

City Council Minutes
August 28, 2023
6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Crestview City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor JB Whitten. Board members present: Mayor Pro-Tem Andrew Rencich, Council members: Doug Capps, Cynthia Brown, Joe Blocker, and Ryan Bullard. Also present: City Manager Tim Bolduc, City Clerk Maryanne Schrader, City Attorney Jonathan Holloway, and various staff members.

2. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pastor Mark Dillman of Airport Road Church of Christ.

2.1. Pastor Mark Dillman of Airport Road Church of Christ

3. Open Policy Making and Legislative Session

Mayor JB Whitten established a quorum was met and reviewed the rules of procedure.

4. Approve Agenda

Mayor JB Whitten called for action.

Motion by Councilmember Joe Blocker and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Andrew Rencich to approve the agenda, as presented.

Roll Call: Andrew Rencich, Douglas Capps, Cynthia Brown, Joe Blocker, Ryan Bullard.
All ayes. Motion carried.

5. Presentations and Reports

5.1. Check Presentation - A Bed 4 Me

Councilmember Cynthia Brown presented a check from Council's discretionary fund for \$2,500 to Diane Freeman, Executive Director of A Bed 4 Me Foundation.

Ms. Freeman thanked Councilmember Cynthia Brown stating on behalf of the non-profit she appreciated the assistance from the City Council.

6. Consent Agenda

Mayor JB Whitten called for action.

Motion by Councilmember Joe Blocker and seconded by Councilmember Cynthia Brown to approve the Consent agenda, as presented.

Roll Call: Andrew Rencich, Douglas Capps, Cynthia Brown, Joe Blocker, Ryan Bullard.
All ayes. Motion carried.

Councilmember R. Bullard voiced concern about the traffic MOU's and asked about

revisiting the traffic impact fees, as they need to come up to par.

- 6.1. Home2 Suites Traffic MOU
- 6.2. Texas Roadhouse Traffic MOU
- 6.3. Florida Department of Corrections MOA #A5267
- 6.4. Approval of August 14th City Council Workshop and Regular Meeting Minutes

7. Public Hearings / Ordinances on Second Reading

7.1. Ord. 1938 - Retta Lane Annexation

Planning Administrator Nicholas Schwendt presented Ordinance 1938, Retta Lane Annexation to the City Council stating the item includes the Memorandum of Understanding that provides a six-month window to the applicant before the need to apply for rezoning and amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. He went over the required notices and posting and asked the City Clerk to read the ordinance by title.

City Clerk Maryanne Schrader read Ordinance 1938 aloud: An Ordinance annexing to the City of Crestview, Florida, ± 29.77 acres of contiguous lands located in section 30, Township 3 north, Range 23 west, and being described as set forth herein; providing for authority; providing for land description; providing for boundary; providing for land use and zoning designation; providing for amendment to the base, land use and zoning maps; providing for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment; providing for filing with the Clerk of Circuit Court of Okaloosa County, the Chief Administrative Officer of Okaloosa County and the Florida Department of State; providing for severability; providing for scrivener's errors; providing for liberal interpretation; providing for repeal of conflicting codes and ordinances; and providing for an effective date.

Mayor JB Whitten called for comment from the Council and the public. In hearing none, he called for action.

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Andrew Rencich and seconded by Councilmember Ryan Bullard to adopt Ordinance 1938 on 2nd reading.

Roll Call: Andrew Rencich, Douglas Capps, Cynthia Brown, Joe Blocker, Ryan Bullard. All ayes. Motion carried.

7.2. Ord. 1941 - Jones Road Annexation

Planning Administrator N. Schwendt presented Ordinance 1941, Jones Road Annexation, to the City Council stating the next three ordinances concern 114 Jones Road. There are no development plans received for the property. He went over the required notices and posting and asked the City Clerk to read the ordinance by title.

City Clerk Maryanne Schrader read Ordinance 1941 aloud: An Ordinance annexing to the City of Crestview, Florida, ± 1.84 acres of contiguous lands located in section 4, Township 3 north, range 23 west, and being described as set forth herein;

providing for authority; providing for land description; providing for boundary; providing for land use and zoning designation; providing for amendment to the base, land use and zoning maps; providing for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment; providing for filing with the Clerk of Circuit Court of Okaloosa County, the Chief Administrative Officer of Okaloosa County and the Florida Department of State; providing for severability; providing for scrivener's errors; providing for liberal interpretation; providing for repeal of conflicting codes and ordinances; and providing for an effective date.

