



Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

11/29/2022

City Hall

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- Chairman Howell called the meeting to order at 9:00am
- Commissioners Centola, Chalenburg, House, Jones, Orozco, and Patel were present
- Approval of Minutes: Patel motioned to approve, Chalenburg seconded. Vote to approve was unanimous.
- Mr. Blansett presented the financial report. Total fund balance as of 10/31/22 was \$2,732,907.15. Restricted Fund Balance is \$2,407,585.40 and the Unrestricted Fund Balance is \$325,321.75. Collections for the month of September 2022 were for Lodging \$33,020.11, Prepared Foods \$96,446.17. Interest Income \$65.36. Expenditures were: Harding Academy Robotics Event 2022, Searcy Recreational Sports League - Fall Baseball \$18,692.89, Legal Services \$625.00, Professional Services \$3,200.00, Bank Fees \$477.00. Net income for August 2022 \$94,722.36.
- Mr Blansett reported that he has a plan with some of the businesses that are behind, Two Gas Stations have changed ownership and working on them, Daisy's Lunchbox is now current. The only issue is the Mixing Bowl. He also said that he is talking with the city to see if the software he has been researching will be used by the city.
- Rerequest for Funding Creative Group of Arkansas \$26,600 for VOMO - Volunteer Management Solution. Mat Faulkner to present. Mr Faulkner asked that this be postponed until a later date.

- Request for Funding White County Historical Society/Pioneer Village \$34,850 Shelly Churchwell presented. The request is for capital improvements to the village. Patel motioned to approve, Centola seconded. Vote to approve was unanimous.
- Request for Funding Eclipse Committee \$20,000 Amber Walker presented. Funds will be to order 50,000 safety glasses for the upcoming April 8 2024 eclipse. Chalenburg motioned to approve the funding with the provisions that the glasses be given away and they be distributed by local restaurants. Jones seconded. Vote was 6-0 for approval with Centola abstaining.
- Bear Davidson gave an update on the Berryhill Courts project. He had two change orders to discuss with the commission and later the city. The first was a change order of (2,500.00). This was to address minor changes from the original bid document including additional undercut of unsuitable soil, a revision to the light pole foundations, reduction in total number of benches and tables, etc. A motion to approve these changes was made by Centola, Chalenburg seconded. The vote was unanimous to move this to the City Council. The second change order was a change of \$12,203.00. This change allows for lighting controls at each bay of courts, as well as a 2-hour timer that will automatically shut off all lights (except security lights) after two hours. Since this change didn't need to be decided on immediately, it was suggested that Mr. Davidson propose this change to the City Council to see if they are willing to use city funds for this change.
- Recap Get Down Downtown Amy Burton presented. She said that she still does not have a complete wrap-up from Get Down Downtown and would like that to be placed on the December agenda. She did give a recap from Trick-or-Treat on the Square. A total of \$4,983.64 of the awarded \$5,000 amount was used to purchase candy, prizes, supplies, and promote the event with flyers, signs, etc. An estimated 3,500 children participated in the two hour event, from various areas in the county.

- Signs for the Berryhill Courts Project Rees Jones. Working with Mike Parsons an estimate of \$574.30 was presented for a large sign promoting the use of A&P Funding for the Berryhill Courts project. Centola motioned to approve, Patel seconded. Vote to approve was unanimous.
- In the absence of attorney Gibson, the discussion of the A&P website was not held.
- Chairman Howell adjourned the meeting at 10:16 am