



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, February 21, 2023
Pre-Council Meeting - 6:15 PM
Council Meeting - 6:30 PM
CENTER POINT CITY HALL

MINUTES

A. Call to Order

President Collins called the meeting to order. We have made changes to the agenda and moving forward. For the public comment section, each person signed up to speak will have a time limit of 4 mins. After the last person speaks, each council member will have 5 minutes to respond to everyone who has spoken during public comment.

B. Invocation

Pastor Charles Parker, Center Point Church of Christ, led the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

D. Roll Call

Councilwoman Copeland, Councilwoman Moore, Councilman Williams and President Collins

E. Public Comment- limited to 4 mins per person

1. Kimberly Berry, The Palm Apartments resident, asked the council if there are any updates regarding the maintenance issues. She is still having maintenance issues with plumbing, heat, and unsanitary conditions. Councilwoman Copeland asked if there were any updates. Mayor Scott- the owners were given a deadline to give an update by the next council meeting. They have been working on the exterior of the apartments. As soon as he receives an update, he will notify everyone.

Councilwoman Moore asked Attorney Hendrix if he had received any updates. Attorney Hendrix questioned Ms. Berry if she still resides in the apartment. She said her belongings are there but she has not lived there since November. President Collins asked Ms. Berry to attend the next council meeting Capstone will be there to give an update on The Palm Apartments.

Councilmember Copeland asked her if she was planning to go back there. Ms. Berry- no she is currently looking for somewhere to move to.

2. Arthur Humphrey- he has a business that handles the assembling & manufacturing of gaming machines. He provides gaming software and standup machines to the City of

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Brighton & Lipscomb. He is interested in doing business in the city. Councilwoman Moore inquired if he was referring to casino type games. Mr. Humphrey said yes. Councilman Williams asked if they were bingo machines for gambling. Mr. Humphrey said yes, but the assembling of the machines provides longevity. President Collins- so you are pitching two different businesses, charity bingo, and manufacturing? You can submit a request to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a zoning change. A hearing will be scheduled to receive public comment on amending the zoning ordinance. You will have to start with the Planning & Zoning Commission.

F. Public Hearing

F.1. Receiving Public Comments on Ordering an Abatement of Public Nuisances

President Collins opened the public hearing to receive comments in favor of or against ordering the abatement of public nuisances. No one present spoke for or against the 28 properties listed for abatement.

G. Approval of Agenda

Council President Collins presented the agenda for consideration. Councilwoman Moore made a motion to adopt the agenda. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the agenda was adopted unanimously.

H. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

H.1. December 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to adopt the December 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

I. Consent Agenda

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Councilwoman Moore made a motion to adopt the consent agenda. Councilwoman Copeland made a motion to second the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote:

Yes: Copeland, Moore, Williams, Collins

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No: None

The motion passed unanimously.

I.1. Resolution - Travel Advance

I.2. Newsletter quotes

J. Presentation

J.1. Capstone Realty Update

Not present

K. Discussion/Action

K.1. Resolution- Declaring Properties a Public Nuisance

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-15 Declaring Properties a Public Nuisance. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

K.2. Resolution- Authorizing the Purchase of Park & Recreation Playground Equipment

Mayor Scott- the city received a \$15,000 grant from Alabama Power for a natural playground. That will cover the cost of the equipment. The allocated ARP Funds will cover the cost of the synthetic turf to cover the playground area. Councilman Williams asked where the park would be located. He wanted to see it in an open area. Mayor, we are working on finding a location by the community center. Councilwoman Moore asked if the park obtained additional layouts and quotes to see more options. Mayor Scott- the grant type limited our options.

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-16 Purchase Play Ground Equipment & Resolution 2023-17 Purchase Synthetic Turf for Natural Playground for \$49,779.09. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll-call vote.

Yes: Copeland, Moore, Williams, Collins

No: None

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K.3. Resolution- Ordering an Abatement of Public Nuisances

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-18 Ordering an Abatement of Public Nuisances. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

L. Reports- Mayor & Committee Chairs

Mayor Scott- Annual Clean Up Day is scheduled for April 22, 2023. We are looking for volunteers. We will be planting trees too.

L.1. Economic Development/ Public Safety- President D.M. Collins

President Collins- The WeWatch Meeting was a success. Dr. Gonsulin, Board Superintendent, Sheriff Pettway, and Antonio Weatherly, Public Safety Director were there to provide vital information to the residents.

L.2. Park & Recreation- Councilman Glenn Williams, Sr.

Councilman Glenn Williams- A Community Involvement Meeting is scheduled for February 25th at 533 Sunhill Road. The public is invited to attend. We would like to receive input from you.

L.3. Public Works- Councilwoman Tiffany Moore

No report

L.4. Education & Library- Councilwoman Sharon Jones

No report

L.5. Finance Report-Councilwoman Ebonee Copeland, Chair

No report

M. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting stood adjourned.

Tameeka Vann, City Clerk

Approved:

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D.M. Collins, President

Date: _____

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