Mayor JB Whitten called for comment from the Council and the public. In hearing none, he called for action.

Motion by Councilmember Douglas Capps and seconded by Councilmember Ryan Bullard to adopt Ordinance 1941 on 2nd reading.

Roll Call: Andrew Rencich, Douglas Capps, Cynthia Brown, Joe Blocker, Ryan Bullard. All ayes. Motion carried.

7.3. Ord. 1942 - Jones Road Comprehensive Plan Amendment

Planning Administrator N. Schwendt presented Ordinance 1942 - Jones Road Comprehensive Plan Amendment to the City Council stating the information is the same as in the previous ordinance. He then asked the City Clerk to read the ordinance by Title.

City Clerk Maryanne Schrader read Ordinance 1942 aloud: An ordinance of the City of Crestview, Florida, amending its adopted Comprehensive Plan; providing for authority; providing for findings of fact; providing for purpose; providing for changing the Future Land Use designation from Okaloosa County Mixed Use to Mixed Use (MU) on approximately 1.84 acres, more or less, in Section 4, Township 3 north, Range 23 west; providing for Future Land Use map amendment; providing for severability; providing for scrivener's errors; providing for liberal interpretation; providing for repeal of conflicting codes and ordinances; and providing for an effective date.

Mayor JB Whitten called for comment from the Council and the public. In hearing none, he called for action.

Motion by Councilmember Cynthia Brown and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Andrew Rencich to adopt Ordinance 1942 on second reading.

Roll Call: Andrew Rencich, Douglas Capps, Cynthia Brown, Joe Blocker, Ryan Bullard. All ayes. Motion carried.

7.4. Ord. 1943 - Jones Road Rezoning

City Attorney Jonathan Holloway swore in Planning Administrator N. Schwendt for the quasi-judicial segments of the meeting.

Planning Administrator N. Schwendt presented Ordinance 1943, Jones Road Rezoning, for second reading. He asked the City Clerk to enter the staff report into

the record: Background: On June 23, 2023, staff received an application to annex and to amend the comprehensive plan and zoning designations for property located at 114 Jones Road. The subject property is currently located within unincorporated Okaloosa County with a future land use and zoning designations of Mixed Use. The application requests the Mixed-Use zoning designation for the property. The Planning and Development Board recommended approval of the request on August 7, 2023, and the first reading was approved by the City Council on August 14, 2023. Discussion: The property description is as follows: Property Owner: King Larry R & Cynthia S, P O Box 1798, Crestview, FL 32539, Parcel ID: 04-3N-23-1840-0007-0020, Site Size: 1.84 acres, Current FLU: Okaloosa County Mixed Use Current Zoning: Okaloosa County Mixed Use Current Land Use: Private School. The following table provides the surrounding land use designations, zoning districts, and existing uses. Direction: North; FLU: Mixed Use; Zoning: Mixed Use; Existing Use: Vacant; Direction: East; FLU: Commercial & Okaloosa County Mixed Use; Zoning: Commercial Low-Intensity District (C-1) & Okaloosa County Mixed Use; Existing Use: Residential & Commercial; Direction: South; FLU: Commercial; Zoning: Commercial Low-Intensity District (C-1); Existing Use: Residential; Direction: West; FLU: Mixed Use & Okaloosa County Mixed Use; Zoning: Mixed Use & Okaloosa County Mixed Use; Existing Use: Vacant & Residential. The subject property is currently developed for commercial use and a development application has not been submitted. Based on the requested land-use and zoning designations, the property use will continue as a business. Staff reviewed the request for rezoning and finds the following: - The proposed zoning is consistent with the proposed future land use designation. - The uses within the requested zoning district are compatible with uses in the adjacent zoning districts. - The requested use is not substantially more or less intense than allowable development on adjacent parcels. Courtesy notices were mailed to property owners within 300 feet of the subject property on July 18, 2023. The property was posted on July 25, 2023. An advertisement ran in the Crestview News Bulletin on July 27 and August 3, 2023.

Planning Administrator N. Schwendt asked the City Clerk to read the ordinance by title.

