



## **City Council Work Session Minutes**

**April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**6:30 pm**

Mayor Calvin Woodrey called the Council work session to order at 6:30pm. All members of Council and administration were present except for Vice Mayor Perry and City Manager Marcos Nichols. Assistant city manager Nicole Ard sat in for CM Nichols. He asked that City Manager Marcos Nichols begin with reports. Assistant CM Ard asked Finance Director, Matthew Mesisklis discuss the correspondence items. First he reviewed the monthly financial statements which are attached to the regular Council meeting agenda. He explained he would need the Mayor to sign off on the monthly report after the regular Council meeting. He then reviewed the ARPA running totals. He stated that the remote water shut off meters are included in this new total, which is one of the motions he described regarding remote water shutoff meters stating this item was budgeted for and will save the water department time and resources. There is an additional motion on the agenda regarding 800Mhz pagers. The Fire Department received a grant to purchase a certain amount and by purchasing an additional 10 pagers, they will have enough for the members that will need to have them.

Councilman Agee asked if the first round of meters were financed from the General fund or the water fund. Mr. Mesisklis explained for purchasing purposes they will be paid from the water fund but understood that the extra revenue created by the ARPA funds is how this purchase was made, as well as with the pagers, the fire capitol fund is how the new pagers will be paid for but the general fund may have to reimburse this expense at a later date.

Fire Chief Yater explained the need for the pagers and the issues being on the old vhs system created. He explained that an additional 10 pagers were being purchased by a group called Back the Heros rumble through a grant Mr. Perkins helped the department to obtain, those pagers will be presented to the fire department at a Council meeting in July. Purchasing 10 pagers now will give us the opportunity to transfer over now.

Next assistant CM Ard asked Planning and Zoning Administrator, Bill Jones to discuss the ordinances regarding Maplevue 4B Replat. The county has re-platted property lines and this is just the final step to accepting this platted line. Councilman Agee asked what will happen to the small strip of land at the one property where the home owner did not sign and agree to move his section line back. Mr. Jones explained that it will become its own land locked parcel and will go back to the developer, and they would in turn offer it to one of the adjacent neighbors. Councilman Agee asked who had interest in the parcel? Mr. Jones stated he was not at liberty to discuss that yet. There was some discussion on this Ordinance. Councilwoman Harris went on to state that this situation seemed like a mess, and asked if we had a legal obligation to match what the County has decided to be the section line. City attorney Nick Ziepfel said yes as this has been a long going problem and since the county has set this line, we need to match it to correct all of these property owners final plot plans. Next he discussed the ordinance regarding the rezoning of Parcel#R8600064000011 from R-1 to PUD-R. This ordinance is up for a public hearing and final reading and vote this evening. Councilwoman Montgomery stated she did not receive her letter and her property was affected by this re-zoning as she had to abstain from the voting process. There were others from the neighborhood that planned to speak during the public hearing. Councilwoman Harris assured those that were opposed to these changes, that Council had concerns regarding this property and wanted quality homes in this area if the property was going to be rezoned from R-1. Finally, he reviewed the ordinance which will amend Chapter 1490 – Tall Grass/Noxious Weeds. Giving the City more lenience in making sure this is not an ongoing issue for the City. The changes include changing the amount of days to correct the violation from seven days to five, and the costs assessed from \$300 to \$500. Also that after two notifications that there is a violation, the City will no longer need to inform the resident, an order to cut will just be done. Councilman Agee asked if this was going to create issues for those simply going on vacation? This is not typical, this will be used for those repeat offenders that the grass is extremely long and those that use the notifications to remind them to cut their grass.

Then City Attorney, Nicholas Ziepfel discussed the Ordinances regarding the appropriation of 3.961 Acres +/- from Proeschel Family Farms. He then reviewed the Electric Aggregation and Gas Aggregation legislation which is asking Council if they wish to have these items placed on the ballot for residents to vote on whether or not they wish for energy alliance to represent the city in trying to obtain better energy rates for the citizens of Trenton.

The Council work session was adjourned at 7:28p.m.