

September 15, 2020

The Mooresville Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, at 6:30 P. M. at the Mooresville Government Center.

Council members present were Shane Williams, Jessica Hester, Tom Warthen, and Dustin Stanley. Jeff Cook was absent. Town attorney Mr. Lee was present.

Councilman Warthen gave the prayer.

A motion was made by Councilman Stanley to approve the minutes of the September 1st meeting and seconded by Councilman Warthen. The motion Carried 3-1 with Councilwoman Hester abstaining.

Unfinished Business – NONE

New Business –

Councilman Williams opened the Budget Pre Adoption public hearing. Under public comments, Chief Julian spoke that Mooresville is the lowest paid agency in the county; 12 officers have left since 2010 for higher-paying jobs, five retires, and the potential of two more retirements in the coming years. He also discussed the cost of training when officers leave to go to other agencies for higher pay. There are three vacant positions at this moment. He gave examples of the surrounding agency's current pay structures. He is willing to work with the Council and anyone else to offer competitive pay for the police officers and the employees of the fire department.

Councilman Warthen made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilwoman Hester seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0

Council President Williams addressed the appearance of the town spending more this year than last year, due to special revenue funds that were excluded in the previous year.

Councilman Warthen addressed his views on the budget, the changes from last year to this year, and potential shortfalls that may be coming in 2021 due to decreased revenue, as well as his opinions on being cautiously optimistic on the budget for the next year due to some uncertainty with continued incomes.

Clayton Cullers presented himself before the board to discuss a street closure request for the Mooresville homecoming parade route and social distancing measures that will be in place. Councilman Warthen made the motion to approve the road closure permit, and Councilwoman Hester seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Villages of East Moore Section 1 Arvin Hopkins Street Dedication -Town attorney Mr. Lee presented the ordinances to adopt both Section 1 and Section 2. He recommended discussing if Section 1 and Section 2 are ready to be dedicated and adopt them together. Councilman Warthen made a motion to table the issue until details could be gathered. Councilman Stanley seconded. Motion carried 4-0

CF-1 Powder Pro – Per town attorney Mr. Lee, this item will require a public hearing for a waiver of non-compliance. Tabled CF-1 for the next meeting.

TOA SB-1 Public hearing for waiver of non-compliance. Mike Dellinger came before the board to show support for the waiver of non-compliance. Councilman Warthen made the motion to close the public hearing with Councilwoman Hester seconding. Motion carried 4-0

Councilman Stanley made a motion to approve the waiver of non-compliance Resolution 9-2020. Councilman Warthen seconded. Motion carried 4-0

Department Head Reports –

Brent Callihan from the Parks and Recreation department discussed the concert scheduled on September 26 from 6 PM - 8 PM at Pioneer Park. He also mentioned the Halloween Hike and their adjustments to the event, including distancing, online registration, and other modifications. Once more details are available, he will notify the Council.

Mr. Callihan addressed lingering projects from the tornado damage in April. A shelter house was ordered for the Old Town Park, and the Scout Cabin is under construction to replace the roof and repairs to the foundation. The director of the before and after school program will be leaving employment, and the position will be posted.

Chief Julian presented the call and report statistics for August. There is a new tornado siren Standard Operating Procedure.

Legal –

Town Attorney Lee gave an update on his conversations with Mr. Smalling and is awaiting details from his attorney of costs incurred.

Public Comments – NONE

Councilwoman Hester made the motion to approve claims for \$320,425.76. Councilman Stanley seconded. Motion carried 4-0

Town Council Comments –

Councilman Warthen said he met with Endeavor and they were under a deadline for the firewall, and requested a special meeting before the end of the month to meet their deadline to accept bids. A special meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2020, 6:30 PM.

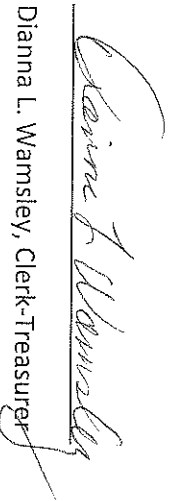
Councilman Stanley requested a timeline be established for the hiring of a new Fire Chief. This will also go on the agenda for the special meeting on September 22, 2020

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Mooresville Town Council will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, at 6:30 P. M. at the Mooresville Government Center. There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Stanley with a second from Councilwoman Hester. Motion Carried 4-0.



Shane B. Williams, Council President

ATTEST:



Dianna L. Wamsley, Clerk-Treasurer