

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, March 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at 11803 Old Shelbyville Road.

Present at the meeting were:

Mayor J. Byron Chapman
Commissioner Marcie Willhite
Commissioner Mark Stigers
Commissioner Paul Zimmerman - absent
Commissioner Tom Abbott
City Attorney John Singler
City Clerk/Mayor Assistant Deborah Columbia
City Treasurer Tracy Dohn
Admin Paula Osbourne
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 Abbott made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 8, 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Willhite and unanimously approved.

Silent Reading of Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Willhite made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for February 1, 2018 through February 28, 2018 as tendered by the City Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stigers and unanimously approved.

Middletown Cemetery 4A

Commissioner Willhite made a motion to approve the February financial report for the cemetery. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Abbott and unanimously approved.

Cemetery 4B

None.

Announcements

Mayor Chapman advised that we have a sign in sheet by the door - if everyone would please sign in.

Police Update

Sgt. Bass was in attendance and advised that crime was down in the area. We had a couple of thefts, 2 assaults and 2 shoplifting incidents. He reminded everyone to keep their cars locked and valuables hidden.

Museum Moment

Mrs. Wetherby said they were getting some visitors from the Driver's License Bureau.

Middletown Chamber of Commerce

Executive Director, Freda Chapman was in attendance and advised the chamber had Mayor Fischer as the lunch speaker today and they had about 85 guests. They currently have 320 members.

Comments from the floor

Edwin Scherzer, 715 Tucker Station Road, was here and he had a complaint about his neighbors at 12200 Brookgreen. They have 6 or 7 dogs and they bark incessantly. He asked the city to do something about it. Mayor Chapman asked him to call 311 and make a report. Sgt. Bass will send this to the Resource Officer and he will contact Mr. Scherzer.

Middletown Police Update, Chief Blaser

The chief provided an update to the commission and advised they are just about ready to start.

Municipal Order 03-08-18-A 17DEVPLAN1223, Transcend Credit Union, 12104 Shelbyville Road, 15,000 sq. ft. commercial building on 1.74 acres in the C-2 zoning district

Kent Gootee from Mindel Scott was in attendance representing Transcend. He provided a brief overview of the project and advised there would be a right in and a right and left out with an exit on Evergreen. They will come back to the city for sign permits and landscape approval.

Barbara Quinn, architect, advised this will be a brick building with a shingle roof.

Attorney Singler recapped the municipal order and advised it was ready for action.

Commissioner Abbott made a motion to approve municipal order 03-08-18-A and Commissioner Willhite seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Municipal Order 03-08-18-D 17LSCAPE1209, Storypoint landscape plan

Tim Thomas with Milestone was in attendance representing Storypoint. He advised this was approved by Sherie Long, Metro Landscape architect, on 2-27-18.

Attorney Singler advised the municipal order was ready for action.

Commissioner Abbott made a motion to approve Municipal Order 03-08-18-D and Commissioner Willhite seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Municipal Order 03-08-18-B Renewing the professional services contract for the Middletown Historic Cemetery

This is to renew Ralph Lax's contract for another year. Commissioner Stigers made a motion to approve Municipal Order 03-08-18-B and Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Municipal Order 03-08-18-C Applying for Recreational Trails Grant for Wetherby Park

Mayor Chapman advised this is to approve the grant application for Wetherby Park. Commissioner Willhite made a motion to approve Municipal Order 03-08-18-C and Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Ordinance 03-08-18-A Approving Codification Update for 2017, first reading

Attorney Singler explained this was a housekeeping issue to keep the code up to date.

Commissioner Stigers made a motion to consider this the first reading of Ordinance 03-08-18-A and Commissioner Willhite seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Ordinance 03-08-18-B Establishing a pay classification plan, first reading

Attorney Singler advised that every city needs to create a plan and this sets the classification for each employee.

Commissioner Stigers made a motion to consider this the first reading of Ordinance 03-08-18-B and Commissioner Willhite seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Ordinance 03-08-18-C Personnel Policy, first reading

Attorney Singler advised this is to add a chapter to the current personnel policy for the police department.

Commissioner Stigers made a motion to consider this the first reading of Ordinance 03-08-18-C and Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Ordinance 03-08-18-D Amending Ordinance Chapter 72 regarding parking, first reading

Attorney Singler advised this was to add to our existing Chapter 72. This also updates the penalty section.

Commissioner Willhite made a motion to consider this the first reading of Ordinance 03-08-18-D and Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Project reports and/or up-dates:

Mayor Chapman advised that he had a call from Lisa Lynn about letting a lady use the city's property to sell plants and flowers. This is a temporary business that does not pay taxes. The commission did not want to allow this.

Commissioner Willhite made a motion to deny and Commissioner Stigers seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Attorney's Report

John advised he will be filing his brief on the Juneau lawsuit 3/16/18.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Willhite made a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion seconded by Commissioner Stigers and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.


Deborah Columbia, City Clerk


J. Byron Chapman, Mayor