

November 7, 2016
Regular Session

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Glenn Wright. Members present were Mrs. Wynn, Mr. Miller, Mr. McWhorter, and Mr. Miller.

Mayor opened the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. Wynn made a motion to approve the October 17, 2016 regular session minutes as presented, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 4-0.

Chief Bashore could not attend the meeting and will be rescheduled for the next meeting.

Rick Zeier presented the request from Robert and Nancy Lewis to rezone their property at 204 Main Street from R-1 to OR (Office Residential). The Planning and Zoning Board is recommending that the request be approved. Mr. Miller made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning and approve the request, after a second by Mr. Lewis the motion passed 4-0.

David Rankin petitioned the Mayor and Council for two speed breakers on Chapel Street.

Mr. Moore arrives to the meeting.

Mrs. Wynn made a motion to approve two speed breakers for Chapel Street, after a second by Mr. Miller the motion passed 5-0. A petition from the property owners on Chapel Street will need to be submitted before the speed breakers will be installed.

David also addressed the council with concerns of loitering and individuals randomly firing a gun in the air in the Railroad community, he feels that there are two different communities within the city at odds with each other. He stated that he believes that this problem will get worse before it gets better and he is asking the help of the Council and Police to come up with a solution.

Sharonda Rhodes discussed gun laws and technology that's available to track gunfire.

Mr. Lewis addressed the audience on the roles of the Mayor and Council.

Mr. Moore polled the audience on whether or not anyone would be interested in being on a neighborhood citizen committee to inform citizens of issues within the community.

Chief Mapp addressed the citizens in attendance and stated that the complaints received are not taken lightly. A couple of years ago a program was put in place for citizen participation but no one signed up to participate. Chief Mapp stated that they can only arrest people that are breaking the law, and that the police department also needs the help of the community to report names and details.

Many different issues were discussed such as budgets, grants to hire additional officers, neighborhood community groups and the roles of the Mayor and Council was discussed. No action was taken.

Mr. Miller made a motion to table the resolution for proposed bond financing for Fox Chase Apartments, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion was approved 5-0.

Mr. Miller made a motion to increase the gas price for Novelis by 15 cents per dekatherm MGAG by 2.5 cents per dekatherm for a total of 17.5 cents which will go into effect on the December billing, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 5-0. There being no further business Mayor Wright closed the meeting with prayer.