City Clerk Maryanne Schrader read Ordinance 1943 aloud: An ordinance of the City of Crestview, Florida, providing for the rezoning of 1.84 acres, more or less, of real property, located in section 4, Township 3 north, Range 23 west, from the Okaloosa County Mixed Use zoning district to the Mixed Use (MU) zoning district; providing for authority; providing for the updating of the Crestview zoning map; providing for severability; providing for scrivener's errors; providing for liberal interpretation; providing for repeal of conflicting codes and ordinances; and providing for an effective date.

Mayor JB Whitten called for comment from the Council and the public. In hearing none, he called for action.

Motion by Councilmember Joe Blocker and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Andrew Rencich to adopt Ordinance 1943 on 2nd reading.

Roll Call: Andrew Rencich, Douglas Capps, Cynthia Brown, Joe Blocker, Ryan Bullard. All ayes. Motion carried.

7.5. Ord. 1944- Antioch Road Annexation

Planning Administrator N. Schwendt presented Ordinance 1944 - Antioch Road Annexation. He went over the current zoning and required notices and posting and asked the City Clerk to read the ordinance by title.

City Clerk Maryanne Schrader read Ordinance 1944 aloud: An Ordinance annexing to the City of Crestview, Florida, ± 5.30 acres of contiguous lands located in section 26, Township 3 north, Range 24 west, and being described as set forth herein; providing for authority; providing for land description; providing for boundary; providing for land use and zoning designation; providing for amendment to the base, land use and zoning maps; providing for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment; providing for filing with the Clerk of Circuit Court of Okaloosa County, the Chief Administrative Officer of Okaloosa County and the Florida Department of State; providing for severability; providing for scrivener's errors; providing for liberal interpretation; providing for repeal of conflicting codes and ordinances; and providing for an effective date.

Mayor JB Whitten called for comment from the Council and the public. In hearing none, he called for action.

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Andrew Rencich and seconded by Councilmember Cynthia Brown to adopt Ordinance 1944 on second reading.

Roll Call: Andrew Rencich, Douglas Capps, Cynthia Brown, Joe Blocker, Ryan Bullard. All ayes. Motion carried.

7.6. Ord. 1945 - Antioch Road Comprehensive Plan Amendment

Planning Administrator N. Schwendt presented Ordinance 1945, Antioch Road Comprehensive Plan Amendment, stating the information is the same as the previous ordinance. He then asked the City Clerk to read Ordinance 1945 by Title.

City Clerk Maryanne Schrader read Ordinance 1945 aloud: An Ordinance of the City of Crestview, Florida, Amending its adopted Comprehensive Plan; providing For authority; providing for findings of fact; Providing for purpose; providing for changing the Future Land Use designation from Okaloosa County Low density residential to Mixed Use (MU) on approximately 5.30 acres, more or less, in Section 26, Township 3 north, Range 24 west; providing for Future Land Use map amendment; providing for severability; providing for scrivener's errors; providing for Liberal interpretation; providing for repeal of Conflicting codes and ordinances; and providing for an effective date.

Mayor JB Whitten called for comment from the Council and the public. In hearing none, he called for action.

Motion by Councilmember Joe Blocker and seconded by Councilmember Ryan Bullard to adopt Ordinance 1945 on second reading.
Roll Call: Andrew Rencich, Douglas Capps, Cynthia Brown, Joe Blocker, Ryan Bullard. All ayes. Motion carried.

7.7. Ord. 1946 - Antioch Road Rezoning

Planning Administrator N. Schwendt presented Ordinance 1946, Antioch Road Rezoning and asked the City Clerk to enter the staff report into the record:

