

Council Meeting

The Town Council of the Town of Ware Shoals held a Council Meeting on July 20, 2021 at 6:30 pm. Those present were: Mayor Scott Horne, Councilman Leagans, Councilwoman Walters, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilman Ross.

Also, present was Randee Beasley, Town Clerk/Treasurer. Councilman Leagans began the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the Meeting

Motion: Councilman Leagans made a motion to amend the agenda and add Yard of Month Presentation by Marshall Webster. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Walters. Motion approved unanimously.

Marshall Webster presented Sterling Damron and Rick Thompson with the July Yard of the Month

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Horne asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the following meetings:

June 1, 2021 Called Council Meeting, June 15, 2021 Public Hearing, June 15, 2021 Council Meeting

Action: Councilwoman Walters made the motion to approve minutes seconded by Councilman Ross. The motion was approved unanimously

Public Comments:

Bonnie Maxwell stated that during the may committee meeting she made a complaint on 3 properties. Some progress had been made but more needs to be done. Officer Long – said he would take a look and proceed as necessary.

John Lake asked council to look at the high-speed pursuit policy. He feels like there is no need to chase down Greenwood Ave. He mentioned that there was an accident that involved a pursuit and his company truck.

Calvin Culbertson commented on John Lake's concern. He stated that many time citizens only see the chase. They don't know what kind of criminal they are chasing. That person may have been involved with a murder, etc.

Committee Reports

Police Committee – Mayor Horne, Chairman

See attachment # 1

Properties/Public Works Committee – Councilman Boles, Chairman

Motion: Allow council to approved bid for the roof on Town Hall.

Mayor Horne explained both quotes, where they differed and what was the same. CE Bourne quoted XXX but was using a material that Mayor said was not as reliable as the material quoted in the Lloyd Roofing bid. The material Llyod proposed using had a reputation for better withstanding the climate change. There would be less shrinking and expanding.

Councilwoman Walters said that the ordinance says we had to go with the lowest bid. She read the section 2-168 stating that the bid must be awarded to the “lowest responsible bidder”

After discussing both roof quotes Councilman Leagans made the motion to accept the bid from Llyod Roofing for 230,636.00. Mayor Horne seconded the motion. Motion passed by majority vote. Councilwoman Walters voted no and Councilman Ross abstained from voting due to knowing an employee.

Mayor Horne approached council about log books not being completed as per policy. And suggested that we lock the shop during the day, he went down there during the day and no one was there and the keys to the unlocked trucks were in the trucks.

He advised council that we must hold these departments accountable. This is the towns people property. And must be treated as such.

Councilwoman Jackson updated the council on her work to securing a building for the Youth Center. She had looked at 49 E Main St. an Architecture Study on the building to see what needs to be brought up to code and the cost of the construction. She was told it would cost between 2,000.00 and 3,000.00.

Motion: Do an architectural Engineer study on 49 E Main St to give estimate on cost of bringing the building up to code. Motion failed with a vote of 2-3. Councilman Ross and Councilwoman Jackson voting for the motion.

Leagans commended Councilwoman Jackson on her passion of the Youth Center and advised that she look at the “Bay Area” of town hall. Jackson said that was her first look and council recommended looking for a building as the cost of renovation would be to great. Now that she is looking else were, she is being told to look there.

Councilwoman Walters agreed with Councilman Leagans being the cost of the building and renovation would be the same as renovating the “Bay Area”

Mayor Horne also stated that if that building was purchased, we would lose approx. 1200.00 in property taxes per year.

See attachment # 2-4

Fire Committee – Councilwoman Walter Chairman

See attachment # 5

Youth/Communities Committee – Councilman Bryan Ross, Chairman

Motion: Book Envision for the July 4th 2022 Entertainment at of a cost of 6000.00. This would include 5200.00 for the band performance and 800.00 for hotel rooms for the band to stay in town the night of event. Motion was passed unanimously.

Motion: Approve an Amphitheater Sub-Committee to help plan and carry out the events held at the amphitheater. Members of the sub-committee will report to the Youth and Communities Committee who will hold the authority to make the decisions with the input from sub-committee. Motion was approved unanimously.

Motion: Fall Concert Series with a total cost of 3600.00 to secure the bands. Jake Bartley, Split Shot and Night Affair. September 23, October 7 and October 14 respectively. Motion was approved unanimously.

See attachment # 6

History/Tourism Committee – Councilman Michael Powell, Chairman

See attachment #7

Administrative Committee – Councilwoman Jackson, Chairman

See attachment #8

Water/Sewer Committee – Councilman Leagans, Chairman

See attachment #9

Bill Dunn to update on Carnell Sewer Line Project

Showed designed that were redrawn to answer the questions brought up by council, property owners. The line will no longer go between properties on circle street but now run-down wood street, bypassing these properties.

JP Alewine to address council

Mr. Alewine stated that he no longer needed to address council being “Council doesn’t follow ordinances”.

Adjournment –

Councilwoman Walters made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Leagans. The motion was approved approximately at 9:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Randee Beasley, Town Clerk/Treasurer Approved: _____

Attachment

1. Police Committee Minutes
2. Public Works Committee Minutes (July 12, 2021)
3. Public Works Committee Minutes (July 15, 2021)
4. Roofing Bids
5. Fire Committee
6. Youth Community
7. History/Tourism Committee
8. Administrative Committee
9. Water/Sewer Committee