

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS
OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

The Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Middletown held a regular meeting on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at 11803 Old Shelbyville Road.

Present at the meeting were:

Mayor J. Byron Chapman
Commissioner Mark Stigers
Commissioner Paul Zimmerman
Commissioner Amy Oliver
Commissioner Ron Wolf
City Attorney John Singler
City Clerk Deborah Columbia
City Treasurer Tracy Dohn
Director of Operations Marty Stansbury

Call to Order

Mayor Chapman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Silent reading of minutes

Commissioner Wolf made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 14, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Stigers made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting of March 22, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman and unanimously approved.

Silent Reading of Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Oliver made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for March 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stigers and unanimously approved.

Middletown Cemetery 4A

Commissioner Zimmerman made a motion to approve the March financial report for the cemetery. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolf and unanimously approved.

Cemetery 4B

None.

Announcements

Commissioner Wolf attended the City of Middletown Track Meet at Eastern High School. There were over 20 schools participating. Everything went well.

Police Update

Sgt. Bass was in attendance and advised they are taking fewer reports due to the MPD taking most of the calls. There were 2 thefts from autos and 2 shoplifting runs.

Museum Moment

Nancy Wetherby advised Ron Crimm will be donating some items to the museum.

Middletown Chamber of Commerce

Executive Director, Freda Chapman, indicated there are now 418 members. The chamber's lunch was today, and they had a retired Secret Service agent who discussed an active shooter situation.

Comments from the floor

None.

Middletown Police Update, Chief Herman

Chief Herman gave a brief update regarding the events in March. We have hired one new officer. For the month of March to date MPD issued 39 citations with the majority not residing in Middletown.

Ron Howard, ABC Control Officer, ABC Inspections Update

Ron Howard performed his yearly inspections and had nine minor violations - most of which were not displaying correct signage and/or licenses. Everything is going good.

Municipal Order 04-11-19-A 18DEVPLAN1172, Schumacher Homes. 121 Huntington Ridge Dr.

Greg Zimmerer with Milestone Design was here representing the applicant. This will be a design studio with a sales office. There will be 3 buildings - 1 of which may come later.

The houses will not be lived in and have no plumbing.

We need to make a change to the municipal order that the city will need to approve any new renderings.

This was tabled until the May meeting as the Commissioners have some questions for the owner.

Municipal Order 03-14-19-G Professional Services Contract Wetherby Park

Mayor Chapman advised that we were given examples of work by Bell Engineering & Bayus Design Works and asked the Commissioners what they want to see.

Commissioner Stigers made a motion to approve Municipal Order 03-14-19-G with Bayus and Commissioner Oliver seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Municipal Order 04-11-19-B Professional Services Contract for Audit

Attorney Singler read the Municipal Order and advised this is for a professional services contract for Welenken to perform the annual audit.

Commissioner Wolf made a motion to approve Municipal Order 04-11-19-B and Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Municipal Order 04-11-19-C Appointment to Code Enforcement Board

Attorney Singler recapped the municipal order and advised this is to re-appoint Gary Edelen for 3 years.

Commissioner Oliver made a motion to approve Municipal Order 04-11-19-C and Commissioner Wolf seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Municipal Order 04-11-19-D Appointments to Historic Middletown Preservation Board

Attorney Singler read the municipal order and advised this is to re-appoint Jennifer Casey and Tony Bayus for two more years.

Commissioner Oliver made a motion to approve Municipal Order 04-11-19-D and Commissioner Wolf seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Ordinance 03-14-19-A Codification Update - second reading

Attorney Singler recapped the ordinance and advised the ordinances are on line with American Legal. This is the second reading and it is ready for action.

Commissioner Wolf made a motion to approve Ordinance 03-14-19-A and Commissioner Stigers seconded the motion. Motion carries.

This is a call vote. All voted yes.

Ordinance 03-14-19-B Changes to Chapter 152: Signage - second reading

Attorney Singler advised this is to provide guidelines for when something is art and when it is signage. If it's art, it is exempt from signage regulations. The application must come to the city for approval.

Commissioner Zimmerman made a motion to approve Ordinance 03-14-19-B and Commissioner Oliver seconded the motion. Motion carries.

This is a call vote. All voted yes.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Singler advised we have a couple of properties lingering with delinquent taxes and grass cutting that we discussed at the last meeting. We have the option to foreclose on the property. He sent a letter but received no comment.

Commissioner Stigers made a motion to move forward with the foreclosure on 12523 Farmbrook Dr. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolf and unanimously approved.

Project reports and/or up-dates:

Mayor Chapman handed out pictures of the landscaping at Victory Knoll. They have met the requirements for binding element #28 as referenced in the exhibit.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Wolf made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.


Deborah Columbia, City Clerk


J. Byron Chapman, Mayor