

**Regular Meeting
Tuesday
December 19th, 2023
6:30p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Pottsville City Council was held Tuesday December 19th, 2023 with Mayor Randy Tankersley Presiding.

Call to Order

Randy Tankersley

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

John Heflin

Roll Call

Council Present: Pam Scarber, Randall Blalock, Steve Williamson, Karen Carothers, John Heflin and Jessie Young

Other Officials Present

Mayor Randy Tankersley, City Clerk Holly Fowler and City attorney Deidre Luker

Visitors Present

Fran Jordan, Johnny Hart, Sgt. Bryant, Chief John Pritchard, Robbie Sims, John Schaeffer, Johnny Hart, Brad Judkins, Mariah Jeffcoat and Linda Heflin

Media Present

None

Approval of November 27th meeting minutes and December 4th Work budget session

A motion was made by Karen Carothers to approve the November 27th regular meeting minutes and the December 4th 2024 work budget session. A second by John Heflin.

Motion Carried All ayes

Head Department Presentations

Monthly reports/ Planning and Zoning approved rezoning for Nicholas Hagerty at 5340 River Road from C-3 to R-3. They also approved preliminary plans for Pisgah addition, plans were approved for a EV charging station and approved plans for the Pottsville self-storage by the JR high school

Falls Sinclair Store Pam told the council that they did not get the grant they had been waiting for but would continue to look into more grants. She also stated that they will need a resolution next month that will allow them to apply for another grant. They did not have a meeting last month. The quick claim deed will need to be change to a warranty deed after the holidays.

Old Business

None

New Business

Zoning Ordinance 2023-3(A ordinance amending the city of Pottsville Zoning Code, ordinance No 94-3)(Rezoning of land at 5340 River Road from C-3 to R-3 for Nicholas Hagerty)

After looking over the ordinance it was brought to the attention that the R-1 that was on the ordinance needed to be changed to R-3.

A motion was made by Randall Blalock to approve ZO 2023-3 C-3 to R-3 with the changes from R-1 to R-3 that was wrong on the ordinance that was presented. A second by John Helfin

Roll Call:

Pam Scarber-yes
 Randall Blalock-yes
 Steve Williamson-yes
 Karen Carothers-yes
 John Heflin-yes
 Jessie Young-yes
 Motion Carried 6- yes

Final discussion about the 2024 Budget

The mayor told the council that they had looked at the workers' comp amount on the budget that that the numbers were wrong so there was a change on the Street up \$1,000.00, Police up \$2,000.00 and Water up \$2,000.00. The mayor also talked to the council about increasing how many meetings the council gets paid. He stated he would like to add one more work session where they get paid. After discussion a motion was made.

A motion was made by Steve Williamson to leave it like it is no changes. A second by Karen Carothers.

Roll Call:

Pam Scarber-yes
 Randall Blalock-yes
 Steve Williamson-yes
 Karen Carothers-yes
 John Heflin-yes
 Jessie Young-yes
 Motion Carried 6- yes

Randall Blalock asked if the only changes to the budget where the city clerk's salary and the Workers comp amount changed. The mayor and Fran told him yes that was the only changes. Then Randall asked to see all the 2023 receipts of the city. Fran told Randall yes that he could see them. Steve Williamson brought up that he feels the mayor should get a 5% raise after much discussion a motion was made.

A motion was made by Steve Williamson to give the mayor a 5% pay raise. A second by Jessie Young.

Roll Call:

Pam Scarber-yes
 Randall Blalock-no
 Steve Williamson-yes
 Karen Carothers-no
 John Heflin-no
 Jessie Young-yes

3- yes 3- no motion died

After more discussion a 2% raise, which is \$1,500.00 was discussed all liked that amount better. And this would make his salary to be \$53,000.00.

A motion was made by Jessie Young to approve the mayor to get a 2% raise of \$1,500.00 which makes his salary \$53,000.00. A second by John Heflin.

Roll Call:

Pam Scarber-yes
 Randall Blalock-no
 Steve Williamson-yes
 Karen Carothers-yes
 John Heflin-yes
 Jessie Young-yes

Motion Carried 5- yes 1- no

Resolution 2023-6(A resolution of city of Pottsville adopting the Pope County Hazard Mitigation Plan)

A motion was made by Pam Scarber to approve resolution 2023-6. A second by Jessie Young.

