



**Town of Fairview
Regular Town Council Meeting
October 12, 2021**

The following Council members were present: Mayor Phil Thomas, John Biggers, Jerry Clontz, Patricia Kindley, and Gary Wilfong.

Others present: Darrell Baucom, Financial Officer; Ed Humphries, Land Use Administrator/Deputy Clerk; Teresa Gregorius, Town Clerk, and Spencer Thomas, Administrative Assistant

Agenda Changes

Mayor Thomas stated that he would like to add:

- Item #3 Lisa Thomas to discuss Winter Festival
- Item #4 Hire engineer for septic system design for Town Hall

Approval of Agenda

Patricia Kindley made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Jerry Clontz seconded the motion. Council members Biggers, Clontz, Kindley and Wilfong voted yes (4-0).

Public Comments

None

Consent Agenda

- a) Accept Financial and Tax Reports as Information
- b) Accept Land Use Report as Information
- c) Accept Fund Balance Worksheet 2020-2021 report as Information
- d) Fairview Park Event August Draft Minutes --- (No September Meeting)
- e) Fairview Park Facility August Draft Minutes --- (No September Meeting)
- f) Planning Board August Draft Minutes --- (No September Meeting)
- g) Approve Council Regular Minutes for September 14, 2021

Gary Wilfong made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Patricia Kindley seconded the motion. Council members Biggers, Clontz, Kindley and Wilfong voted yes (4-0).

Items of Business

Item 1: Discuss/Approve Major-Minor Subdivision Requirements/Policies

Ed Humphries presented the final version of the Major/Minor Subdivision Policy (Exhibit A). Mr. Humphries reiterated that this policy had been developed and reviewed and updated by both the Planning Board and the Council in the past few months. He also reiterated that this is a policy, not an ordinance, so it can be changed/updated by the Planning Board and Council at any time.

Patricia Kindley made a motion to adopt the Major/Minor Subdivision Policy as presented. John Biggers seconded the motion. Council members Biggers, Clontz, Kindley and Wilfong voted yes (4-0).

Item 2: Discuss/Approve Heating/Air System for Council Meeting Room

Ed Humphries presented information and bids on updating the heating/air in the meeting room. The three bids ranged from \$10,941 to \$16,900. The current window units are older and inefficient and make hearing difficult for the audience when operating. The bids presented are to install the same system that is in the administrative office. The Council discussed.

Gary Wilfong made a motion to approve the Air Direct bid of \$10,941.00 to install heating/air system after the purchase of the Town Hall building has been completed. Patricia Kindley seconded the motion. Council members Biggers, Clontz, Kindley and Wilfong voted yes (4-0).

Item 3: Discuss Winter Festival

Lisa Thomas, Chairman of the Fairview Park Event Committee, reported that the Winter Festival will be held December 11, 2021. A committee from Antioch Baptist Church approached the committee about incorporating their “Walk Through Bethlehem” program with the Winter Festival. The Event Committee was split on whether to move forward. Mrs. Thomas asked the Council for their opinion. Antioch wanted to set up around the pond. Comments were made that the heavy trucks and equipment needed to set up their displays would damage the walking track and ground around the pond. Consensus was that if Antioch was agreeable to setting up somewhere on the park property other than the pond area that would be fine. Mrs. Thomas said she would speak with the Antioch Committee.

Item 4: Discuss/Approve Hiring Engineer for Septic System Design for Town Hall

Mayor Thomas reported that once the town purchases the town hall site, the septic system will need to be reviewed and updated or replaced. The current system has piping that runs underneath the old school building. The town will need to hire an

engineer to investigate/design a septic system at a cost of up to \$10,000. The Council discussed.

Gary Wilfong made a motion to authorize Mayor Thomas to hire an engineer to investigate/design a septic system at a cost of up to \$10,000. John Biggers seconded the motion. Council members Biggers, Clontz, Kindley and Wilfong voted yes (4-0).

Council Comments

All the Council members thanked Lisa Thomas and the Event Committee for an excellent Fall Festival.

Patricia Kindley reported that she attended the funeral service for our town attorney Joe McCollum.

Jerry Clontz stated that Mary Lou Starnes won the gift card at the booth he had at the Fall Festival. There will be several kids' fishing days and a tournament at the pond in October.

Mayor Thomas stated that he also attended the funeral service for Mr. McCollum. Mayor Thomas also attended the Chamber of Commerce Elected Officials Reception last week and met with several local and state officials (Todd Johnson, Dean Arp, Mark Brody, representative from Paul Newton's office, Mark Watson). Dean Arp updated the mayor on the progress of the state budget. If passed, Fairview will receive \$50,000 for the purchase of town hall and \$250,000 for the park (no conditions regarding the funds other than funds cannot be used to pay down the loan on the land). Mark Watson, UC Manager updated the mayor noting that he had signed the contract for Fairview to purchase the town hall site at a cost of \$125,000. Mayor Thomas stated that with the passing of Attorney McCollum the town will need to hire another attorney. We have reached out to several area attorneys and municipalities and will be meeting with an attorney who comes recommended and currently works with two local municipalities.

Jerry Clontz made a motion to adjourn. John Biggers seconded the motion. Council members Biggers, Clontz, Kindley and Wilfong voted yes (4-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Gregorius
Town Clerk

Phil Thomas
Mayor

Approved this 9th day of November 2021