Background: On July 13, 2023 staff received an application to annex and to amend the comprehensive plan and zoning designations for property located at Antioch Road and GMC Lane. The subject property is currently located within unincorporated Okaloosa County with a future land use and zoning designation of Low Density Residential and Residential-1, respectively. The application requests the Single and Multi-Family Density Dwelling District (R-3) zoning designation for the property. The Planning and Development Board recommended approval of the request on August 7, 2023, and the first reading was approved by the City Council on August 14, 2023. Discussion: The property description is as follows: Property Owner: RSW Foundation LLC, 308 W James Lee Blvd Crestview, FL 32536, Parcel ID: 26-3N-24-0000-0006-0000, 26-3N-24-0000-0002-002A, 26-3N-24-0000-0002-0090, Site Size: 5.30 acres, Current FLU: Okaloosa County Low Density Residential Current Zoning: Okaloosa County Residential-1 Current Land Use: Vacant. The following table provides the surrounding land use designations, zoning districts, and existing uses. Direction: North, FLU: Mixed Use, Zoning: Single and Multi-Family Density Dwelling District (R-3), Existing Use: Vacant; Direction: East, FLU: Mixed Use & Okaloosa County Low Density Residential, Zoning: Single and Multi-Family Density Dwelling District (R-3) & Okaloosa County Residential-1, Existing Use: Residential & Vacant Direction: South, FLU: Mixed Use & Okaloosa County Low Density Residential, Zoning: Single and Multi-Family Density Dwelling District (R-3) & Okaloosa County Residential-1, Existing Use: Residential & Vacant; Direction: West, FLU: Okaloosa County Agriculture, Zoning: Okaloosa County Agricultural, Existing Use: Residential & Vacant. The subject property is currently vacant, and a development application has not been submitted. Based on the requested land-use and zoning designations, the property use can be developed for residential use. Staff reviewed the request for rezoning and finds the following: - The proposed zoning is consistent with the proposed future land use designation. - The uses within the requested zoning district are compatible with uses in the adjacent zoning districts. - The requested use is not substantially more or less intense than allowable development on adjacent parcels. Courtesy notices were mailed to property owners within 300 feet of the subject property on July 18, 2023. The property was posted on July 25, 2023. An advertisement ran in the Crestview News Bulletin on July 27 & August 3, 2023. He then asked the City Clerk to read Ordinance 1946 by Title.

City Clerk Maryanne Schrader read Ordinance 1946 aloud: An Ordinance of the City of Crestview, Florida, providing for the rezoning of 5.30 acres, more or less, of real property, located in Section 26, Township 3 north, Range 24 west, from the Okaloosa County Residential-1 Zoning District to the Single and Multi-family Density

Dwelling District (R-3) Zoning District; providing for authority; providing for the updating of the Crestview zoning map; providing for severability; providing for scrivener's errors; providing for liberal interpretation; providing for repeal of conflicting codes and ordinances; and providing for an effective date.

Mayor JB Whitten called for comment from the Council and the public. In hearing none, he called for action.

Motion by Councilmember Douglas Capps and seconded by Councilmember Joe Blocker to adopt Ordinance 1946 on second reading.

Roll Call: Andrew Rencich, Douglas Capps, Cynthia Brown, Joe Blocker, Ryan Bullard. All ayes. Motion carried.

7.8. Ord. 1947 - Price-Gregory Vacation

Planning Administrator N. Schwendt presented Ordinance 1947, Price Gregory Vacation Way. He explained this ordinance will vacate the portion of Price-Gregory Way as right-of-way and grant it to the adjacent property owner. He then asked the City Clerk to read Ordinance 1947 by Title.

City Clerk Maryanne Schrader read Ordinance 1947 aloud: An Ordinance of the City of Crestview, Florida, vacating and abandoning a portion of Price-Gregory Way, located in Section 29, Township 3 north, Range 23 west, more specifically described herein; providing for update of the Crestview base, zoning and land use maps; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for filing of this ordinance with the Clerk of Circuit Court of Okaloosa County; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

Mayor JB Whitten called for comment from the Council and the public. In hearing none, he called for action.

Motion by Councilmember Cynthia Brown and seconded by Councilmember Joe Blocker to adopt Ordinance 1947 on second reading.

Roll Call: Andrew Rencich, Douglas Capps, Cynthia Brown, Joe Blocker, Ryan Bullard. All ayes. Motion carried.

7.9. Ord. 1948 - Comprehensive Plan Amendment - Commercial Density

Planning Administrator N. Schwendt presented Ordinance 1948, Comprehensive Plan Commercial Density. He explained this will solidify recommendations suggested by the consultant to clearly ensure the maximum density allowance be added to the Commercial category in the Future Land Use Element of our Comprehensive Plan. He then asked the City Clerk to read Ordinance 1948 by Title.

City Clerk Maryanne Schrader read Ordinance 1948 aloud: An Ordinance providing for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment; amending Chapter 7, policy 7.A.3.4, Subsection 3, regarding density in the Commercial Future Land Use category; providing for authority; providing for filing with the Clerk of Circuit Court of Okaloosa County, the Chief Administrative Officer of Okaloosa County and the

Florida Department of State; providing for severability; providing for scrivener's errors; providing for liberal interpretation; providing for repeal of conflicting codes and ordinances; and providing for an effective date.

