City Council Meeting
July 12, 2021
6:00 PM
Council Chambers

The Regular Meeting of the Crestview City Council was called to order at 6:00 P.M. Members present were Shannon Hayes, Joe Blocker, Andrew Rencich, Cynthia Brown and Doug Capps. Also present were the honorable Mayor JB Whitten, City Clerk Elizabeth Roy, City Manager Tim Bolduc, City Attorney Mr. Holloway, department heads and members of the press.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **Called to Order**

This meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Whitten at 6:00 p.m.

2. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

The invocation and prayer were led by Pastor Josh Neel of Destiny Worship Center.

3. **Open Policy making and legislative session**

4. **Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Whitten asked if there were any changes or objections to the current Agenda.

There were no objections or changes to Agenda it was approved by unanimous consent.

5. **Presentations and Reports**

Mayor Whitten announced that the local Crestview Sister Cities organization received Special Recognition from the Sister Cities International.

Mr. Hughes, President of the Crestview Sister Cities said a few words regarding the recognition.

6. **Consent Agenda**

6.1 Park Usage Agreement between the B & T Raceway Group and the City of Crestview

6.2 Main Street Demolition Bid

Mayor Whitten asked for action on the Consent Agenda.

A motion made by Mr. Hayes to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Capps with 5 yeas from Mr. Hayes, Mr. Capps, Mr. Blocker, Mr. Rencich, Ms. Brown with 0 nays, motion carried.

7. **Public Hearings- Ordinances on Second Reading**

8. **Ordinances on First Reading**

8.1 Ordinance 1829-Aggressive Panhandling

Mr. Bolduc, City Manager stated that Panhandling is a solicitation made in person, whereby the solicitor requests the immediate donation of money or other thing of value or requests one to purchase an item in an amount far exceeding the item's value. Over the last 18 months, the City of Crestview Police Department has observed an increase in aggressive panhandling and panhandling from City medians and rights of way. The public health, safety, and welfare issues to both persons and traffic flow that result from such activity are numerous. Therefore, in an effort to balance a solution to problems arising from such activity while continuing to allow for panhandling in public areas, City staff has drafted an ordinance that will restrict such activity so that it does not interfere with vehicular traffic, cause traffic safety or traffic flow issues, and so that it does not constitute a threat to the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizenry. He then asked the City Clerk to read Ordinance 1829 by title.

Ms. Roy, City Clerk stated, "Ordinance 1829 reads by title,

ORDINANCE 1829

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CRESTVIEW, FLORIDA, CREATING A NEW SECTION 54-9 OF CHAPTER 54 OF THE CITY OF CRESTVIEW CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO AGGRESSIVE PANHANDLING; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This is the First Reading of Ordinance 1829."

Mayor Whitten asked for action by Council.

A motion made by Mr. Rencich to adopt Ordinance 1829 on First Reading and send to Second Reading. Seconded by Mr. Blocker, with 5 yeas from Mr. Rencich, Mr. Blocker, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Capps, Ms. Brown with 0 nays, motion carried.

9. Resolutions

10. Action Items

10.1 Regions Bank Prepayment

Mr. Bolduc, City Manager stated that this is a request to pay off a portion of the 2020 Series Capital Improvement Revenue Bond since a portion of the debt was used to purchase Foxwood County Club, and that portion exceeded the allowable percentage of the loan to which a public private partnership can be entered, a portion of the loan must be repaid at this time and the certificate amended. The "private loan financing test" that is required with this type of funding, is not consistent with the terms of the management agreement that the City Council recently approved with GreatLife Golf. The repayment of the portion of the financing was something that staff was aware of prior to entering into the management agreement, but it was determined that repayment of the required portion of the financing would be beneficial to ensure that the terms of the agreement could be as they are, placing the burden of success on the management company. Staff is requesting permission for the City Manager and the City Attorney to finalize the remedial action, pay down the debt and have the Mayor execute the necessary documentation.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Whitten asked for action by Council.

A motion made by Mr. Capps to approve the City Manager and the City Attorney to finalize the remedial action, pay down the debt and have the Mayor execute the necessary documentation. Seconded by Mr. Hayes with 5 yeas from Mr. Capps, Mr. Hayes, Ms. Brown, Mr. Rencich, Mr. Blocker with 0 nays, motion carried.

10.2 Downtown Parking Lot

Mr. Bolduc, City Manager stated that this item includes a budget for the downtown parking lot. He reviewed the budgeted items and costs. Staff respectfully requests the approval of the new Downtown Parking Lot project, with a "not to exceed cost" of $310,000. Funding is available at this time in fundbalance.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Whitten asked for action.

A motion made by Ms. Brown to approve the new Downtown Parking Lot project, with a cost "not to exceed cost" of $310,000. Seconded by Mr. Hayes with 5 yeas from Ms. Brown, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Blocker, Mr. Capps, Mr. Rencich with 0 nays, motion carried.

11. City Clerk Report

Ms. Roy, City Clerk informed Council that there will be some upcoming workshops, budget workshops and meetings a finalized schedule will be sent out so please make sure you can be there. These meetings are important.

11.1 League of Cities Dinner-Fort Walton

Ms. Roy, City Clerk informed Council to please make sure they show up to this dinner if they signed up.

12. City Manager Report

12.1 Crestview Commons

Mr. Bolduc, City Manager informed Council that the work has begun on Crestview Commons. He gave some details concerning the construction and opening of Crestview Commons.

A brief discussion ensued.

12.2 Audit Report

Mr. Bolduc, City Manager briefly spoke about the audit report.

12.3 Downtown Mobility Plan

Mr. Bolduc, City Manager requested for the Council to approve the Mayor signing the Task Order for Matrix.

A motion was made by Mr. Rencich to approve for the Mayor to sign the Task Order. Seconded by Mr. Hayes with 5 yeas from Mr. Rencich, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Blocker, Ms. Brown, Mr. Capps with 0 nays, motion carried.

12.4 Tentative Milage

Mr. Bolduc, City Manager stated that at the next meeting Council will be presented with a financial update, conversations about the upcoming budget and at the next meeting you all will set the Tentative Milage rate.

Discussion ensued.

13. Comments from the Mayor and Council

Mr. Capps commended the City Manager and Staff about their response and handling of complaints that come up on social media.

Mr. Rencich gave thanks to those sitting in the Chamber and words for those who complain.

Ms. Brown informed those in attendance about an educational program offered at the library.

Mr. Blocker requested that the configuration of the Council Chamber to be redone.

Mr. Hayes appreciates the moving forward of the City and is looking forward to having Town Hall meetings to inform and to communicate more with the public.

Mayor Whitten gave thanks to the great effort done by the City for the 4th of July event. He noted that the Citizen Advisory Council is taking applications. Mayor Whitten requested a policy concerning the naming of a project.

Discussion ensued.

14. Comments from the Audience

15. Adjournment

This meeting was adjourned by Mayor Whitten at 6:54 p.m.

Elizabeth M. Roy

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City Clerk

J B Whitten

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Mayor

Minutes approve this 23rd day of Ag., 2021.