Community Betterment

August 14, 2023

Council President King; Council Members Baltzell, Buxton, Clausen, Fleck, Lochtefeld, Scott, and Sovinski; Mayor Hazel; Auditor Shinn; Law Director Moore

Council Member Scott called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm to speak about a City Tree Commission.

CM Scott asked CM Sovinski to speak about the Ordinance that was handed out.

CM Sovinski spoke about the existing tree Ordinance and the need to redo the Ordinance to update it and possibly change it into two Ordinances, one to establish a City Tree Commission, and second being a Tree Ordinance. CM Sovinski noted that he is seeing if Council is interested in looking at and possibly re doing the existing Ordinance. CM Sovinski spoke about it being a volunteer commission and would review and assist the City in a forestry program.

CM Scott spoke about the proposed draft that was handed out before the meeting and suggested the council review it and discuss what should be done next. CM Scott asked administration and Mayor Hazel confirmed he believes this is a good step forward and to replace the 2002 Ordinance that has never been enacted and believes it is out of date with what is looking to be done.

CM Scott spoke about the draft and Mayor Hazel spoke about position changes within administration.

Law Director Moore spoke about how he attended the meeting at the request of CM Sovinski and helped draft this Ordinance and believes it is ready to go to Council for approval or disapproval.

CM Clausen made a motion to bring the draft to council, seconded by CM Scott. Motion passed with a voice acclimation.

Council Member Scott adjourned the meeting at 6:58 pm.

Submitted by Michael F. Didonato, Clerk of Council