



**Town of Fairview
Regular Town Council Meeting
December 13, 2022**

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

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

Agenda Changes/Approval

Mayor Thomas added separating rental house property and park property as Item #2 and Christmas gifts to staff as Item #3.

Gary Wilfong made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Jerry Clontz seconded the motion. Council members Clontz, Kindley and Wilfong voted yes (3-0).

Public Comments

None

Consent Agenda

- a) Financial and Tax Reports--- *Report Accepted as Information*
- b) Land Use Report---*Report Accepted as Information*
- c) Fund Balance Worksheet 2022-2023 --- *Report Accepted as Information*
- d) Fairview Park Event November Draft Minutes (*Minutes Accepted as Information*)
- e) Fairview Park Facility November Draft Minutes (*Minutes Accepted as Information*)
- f) Planning Board November Draft Minutes (*No November meeting*)
- g) Approve Council Minutes for November 8, 2022
- h) Council meeting dates for 2023 and days town office close

Jerry Clontz made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Patricia Kindley seconded the motion. Council members Clontz, Kindley and Wilfong voted yes (3-0).

4. Items of Business:

Item 1: Presentation of 2021-2022 Town Audit

Deneal Bennett, J.B. Watson & Co., PLLC, presented the 2021-2022 town audit to the Council. She highlighted and explained various sections and reported that it was a good audit. The Council discussed and thanked her for her work.

Item 2: Discuss Separating Rental House property from Park property

Mayor Thomas opened the discussion by stating that separating the rental house property from the rest of the park property before applying for any future grants may be advantageous to the town. PARTF grants tie up park properties for approximately 25-30 years. The town may want to do something with the rental property that would not be park related. The Council discussed.

Gary Wilfong made a motion to authorize Phil Thomas and Jerry Clontz to have the rental property surveyed and taken out of the park property and sign any documentation required. Patricia Kindley seconded the motion. Council members Clontz, Kindley and Wilfong voted yes (3-0).

Item 3: Christmas Gifts for Staff

Mayor Thomas opened a discussion regarding Christmas gifts for the staff by stating that he would like to increase the amount to each staff member to \$150. Council agreed. Patricia Kindley made a motion to give \$150 (tax included) to Ed Humphries, Darrell Baucom, Jerry Clontz, Teresa Gregorius and Spencer Thomas. Gary Wilfong seconded the motion. Council members Clontz, Kindley and Wilfong voted yes (3-0).

Council Comments

Gary Wilfong stated that the Winter Festival was great and expressed his appreciation to the Event Committee for all their work. He noted that the Fall and Winter Festivals are so close together, the Council may want to think about doing a Spring festival instead of a Fall festival so that the committee would not have back-to-back events.

Patricia Kindley stated that the Winter Festival was a spectacular event. She also reported that she participated in a Union County exercise "Simulation of Poverty". It was an eye-opening experience to participate in scenarios that people go through when asking for assistance.

Jerry Clontz stated that the Winter Festival gets better every year. The Piedmont High School Band was great. One reoccurring problem with the festivals continues to be the parking. He will be working with the Facility Committee regarding upgrades.

Spencer Thomas stated that the Event Committee will be meeting on January 5th and will be reviewing the Winter Festival and the Committee would like to have the Council attend the meeting.

Mayor Thomas reported that he, Jerry Clontz, Mike Medlin, Bill Riffle, Ed Humphries and Teresa Gregorius met with Jon Wood, Benesch Co., regarding the second phase of the park and ask Mr. Wood to concentrate on the trail grant process and not a PARTF grant at this time. Mr. Wood will set up a time to meet with the mayor and anyone else interested to walk the proposed trail area.

Jerry Clontz made a motion to adjourn. Patricia Kindley seconded the motion. Council members Clontz, Kindley and Wilfong voted yes (3-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Gregorius
Town Clerk

Phil Thomas
Mayor

Approved this 10th day of January 2023