



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, June 1, 2023

Council Meeting - 6:30 PM
CENTER POINT CITY HALL

MINUTES

A. Call to Order

B. Invocation

Pastor Charles Kennedy, One True Kingdom Church, led the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

D. Roll Call

Councilwoman Moore, Councilwoman Copeland and President Collins

E. Public Comment

F. Approval of Agenda

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

G. Approval of Meeting Minutes

H. Consent Agenda

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to adopt the consent agenda. Councilwoman Copeland seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

H.1. Resolution No. 2023-54 Travel Advance

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I. Presentation

Captain Horn informed attendees that the Center Point Fire Department has experienced an increase in the number of calls in recent months. "Our medical calls are up over 75.14%, and our fire calls are about 10.41."

Captain Horn said the department made 843 runs for the month of May, which includes fire and other emergencies. For the year to date, the department has experienced 5315 service calls.

Captain Horn introduced Lieutenant Austin Osborne, the city's new EMS officer. Osborne has been in fire service for eight years and has served with Center Point for four years. He was recently promoted to Lieutenant.

"I thank you for the opportunity," Osborne said. "I look forward to continuing to fulfill the role and bring great service to the city." Osborne is expecting to help the city resume monthly CPR classes beginning in July.

Captain Horn updated the Council on the department's annual golf tournament. This year's tournament is on July 31 at Grayson Valley Country Club. The Rickey Davis Memorial Golf Tournament is held each year to raise funds and awareness for the department. It is named in honor of Rickey Levi Davis, a Center Point firefighter who was killed in the line of duty on April 20, 2000.

Horn also noted the department is checking fire hydrants in the city and said people should run their water for a few minutes after hydrants are checked in their neighborhoods in order to clear the lines.

Fire Department has free smoke detectors for the residents.

J. Discussion/Action

J.1. Resolution No. 2023-55 Authorize Vehicle Purchases

Councilwoman Moore asked why the Resolution to purchase a vehicle for the Code Enforcement Department was removed from the agenda. It was mentioned at the previous council meeting that the department was down two vehicles. President DM Collins asked for the item, Resolution 2023-56, to be removed from the agenda and addressed at a later date because an additional vehicle was added to the agenda for a purchase request.

"There was no communication prior to it being placed on the agenda," President Collins said. President Collins elaborated saying she understood the need for the vehicle but said she asked for it to be removed because proper procedure was not followed before placing it on the agenda.

Mayor Scott stated that he did not ask the Council President to add the purchase of the vehicle to the agenda. However, he did send an email to the entire council,

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informing everyone that a much-needed vehicle for the Code Enforcement Department had been found. Council President Collins stated that she was unaware of this need. City Clerk Tameeka Vann said to the Council President, "You did know about Code Enforcement needing the vehicle because, at the previous council meeting, Mayor Scott gave a presentation on the potential Fleet Management Program, difficulties in acquiring vehicles, and a breakdown of Code Enforcement being down by 2 vehicles."

Councilwoman Tiffany Moore objected to the item being removed from the agenda.

"I understand the procedure of you being notified," Councilwoman Moore said to President Collins. "But, considering that we're already down two vehicles and we've been waiting and there has been no availability of vehicles," she said it would be in the best interest to "go ahead and put this item on the agenda and let the entire council discuss whether or not we would like to proceed," she added. She explained the vehicles might not be available by the next time they could be considered for approval.

"Your point was made when you spoke with them about the miscommunication, but that does not negate that the city needs the vehicles," Moore added. President Collins stated it is not about a point being made it's procedures that were not followed.

Councilwoman Moore made the motion to amend Resolution No. 2023-55 Ratifying the purchase of 3 city vehicles for the Public Safety and Park & Recs Department to include a 2022 Ford F-150 for the Code Enforcement Department for the price of \$43,152. Councilwoman Copeland seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

- J.2.** A public Hearing is scheduled for July 6, 2023, to consider a rezoning request for 100 20th Street NW from C-1 to Inst-2

K. Reports- Mayor & Committee Chairs

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

No report.

- K.2.** Park & Recreation- Councilman Glenn Williams, Sr.

No report.

- K.3.** Public Works- Councilwoman Tiffany Moore

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No report

K.4. Education & Library- Councilwoman Sharon Jones

No report.

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

The Public Safety Fund has \$19,000.00 in it. We need to pass a resolution to move funds into the account to cover public safety expenses. It will need to be addressed at the next council meeting.

L. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting stood adjourned.

Tameeka Vann, City Clerk

Approved:

D.M. Collins, President

Date:

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