Mayor JB Whitten called for comment from the Council and the public. In hearing none, he called for action.

Motion by Councilmember Douglas Capps and seconded by Councilmember Joe Blocker to adopt Ordinance 1948 on second reading.

Roll Call: Andrew Rencich, Douglas Capps, Cynthia Brown, Joe Blocker, Ryan Bullard. All ayes. Motion carried.

7.10. Ord. 1949 - Comprehensive Fee Schedule Amendment

Planning Administrator N. Schwendt presented Ordinance 1949, Comprehensive Fee Schedule amendment. He mentioned this is an overall update of the Comprehensive Fee Schedule to coincide with the annual budget process, as well as to allow each department an opportunity to inspect and propose updates and adjust our fees to match the cost of services. He then asked the City Clerk to read Ordinance 1949 by Title.

City Clerk Maryanne Schrader read Ordinance 1949 aloud: An Ordinance of the City of Crestview, Florida, providing for a retroactive twenty percent reduction of building permit fees; providing for a twenty percent reduction of building permit fees for not less than one year; providing for an amendment updating the comprehensive fee schedule; providing for filing of this ordinance with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Okaloosa County; providing for authority; providing for severability; providing for scrivener's errors; providing for liberal interpretation; providing for repeal of conflicting codes and ordinances; and providing for an effective date.

Mayor JB Whitten called for comment from the Council and the public. In hearing none, he called for action.

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Andrew Rencich and seconded by Councilmember Joe Blocker to adopt Ordinance 1949 on second reading.

Roll Call: Andrew Rencich, Douglas Capps, Cynthia Brown, Joe Blocker, Ryan Bullard. All ayes. Motion carried.

8. Ordinances on First Reading – No item brought forward.

9. Resolutions – No item brought forward.

10. Action Items

10.1. Retirement Ordinance Amendment

City Manager T. Bolduc went over the need for amending the current plan to allow

retirement after 25 years of service, regardless of age. The amendment also changes the allocation of 175/185 contributions to the City of Crestview. He mentioned the actuary reviewed the participants, as well as the contributions from the employees. He added the city subsidizes any fluctuation. The plan will increase contributions by 3% increase.

Firefighter David Griggs came forward stating he is the Vice Chair of the Board. One major item is recruitment of personnel, as 70% of the departments surrounding us are already doing it. He said they have polled and received a unanimous vote to move to the new plan.

Major Andrew Schneider came forward stating he is the Chair of the Board. He explained that staff reaching eligibility with service may not reach the age requirement, so this action will rectify that issue.

Discussion ensued.

City Manager T. Bolduc said recruitment is part of the decision as well as rotation of personnel. He added the city is able to offset the expense. It is a good business move and will create incentives for the employees. He added no employees plan to take advantage in this incentive immediately.

There was general consensus of support from the Council.

10.2. Purchase of Property -211 Bowers Avenue West

City Manager T. Bolduc said the purchase price of the property at 211 West Bowers Avenue is \$120,000. The property is adjacent to the properties the city currently owns. This purchase will provide more options for affordable housing. The funding for this purchase and the demolition and clean-up of the properties is in the undesignated fund balance. The intention is to tear down the building on the property adding there is a lot of police enforcement issues at this location.

Mayor JB Whitten called for action.

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Andrew Rencich and seconded by Councilmember Joe Blocker to approve the contract for the purchase of the property in the amount of \$120,000.

Roll Call: Andrew Rencich, Douglas Capps, Cynthia Brown, Joe Blocker, Ryan Bullard. All ayes. Motion carried.

10.3. Approval of Concessionaire Services Bid Submittal

City Manager T. Bolduc stated on August 23, 2023, one sealed bid was received from Hub City Smokehouse. The Finance department reviewed the bid finding the bid met all specifications. He added the current contract sunset on August 1st. He added we start games on September 1st.

Mayor JB Whitten called for action.

Motion by Councilmember Ryan Bullard and seconded by Councilmember Cynthia Brown to accept the proposal from Hub City Smokehouse and direct the City Attorney to move forward with the contract preparation and permit Mike Carroll to move forward and provide the service during the contract preparation.

Roll Call: Andrew Rencich, Douglas Capps, Cynthia Brown, Joe Blocker, Ryan Bullard. All ayes. Motion carried.

