

Town of Pelzer Council Meeting

Minutes

November 14, 2023

Council Present – Will Ragland, Donna Ide, Mike Matthews, Eddie Waits

Staff Present – Cheryl Bates, Town Attorney- Richard Thompson

Press – David Meade

1. Call to Order – Mayor Ragland
2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance – Mike Matthews
3. Public Hearing – Citizens may sign up for public comments (3 minutes)
 1. Rezoning property TMS #243-01-04-002 from Industrial to Mixed Use, for re-development
 - Carter Massingill – Spoke to Mayor & Council about the importance to re-zone the Upper Mill Site for the redevelopment of the property for the Senior Housing project of 80 units for people 62 and older.
 - Larry Coker – Asked Mayor & Council to approve the re-zoning of the Upper Mill Site for the Senior Housing development. Their funding requires this to be re-zoned to mixed use from industrial.
4. Adjournment – Mayor Ragland made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Eddie Waits 2nd the motion, all in favor.

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, November 14, 2023, immediately following.

Pelzer Gym Lobby – 112 Lebbby Street

1. Call to Order – Mayor Ragland
2. Citizens Comments (sign-up required – 3 minutes)
 - Laura Rainey – Submitted two applications to be approved for the Planning Commission Jane Frye & Calle Walters.
 - Scott Larsen – Ballfields asked if the group that rented it was still maintaining it and asked for any updates that could be given.
 - Wayne Huey – Veterans Memorial made mention that there has been quite a bit of discussion on Facebook regarding this and it seems that most people think that Wardlaw Park would be the ideal place for this memorial. Asked the Mayor and Council to work with the PHC on this so the project can begin for the community.
 - Larry Coker – Veterans Memorial advised the Mayor and Council that the PHC has \$100,000 to build this, the PHC has talked about several areas

throughout town where this would best serve the community for various reasons. He would like the Mayor and Council to consider Wardlaw Park and discuss where would be the best place to build it.

3 Approval of Minutes

- a. October 10, 2023, Council Meeting – Mayor Ragland made the motion to approve, Mike Mathews 2nd the motion, All in favor.

4 Reports/Presentations

- a. Cheryl Bates – Clerk’s Report

Police Coverage for October 2023 – Traffic Stops/33, Contacts/85, Calls for Service/24, Arrest/5.

Christmas Market – November 18, 2023,

This year’s market had to be cancelled due to only receiving 14 vendor applications, spoke with a couple of vendors and they advised that there were so many other events going on same time as this one was scheduled, that maybe we consider changing the date for next year to the same date as the Christmas parade or third weekend in October.

New Business

- a. Application for Planning Commission – Jane Frye – Mike Mathews made motion to approve this application, Mayor Ragland 2nd the motion, Donna Ide questioned her ability to handle this position. Mayor Ragland & Mike Mathews approved this motion, Donna Ide & Eddie Waits opposed. This motion did not pass. Calle Waters – Mayor Ragland made the motion to approve this application, Mike Mathews 2nd the motion, all in favor.

- b. HVAC for gym basement – Mayor shared the 3 quotes that we received for this project; the lowest quote received was \$7,200.00 from the HVAC Doctors. Mayor Ragland made the motion to accept this bid, Eddie Waits 2nd the motion. Donna Ide questioned if this would take care of the dampness in basement, is there a warranty? Vote taken again all in favor, to be paid from Hospitality funds.

- c. 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-015 – Rezoning property TMS #243-01-04-002, from Industrial to Mixed Use. Mayor Ragland made the motion to approve, Eddie Waits 2nd the motion, all in favor.

5 Executive Session – Mayor Ragland made the motion to go into Executive Session to get Legal Advice, Donna Ide 2nd the motion, all in favor. Mayor Ragland made a motion to come out of Executive Session, Donna Ide 2nd the motion, all in favor.

6 Adjournment – Mayor Ragland made a motion to adjourn, Mike Mathews 2nd the motion, all in favor.



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