CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, March 21, 2024

Council Meeting - 6:30 PM
CENTER POINT CITY HALL

MINUTES

A. Call to Order

B. Invocation

Mayor Bobby Scott led the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

D. Roll Call

Councilwoman Copeland, Councilwoman Jones, Councilwoman Moore, Councilman Williams and President Collins

E. Public Comment

Raymond Olan petitioned the council to consider changing from an at-large council to a district council. He feels it would make the council more accountable to the residents, and he expressed his concerns when he was on the city council. Councilman Williams reminded Mr. Olan he made a similar request while Mr. Olan was on the city council and was met with opposition.
He wished the council a happy International Women's Day and thanked them for their service. President Collins thanked Mr. Olan for seeing their humanity.

Cheryln Young expressed her interest in leasing the city's cafeteria. She would like to open a restaurant serving lunch and dinner. The proposed hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. In 2008, she started a catering business called Accentz Design.

F. Approval of Agenda

President Collins presented the agenda for consideration. Councilwoman Moore made a motion to add items to the agenda. There was a misunderstanding at the last council meeting. Someone was interested in leasing the café. They presented their letter of interest, and I would like to add the discussion to the agenda. Councilwoman Jones wants to add Resolution No. 2024-18 To Provide Hardship Assistance Related to Waste Rubbish & debris Pick Up to the agenda. The Resolution would reallocate some of the debris funds to cover debris pickup for an expense not to exceed $12,000.00. Councilwoman Copeland seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

G. Consent Agenda

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

G.1. Final Opioid Settlement Agreement

H. Presentation

Chief Horn presented the monthly incident for the City of Center Point. He offered a quote to repair the rear parking lot that the Center Point Fire District and Public Safety Department share. He said the Fire District would split the cost with the city. Councilman Williams expressed concerns about Center Point Fire District making multiple yearly requests for additional funding. Chief Horn stated that even though they receive revenue, it covers salaries, equipment costs, etc.

I. Discussion/Action

I.1. Leasing the city's café

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to consider setting the lease amount for the city's cafe. President Collins opened the floor for discussion. After much discussion, the following was recommended:
The lessee must get the utilities in their name, pay a deposit, and pay the first and last months' rent. The rent will be established at $750.00 a month. Councilwoman Jones seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote:

Yes: Copeland, Jones, Moore, Williams and Collins

No: None

The motion passed unanimously.

I.2. Resolution No. 2024-18 Provide Hardship Assistance Related to Debris Pickup

Councilwoman Jones made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-18. President Collins opened the floor for discussion. Councilwoman Jones stated she would like to redirect some of the debris program funds to cover debris pickup for disadvantaged residents for a four-month period. Residents will complete an application, and the applicants who meet the financial hardship requirements will be selected. At a cost not to exceed $12,000.00. The requirements are the same as the current debris program. Councilwoman Moore seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote:

Yes: Copeland, Jones, Moore, Williams

No: Collins

The motion passed by majority consent.

J. Reports- Mayor & Committee Chairs

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

The Economic Development Meeting is next Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

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

The Town Hall Meeting was a success. There were more people than expected. Thank you to everyone who attended.

J.3. Public Works- Councilwoman Tiffany Moore

Councilwoman Jones, thank you for your efforts in recognizing and finding a solution to help clean up the debris around the city. This program will benefit many families. Councilman Williams, congratulations on a successful town hall meeting.

J.4. Education & Library- Councilwoman Sharon Jones

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

K. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting stood adjourned.

All items designated as "Consent" are routine and non-controversial and will be approved by one motion. NO separate discussion of these items will be permitted unless a Councilmember, the Mayor, or citizen interested in further discussion or hearing so requests, if so, such item (s) will revert to its normal place on the Agenda Order of Business.

K. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting stood adjourned.

Tameeka Vann

Tameeka Vann, City Clerk

Approved:

D.M. Collins, President

Date: April 4, 2024