seconded by Councilmember Fuesser. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

10. New Business:

- ❖ First Reading, Ordinance 18-601, To Amend Section 28-92 of the Code of Laws of the City of York entitled "Fireworks" was approved under the Public Safety Committee report.

11. Miscellaneous Business: None

12. Mayor's Report:

- ❖ Mayor Lee included in the council packet information regarding the 2000 & 2010 Census. Mayor Lee stated that the 2010 Census was an improvement over the 2000 Census. Mayor Lee asked that all city councilmembers be a part of the Complete Count Committee for the Census.

13. Any Item Any Member of Council Wishes to Present:

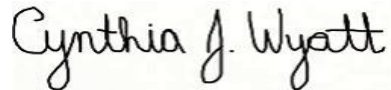
- ❖ Mayor Pro Tem Brown wanted to thank the city manager and the department heads for all of their hard work. Also, Mayor Pro Tem Brown thanked Terry Montgomery for taking care of the trash on Maiden Lane. Mayor Pro Tem Brown also noted that some citizens were upset about Summerfest ending at 2pm.
- ❖ Councilmember Bradford thanked all of the departments for their work on Summerfest.
- ❖ Councilmember Love also thanked city staff for all of their hard work for Summerfest.
- ❖ Councilmember Miller thanked everyone for their efforts with Summerfest. Councilmember Miller also thanked Public Works Director Montgomery and City Engineer Yetman for their help with issues on Center Street and Westwood.
- ❖ Councilmember Fuesser wanted to thank city staff for their efforts and to remind everyone of the art festival at the Western York County Museum on September 22nd from 10a-3p.
- ❖ Councilmember Lowry wanted to thank city staff for all that they do.

16. Executive Session: None

17. Adjourn:

- ❖ There being no further business Councilmember Fuesser made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. This motion was approved unanimously by council. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Cynthia J. Wyatt
Municipal Clerk