

MINUTES

The White Bluff Town Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 6, 2023, at White Bluff Town Hall. Note: Meeting date was changed due to the July 4th holiday. Present were Council members Linda Hayes, Connie Reed, Carl Kincaid, Scott Glover, Bryan Hill, and Stephanie Murrell. Also present included Town Recorder Melody Lewis, Town Attorney Andrew Mills, Projects Administrator and Public Works Director Jeff Martin, Fire Chief Eric Deal, Police Chief Chris Fulcher, and members of the public.

Mayor Linda Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge to the Flag was recited.

1321 Motion to approve minutes of the June 6, 2023, regular meeting:

Motion by Connie Reed, second by Brian Hill, carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Mike McArdle, 484 Diane Loop, addressed the Council on the following:
 - "Dark Sky" Streetlighting,
 - Sidewalks, including the sidewalk at Dairy Queen, and
 - Light Industrial development vs. High-density Residential development.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A Public Hearing was conducted before the second and final reading of an Ordinance approving the Town of White Bluff budget for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024. The following spoke on the measure:
 - Trey Thomas, 2231 Sunset Dr., White Bluff, TN
 - Mike McArdle, 484 Diane Loop, White Bluff, TN
 - Janet McArdle, 484 Diane Loop, White Bluff, TN
 - Sharon Glover, 103 Carriage Dr., White Bluff, TN

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Hayes updated the Council on last month's "A Taste of White Bluff" event.

BUDGET AND FINANCE:

- Consider on second and final reading an Ordinance approving the Town of White Bluff budget for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024. After lengthy discussion;
#1322 Motion to approve on second and final reading an Ordinance approving the Town of White Bluff budget for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024:
Motion by Connie Reed, second by Bryan Hill, with roll call voting as follows: Glover, Murrell and Kincaid voting no, Hill and Reed voting yes, motion failed 2-3.
After further discussion;
#1323 Motion instructing Town Recorder Melody Lewis to eliminate the proposed 15 cent property tax increase by reducing the "Property tax – Current year" budget line item by \$135,000.00 – the amount of the proposed property tax increase – and increasing the "Local taxes" section of the proposed budget (excluding previously mentioned "Property tax – Current year" budget line item; otherwise, at the Town Recorder's discretion) by \$135,000:
Motion by Stephanie Murrell, second by Carl Kincaid, with roll call voting as follows: Glover, Murrell, Hill, Reed and Kincaid voting yes, motion carried 5-0.

CODES AND PERMITS:

- Consider on second and final reading an Ordinance of the Town of White Bluff, Tennessee to Amend Title 20: Miscellaneous of the Town of White Bluff's Municipal Code by Adopting a New Chapter 2- Security Alarm Regulations. After discussion;
#1324 Motion to approve on second and final reading an Ordinance of the Town of White Bluff, Tennessee to Amend Title 20: Miscellaneous of the Town of White Bluff's Municipal Code by Adopting a New Chapter 2- Security Alarm Regulations including amendments from first reading;
Motion by Stephanie Murrell, second by Scott Glover, carried 5-0.
- Consider on second and final reading an Ordinance of the Town of White Bluff, Tennessee to Amend Title 20: Miscellaneous of the Town of White Bluff's Municipal Code by Adopting a New Chapter 3- Short Term Residential Rental Units. After discussion;
#1325 Motion to approve on second and final reading an Ordinance of the Town of White Bluff, Tennessee to Amend Title 20: Miscellaneous of the Town of White Bluff's Municipal Code by Adopting a New Chapter 3- Short Term Residential Rental Units including amendments from first reading;
Motion by Carl Kincaid, second by Bryan Hill, carried 5-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- Consider a Resolution of the Town of White Bluff, Tennessee Adopting a Comprehensive Written Information Security Policy ("WISP"). After discussion;
#1326 Motion to approve a Resolution Adopting a Comprehensive Written Information Security Policy ("WISP");
Motion by Connie Reed, second by Stephanie Murrell, carried 5-0.
- Police Chief Chris Fulcher reported that the White Bluff Police Department responded to 358 calls during the month of June.
- Fire Chief Eric Deal reported that the White Bluff Fire Department responded to 61 calls during the month of June.
- Court Clerk Dixie Kerr reported via printed report that the White Bluff Municipal and General Sessions Court processed 74 cases during the month of June.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