City Attorney J. Holloway said the contract will be effective immediately.

11. City Clerk Report

11.1. Monthly Update

City Clerk Maryanne Schrader announced that the staff report is attached for the June and July reporting period.

12. City Manager Report

12.1. Financial Update - Finance Director

City Manager T. Bolduc stated he will meet with the County on their mobility fee and discuss a partnership with the County. We will bring back an adoption of a local traffic impact fee or a partnership with the County.

He also went over entrance signs and the partnership with the TDC. The sign will be designed with breakaway walls per FDOT guidelines. The sign is free with the logos from TDC. In response to Mayor Pro-Tem A. Rencich regarding a brick facade instead of the stone, City Manager T. Bolduc said it can be changed. The consensus of the Council was approval for D. Capps to bring the recommendation to the TDC to request approval of four signs.

Finance Director Gina Toussaint mentioned the June and July 2023 check disbursement registers are included in the link on the staff report. The link will also connect to the monthly Unaudited Schedules of Revenues & Expenditures for May and June 2023, as well as the Pooled Cash Carryforward ending June 30, 2023.

12.2. Monthly Report - Police Department Update

Chief Stephen McCosker addressed the City Council with an update on recent community events, the “Guns and Hoses” and “Backpack Drive.” He mentioned the partnership with Baker to hold a basketball skills workshop on September 16th at the Twin Hills Gym.

He said the corporal eligibility list will be conducted the week of September 18th, as well as going over staffing. He added the K9 contract will be on the next agenda, as he is looking for dual service dogs. We also have foreclosures coming up. The animal control department is working on a “trap and fix” program, mentioning the

Police Academy alumni will sponsor obtaining grants for the program.

Next, Chief Stephen McCosker presented a draft ordinance regarding convicted sexual offender/predator residency restrictions. The city has 88 registered sexual offenders and 8 registered sexual predators. He added the proposed ordinance is 1,500 feet which will include bus stops. He mentioned the current team efforts by the city are the sexual predator/offender residential enforcement and Internet crimes against children.

Discussion ensued on restrictions, Romeo and Juliet laws and homelessness of offenders.

Councilmember D. Capps said he has been pushing this ordinance as he wants to protect the children. He added pedophile behavior is a repetitive compulsion.

Consensus was reached 4 - 1, as Councilmember R. Bullard had concerns on creating homelessness for the offenders. Mayor Whitten added he wanted clearer definitions on the exceptions.

13. Comments from the Mayor and Council

Mayor JB Whitten called for comment from the Council.

Councilmember R. Bullard asked about the status of the project for Main Street, and City Manager T. Bolduc said we are scheduled to go for bid next month.

In response to Councilmember R. Bullard on when the red-light camera contract ends, stating it is government overreach, Chief McCosker replied the contract is up next January.

Councilmember C. Brown agreed with the need to review the red-light camera program. She mentioned the "Race for the Rhein" event at Spanish Trail Park is this Friday and Saturday.

Mayor Whitten said the Florida legislature is returning in September and plans to contact representatives. He mentioned that Casey Cook, lobbyist, advised that bills are coming back that we will need to monitor. The Overdose Awareness Summit is this Thursday. On Saturday night a USO dance will be held at 7 p.m. at Old Spanish Trail. The Ambassadors are having a market at the Bush House on September 9th with the proceeds going toward hosting the kids from France.

14. Comments from the Audience

Mayor JB Whitten called for comment from the public.

Kenny Siler voiced concern on the city purchasing land and giving it away. He mentioned the city should ensure repayment of the money.

Shannon Hayes commented on the poor condition of property on Bay Street and Spring Hill, adding it is city property. He commented that it is a junk haven and asked that it be

cleaned up. City Manager T. Bolduc said he will have it cleaned when they are working on clearing another property on Bay.

Mike Carroll said there are a few obstacles before he opens and said he is hiring now.

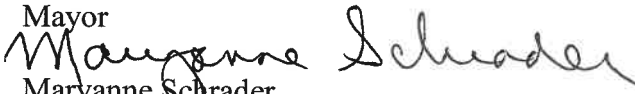
15. Adjournment

Mayor JB Whitten adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes approved this 11th day of September 2023.


JB Whitten

Mayor


Maryanne Schrader

City Clerk

Proper Notice having been duly given

