

Council Meeting

The Town Council of the Town of Ware Shoals held a Council Meeting on January 16, 2024 at 6:30 pm. Those present were: Mayor Ross, Councilman Powell, Councilman Boles, Councilman White, Councilwoman Walters, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilman Leagans.

Also, present was Randee Beasley, Town Clerk/Treasurer. Councilwoman Walters began the meeting with prayer.

Public Comments: Mayor Ross asked for Public Comments after reading the “Reading of Public Comments Statement”

Public Comments - None

Approval of Minutes

Clerk Beasley said that minutes were left off the agenda packet and will resend for the next council meeting.

Action: Mayor Ross made the motion to table this until next meeting, motion was seconded by Councilman Powell Motion passed unanimously.

Review and discuss needed changes to the Code Enforcement Ordinance

Fire Chief Lindley and Police Chief Louis voiced their concerns for a stricter Code enforcement ordinance for repeat offenders and those that do not comply with summons. They suggested a tiered increase of fine for seconded and third offenses.

Action: Councilman Leagans made the motion to refer this topic back to committee for a final recommendation to council on ordinance changes, Councilman White seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Penny Sales Tax Applications

- a. **Mill Store Building** – Rehab the current Town Hall/Police Dept Building
Action: Councilman Powell made the motion to approve the application, seconded by Councilman Leagans. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. **Parking Lot Improvement** – Resurface 4 town owned parking lots.
Action: Mayor Ross made the motion to approve the application, seconded by Councilman White. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. **Amphitheater Restrooms and Canteen** – Previously approved application for Reigel Park – however, majority of this project has been completed i.e. Amphitheater stage. Restrooms and Canteen portions have not so therefore we are reapplying.
Action: Mayor Ross made the motion to approve the application, Councilman Powell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. **River Frontage Development** – Develop and construct a venue area that can be rented out for various events such as Weddings with a his/her lounge areas, banquets, meeting, dinners, etc.
Action: Councilman White made the motion to approve application, seconded by Councilman Leagans. Motion passed unanimously.
- e. **Carnell Bridge Sewer Line** – 2nd phase and completion of the Carnell Bridge Sewer Line.
Action: Councilman Leagans made the motion to approve the application, seconded by Councilwoman Walters. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 24-01 – Mill Store Building

Action: Councilman Powell made the motion to adopt resolution 24-01, seconded by Councilman Leagans. Motion passed unanimously

Resolution 24-02 – Canteen Parking Lot Resurfacing

Action: Mayor Ross made the motion to adopt resolution 24-02, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson. Motion passed unanimously

Resolution 24-03 – Amphitheater Restrooms and Canteen

Action: Councilwoman Jackson made the motion to adopt resolution 24-03, seconded by Councilman Leagans. Motion passed unanimously

Resolution 24-04 – River Frontage Development

Action: Councilman White made the motion to adopt resolution 24-04, seconded by Councilman Boles. Motion passed unanimously

Resolution 24-05 – Carnell Bridge Sewer Line

Action: Mayor Ross made the motion to adopt resolution 24-05, seconded by Councilman Leagans. Motion passed unanimously

Committee Reports

Public Works Committee – Councilman Boles, Chairman

See attachment # 1

Public Safety Committee – Councilwoman Walter Chairman

Committee made the motion to approve purchase of surveillance equipment using Drug funds in the amount of 6245.00. Motion passed unanimously.

See attachment # 2 & 3

Properties and Economic Development – Councilman White, Chairman

Committee made the motion to approve plans to consolidate Town Hall and Police department and move to Katherine Hall once construction is completed pending architectural plans. Motion passed with a majority vote. 5-2 with Councilman Powell and Councilman Leagans opposing motion.

Councilman Leagans made a motion to lay on table before the vote but did not receive a second.

See attachment # 4

Youth/Communities Committee – Councilman Bryan Ross, Chairman

See attachment # 5

Administrative Committee – Councilwoman Jackson, Chairman

Committee made the motion to move forward with updating all franchise agreements to a 5% and 15year agreements. Motion passed unanimously. Agreements will be drawn up and sent to CPW, Duke, Vyve and Brightspeed for their approvals.

Committee made the motion to hire Glenna Hendrickson as Town Clerk/Treasurer. Motion passed unanimously.

Also, a Full-time secretary position will be posted this week.

See attachment # 6

History/Tourism Committee – Councilman Michael Powell, Chairman

Committee made the motion to allow the Ware Shoals Knitting club to use Senior Center on Tuesdays from 6p-8p starting the first Tuesday of February. Motion passed unanimously.

See attachment # 7

Water/Sewer Committee – Councilman Leagans, Chairman

Committee requested that the Admin department review the 1 time waive policy for delinquent fees and filling pool adjustments. Motion passed unanimously.

See attachment # 8

Adjournment –

Action: Mayor Ross made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Boles. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Randee Beasley, Town Clerk/Treasurer Approved: _____

Attachments

1. Public Works
2. Public Safety
3. Quote from Advance Covert Technology
4. Properties/Economic Development
5. Youth/Communities
6. Administrative Committee
7. History/Tourism
8. Water/Sewer/WWT Committee