- Consider Offer of Irrevocable Dedication accepting Diane Loop (Bell Forge Subdivision Phases I, II and III) as a Town Street, relieve the developer of the current Performance Bond (\$40,000.00) and require a one-year Maintenance Bond of \$10,000.00. After discussion;
#1327 Motion to approve an Offer of Irrevocable Dedication accepting Diane Loop (Bell Forge Subdivision Phases I, II and III) as a Town Street, relieve the developer of the current Performance Bond (\$40,000.00) and require a one-year Maintenance Bond of \$10,000.00.
Motion by Bryan Hill, second by Carl Kincaid, carried 5-0.
- Consider addition of five (5) streetlights along Bell Circle (Bell Forge Subdivision). After discussion;
#1328 Motion to approve addition of five (5) streetlights along Bell Circle (Bell Forge Subdivision).

Motion by Stephanie Murrell, second by Bryan Hill, carried 5-0.

Council member Glover asked the Town to consider "Dark Sky" streetlighting as an option. Mayor Hayes appointed Council member Glover to investigate and report back at a future Council meeting.

- Consider trash cans along Hwy 70 in Downtown. After discussion;
#1329 Motion to defer discussion until a later meeting; determine number of cans, location, consider adjoining benches, etc. before future discussion.
Motion by Scott Glover, second by Stephanie Murrell, carried 5-0.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

OLD BUSINESS:

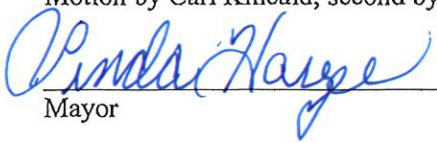
NEW BUSINESS:

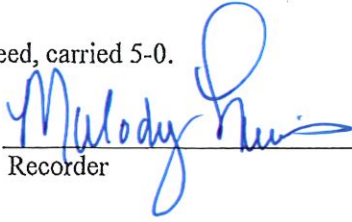
- Sidewalk Discussion
Council member Hill encouraged the Planning Commission and Town Council to require sidewalks whenever and wherever possible. He also asked that the Planning Commission consider more stringent sidewalk guidelines and requirements. The sidewalk in front of Dairy Queen was cited as a failing of the current processes and requirements as well as an example of what needed to be corrected.
- A/V RFP Discussion
Council member Kincaid requested the development of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for an A/V solution to livestream and record public meetings of the Town of White Bluff. RFP considerations to include: ease of use, quality components, hidden cabling, future-proof cabling, additional microphones to cover all speakers, livestream + recorded viewing capability, TV upgrade, consider court needs (Zoom meetings for arrangements, etc.) and security considerations (prevent hackers into system, etc.).
#1330 Motion to develop Request for Proposal (RFP) for an A/V solution to livestream and record public meetings of the Town.
Motion by Carl Kincaid, second by Stephanie Murrell, carried 5-0.
- Discuss Industrial Zoning
Council member Murrell questioned a real estate sign on Hwy 70 at the "Jazz Center." The sign referenced the land being zoned C2 and I2. The correct zoning for the property should be C2 and I1.
- Discuss Court Costs
Documentation, prepared by Court Clerk Kerr, was presented to the Council showing that White Bluff's speeding ticket fines were the lowest in the County. After discussion;
#1331 Motion to raise speeding ticket fine to match Dickson County amount.
Motion by Connie Reed, second by Carl Kincaid, carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

1332 Motion to adjourn at 8:53 p.m.:

Motion by Carl Kincaid, second by Connie Reed, carried 5-0.


Mayor


Recorder