

City Council Minutes
March 11, 2024
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, and Ryan Bullard. Also present: City Manager Tim Bolduc, City Clerk Maryanne Girard, City Attorney Jonathan Holloway, and various staff members. Councilmember Joe Blocker was excused.

2. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

2.1. Mr. Eric Struxness of The Shepherd's Church

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Eric Struxness of The Shepherd's Church.

3. Open Policy Making and Legislative Session

Mayor JB Whitten mentioned a quorum had been met and went over the rules and procedures.

4. Approve Agenda

Mayor JB Whitten called for action.

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

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

5. Presentations and Reports

6. Consent Agenda

Mayor JB Whitten called for action.

Motion by Councilmember Cynthia Brown and seconded by Councilmember Ryan Bullard to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

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

6.1. Approval of City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2024

7. Public Hearings / Ordinances on Second Reading

8. Ordinances on First Reading

8.1. Ordinance 1965 - Noise Ordinance Amendments

City Manager Tim Bolduc presented Ordinance 1965, Noise Amendments, which is a revision of our current noise ordinance. He then asked the City Clerk to read Ordinance 1965 by Title.

City Clerk Maryanne Girard read Ordinance 1965 aloud: An Ordinance Amending Noise Regulations Within the City of Crestview; Providing For Amendment of Section 30-1 of the Code of Ordinances; 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.

City Manager Tim Bolduc went over the construction activity work hours and electronic amplifications and zoning issues, as well as single-family residential activity. He mentioned the golf course sound issue. The time set in the ordinance is from 11 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

Mayor JB Whitten called for comment from the Council.

Discussion ensued on the need to add Sunday with the growth in the city and adding residential and commercial exemptions. Council concurred on construction activities and use of construction equipment on any given property that creates noise that is heard from any single family residential property between sunrise and sunset every day of the week.

For clarification, City Manager T. Bolduc suggested amending the ordinance with the following exceptions: Allow for construction to occur on commercial sites seven days a week from sunrise to sunset and six days a week when adjacent to residential properties. Those activities conducted by homeowners or tenants of single-family residences for personal, non-commercial purposes may take place on Sunday.

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

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Andrew Rencich and seconded by Councilmember Ryan Bullard to approve Ordinance 1965 on 1st reading, as amended, and move to second reading for final adoption.

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

9. Resolutions

10. Action Items

11. City Clerk Report

City Clerk M. Girard mentioned that the NWFLC dinner is scheduled for May 3rd in Panama City Beach and informed the Council that she would register them by the 5th of April.

12. City Manager Report

12.1. Smoking in City Parks

City Manager T. Bolduc introduced a proposed ordinance addressing a no-smoking policy for our parks. He stated it is to address Twin Hills Park smoking except for designated areas, which follows State Statute, which exempts restrictions on cigars.

Mayor JB Whitten called for comment from the Council.

Discussion ensued on smoking in designated areas, the ban for all parks, and having a plan to map out the designated areas.

The consensus from the City Council was to move the ordinance to first reading at the next meeting and for staff to prepare a map that would display the designated smoking areas proposed for Twin Hills Park.

12.2. Monthly Department Report - Parks and Recreation

Parks and Recreation Director Brady Peters went over his report. He mentioned a grand opening for the baseball/softball season is scheduled for April 6th at the High School stadium. He added six out of seven leagues have been sponsored with over \$13,000 in donations, as well as a donation of a scoreboard. He added the splash pad should be done in April, and the playground will be finished in August. He added a WWII reenactment is scheduled April 5-7 at Spanish Hills.

Councilmember C. Brown said she went to the Bush House History Walk stating it was a good experience. She added the Evening at the Museum is coming up soon. She mentioned the scoreboard should have a dedication to honor the person who donated it.

Councilmember R. Bullard requested the Chamber assist in getting the word out for the league sponsorships.

Mayor JB Whitten said the "Touch a Truck" event was well received.

City Manager T. Bolduc said Brady has acquired two additional scoreboards that were donated for Spanish Trail. He added Brady raised \$20,000 for the scoreboards.

City Manager T. Bolduc added Ms. Brittany Young, Walker Elementary, is present to receive a donation of a surplus 180 chairs. He said our disposal policy allows for a donation to the school.

Motion by Councilmember Ryan Bullard and seconded by Councilmember Doug Capps to approve the donation of 180 chairs to Walker Elementary School.

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

City Manager T. Bolduc mentioned we have outgrown the Animal Control Facility. He displayed a new area to place the Animal Control Facility which will allow us to consolidate. The building has a sallyport, a running field for the animals, and an area to house a vet, as a long term option. He advised that he has received an offer of \$100,000 to donate to the facility, but they asked for the naming rights on the building. He added it will take \$350,000 for the remodel.

Discussion ensued on the overall plan for the facility, the travel time between Laurel Hill and the Crestview facility, and City Manager T. Bolduc replied that it will be a ten to twenty-year facility, so it will not go with the new PW facility. He added the building is in a commercial-central property across the street from Publix off of Industrial. This is our best interest to have a unified control of animal services. The Council agreed to a consensus for the city manager to continue with negotiations.

City Manager T. Bolduc said this Thursday a neighborhood pre-construction meeting is scheduled for Foxwood for the wastewater. He added the only project that has made it at the State is the Redstone project for \$312,000.

City Manager T. Bolduc also mentioned the Mobility Plan and Mobility Fee for Crestview that will produce the traffic impact study. He received a Scope of Services from the company who did the study for the County. The fee is between \$126,000 and \$140,000.

Discussion ensued on negotiations and the budget. City Manager T. Bolduc mentioned he has negotiated the terms to \$80,000 adding it is a piggyback contract. He added a copy is in the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Doug Capps and seconded by Councilmember Ryan Bullard to waive the purchasing policy to allow to enter into a contract with the same contractor the County used and negotiate the fees to pursue the project.

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

13. Comments from the Mayor and Council

Mayor JB Whitten called for comment from the Council.

Councilmember D. Capps mentioned the Hometown Hero ceremony is Tuesday. Mayor Whitten requested that Mr. Capps represent the city.

Mayor Pro-Tem A. Rencich announced the Main Street groundbreaking was today. He added the 3rd Annual Fireman banquet was a great event.

Mayor Whitten mentioned an opening at 2 p.m. on Friday for another Habitat for Humanity house.

14. Comments from the Audience

Mayor JB Whitten called for comment from the public.

Thomas Bradley came forward with his concern about a councilmember's conduct of business. He said he spoke to Maryanne Schrader about a problem with the library, and she mentioned that he call Ms. Brown. He mentioned he was not happy with Ms. Brown's response adding no one spoke to his witnesses.

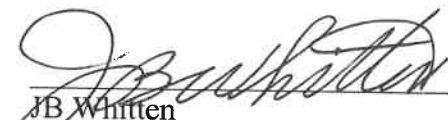
Councilmember Brown said she spoke to Mr. Bradley and stated that once it came under the control of the city manager, she informed him that the city manager would be able to handle it.

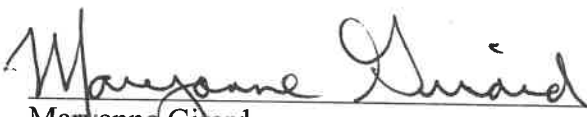
Shannon Hayes came forward and thanked Mayor Whitten for attending his uncle's funeral, who was one of the oldest Crestview citizens.

15. Adjournment

Mayor JB Whitten adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Minutes approved this 25th day of March 2024.


JB Whitten
Mayor


Maryanne Girard
City Clerk

Proper Notice having been duly given