Roll Call:

Pam Scarber-yes
 Randall Blalock-
 Steve Williamson-yes
 Karen Carothers-yes
 John Heflin-yes
 Jessie Young-yes

Motion Carried 6- yes

Resolution 2023-7 (A resolution providing for the adoption of a General, Street, Fire, Police, Water & Sewer, Park budgets for the city of Pottsville, Arkansas, for twelve (12) months beginning January 1,2024 and ending December 31,2024, appropriating money for each item of expenditure therein provided for, and other purposes)

A motion was made by Karen Carothers to approve resolution 2023-7 with amended changes of the mayor's salary. A second by Jessie Young.

Roll Call:

Pam Scarber-yes
 Randall Blalock-
 Steve Williamson-yes
 Karen Carothers-yes
 John Heflin-yes
 Jessie Young-yes

Motion Carried 6- yes

Resolution 2023-8 (A resolution providing for the adoption of an amended General Budget for the city of Pottsville, Arkansas, for twelve (12) months beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31,2023 appropriating money for each item of expenditure therein provided for, and for other purposes)

The General was the only budget that was amended.

A motion was made by Pam Scarber to approve resolution 2023-8. A second by Jessie Young.

Roll Call:

Pam Scarber-yes
 Randall Blalock-
 Steve Williamson-yes
 Karen Carothers-yes
 John Heflin-yes
 Jessie Young-yes

Motion Carried 6- yes

Ordinance 2023-14 (An ordinance setting the city clerk/treasurer's annual salary at \$20,000.00 per year, revoking ordinance 2022-6 and for other purposes)

A motion was made by Karen Carothers to have the first reading of ordinance 2023-14 by title only. A second by John Heflin.

Roll Call:

Pam Scarber-yes

Randall Blalock-

Steve Williamson-yes

Karen Carothers-yes

John Heflin-yes

Jessie Young-yes

Motion Carried 6- yes

A motion was made by John Heflin to approve the first reading of ordinance 2023-14 by title only. A second by Jessie Young.

Roll Call:

Pam Scarber-yes

Randall Blalock-yes

Steve Williamson-yes

Karen Carothers-yes

John Heflin-yes

Jessie Young-yes

Motion Carried 6- yes

A motion was made by Karen Carothers to suspend the rules and have the 2nd and 3rd reading of ordinance 2023-14 by title only. A second by Jessie Young.

Roll Call:

Pam Scarber-yes

Randall Blalock-yes

Steve Williamson-yes

Karen Carothers-yes

John Heflin-yes

Jessie Young-yes

Motion Carried 6- yes

A motion was made by Jessie Young to approve the 2nd and third reading of ordinance 2023-14 by title only. A second by John Heflin.

Roll Call:

Pam Scarber-yes

Randall Blalock-yes

Steve Williamson-yes

Karen Carothers-yes

John Heflin-yes

Jessie Young-yes

Motion Carried 6- yes

A motion was made by John Heflin to enact the emergency clause of ordinance 2023-14 by title only. A second by Karen Carothers.

Roll Call:

Pam Scarber-yes

Randall Blalock-yes
 Steve Williamson-yes
 Karen Carothers-yes
 John Heflin-yes
 Jessie Young-yes
 Motion Carried 6- yes

Mayor to ask the council if they want to give Carless Teeter and Jerry Williams a raise

A motion was made by John Heflin to NOT give Carless Teeter and Jerry Williams a raise. A second by Randall Blalock.

Roll Call:

Pam Scarber-yes
 Randall Blalock-yes
 Steve Williamson-yes
 Karen Carothers-yes
 John Heflin-yes
 Jessie Young-yes
 Motion Carried 6- yes

The mayor to inform the council that his pay is taken out of the Water Department and not the General for auditor purposes

The mayor let the council know his pay will be taken out of the Water Department and not the General for 2024.

Council Comments

Randall asked about the statement of revenue and expenditures papers that they get every month and how do we calculate these numbers if we do not have receipts. He was told by Fran she can print anything off that he wants.

Karen Carothers has been questioned by others why the meetings are not broadcast any more. The mayor stated that he is working on that and hopefully they will be broadcast soon. Another question she had is she is getting complaints about the color of the water. The mayor told her that it has to do with the lake being turned over because of the weather changes. The lines have been flushed to try and help but the Atkins Water Shed is working on that.

A motion was made by Randall Blalock to adjourn the meeting. A second was made by John Heflin.

Motion carried All ayes


 Holly Fowler City Clerk


 Randy Tankersley Mayor