

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS
OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

The Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Middletown held a regular meeting on Thursday, January 13, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 11803 Old Shelbyville Road.

Present at the meeting were:

Mayor J. Byron Chapman

Commissioner Ron Wolf

Commissioner Mark Stigers

Commissioner Paul Hayden

Commissioner Amy Oliver -via phone

City Attorney John Singler

City Clerk Deborah Columbia

Director of Operations, Marty Stansbury

Treasurer Tracy Dohn - absent

MPD Chief Rob Herman

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 from the Regular Meeting of 12/9/21

Commissioner Wolf made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 12/9/21 and Commissioner Stigers seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Silent reading of Treasurer's report for December 2021

Commissioner Hayden made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report for December and Commissioner Oliver seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Middletown Cemetery 4A

Commissioner Stigers made a motion to approve the December financial report for the cemetery. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver and unanimously approved.

Middletown Cemetery 4B

None.

Announcements

None.

Museum Moment

None.

Comments to the City Commission

Terry Wetherby, resident of Middletown, spoke about her concerns over apartments being built in Middletown and the added pollutants from fossil fuels with the extra vehicles.

Note: Ms. Wetherby asked after item #11 on the agenda if she could speak. She missed #7 comments to the city commission. Her request was granted and she was allowed to go over the 3 minutes. She spoke for about 4.5 minutes.

Middletown Chamber of Commerce

Executive Director, Laura Wright was in attendance. No one had questions.

Middletown Police Update, Chief Herman

Chief Herman inquired if anyone had questions about his report. No questions.

KIPDA Report on ARPA

Commissioner Wolf asked if the city has heard anything about the Flock cameras being covered by ARPA. Mayor Chapman advised yes; this will be covered.

Municipal Order 01-13-22-A EHS Track Application for Funding

Attorney Singler read the municipal order.

Mike Horan, Eastern High School Track Coach was in attendance and advised they were requesting \$9,000 for officiating, timing, and awards for the City of Middletown Track Series & Track Classic.

Commissioner Wolf made a motion to approve Municipal Order 01-13-22-A and Commissioner Hayden seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Municipal Order 01-13-22-D, 21-DDP-0105 Mikes Car Wash, 13310 Shelbyville Road

Cliff Ashburner, representing the applicant gave a brief overview of the project.

Commissioner Wolf made a motion to approve Municipal Order 01-13-22-D and Commissioner Oliver seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Municipal Order 01-13-22-B Declaring One Police Car as Surplus

Attorney Singler provided a recap of the municipal order advising this car will be transferred to Graymoor Devondale.

Commissioners asked whether the car could be given to a city that was affected by the recent tornado. Chief Herman would not recommend that as the car is not in good condition.

Commissioner Hayden made a motion to approve Municipal Order 01-13-22-B and Commissioner Stigers seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Municipal Order 01-13-22-C Approving MPD First Responder Sterilizer using ARPA Funds

Attorney Singler read the municipal order and advised ARPA funds will be used to purchase this item.

Chief Herman told the commission the bulbs would need to be replaced at a cost of \$800.00 He demonstrated how the sterilizer works.

There was some discussion on whether more than one was needed. Currently, one is sufficient.

Commissioner Wolf made a motion to approve Municipal Order 01-13-22-C and Commissioner Stigers seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Municipal Order 01-13-22-E Appointing Mayor Pro Tem

Attorney Singler said this was a housekeeping issue to appoint the mayor pro tem and it is Commissioner Mark Stigers.

Commissioner Oliver made a motion to approve Municipal Order 01-13-22-E. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hayden and unanimously approved.

Municipal Order 01-13-22-F Job Descriptions for Mayor & Commissioners

Attorney Singler said this was another housekeeping issue to assign job descriptions to the commissioners and mayor.

Commissioner Hayden advised there is no longer a Civic Club and that needs to be removed from his job description.

Commissioner Hayden made a motion to approve as amended Municipal Order 01-13-22-F. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stigers and unanimously approved.

Municipal Order 01-13-22-G COVID Procedures

Attorney Singler stated this will adopt a COVID policy for the city.

Discussion ensued about the pay for employees who are out because of COVID. Currently we are paying for those who are out, and employees are not required to use sick time or vacation time.

This was tabled until after the special meeting of 1/25 when the employee manual will be discussed.

Attorneys Report

None.

Project Updates

The commissioners received a preliminary set of plans for the park which shows the items from the 2020 Land & Water grant that the city received.

Motion to go into Executive Session for discussion of personnel per KRS 61.810 (1) (F)

Commissioner Wolf made a motion to go into Executive Session and Commissioner Hayden seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Motion to go into open session

Commissioner Hayden made a motion to go into open session. Commissioner Oliver seconded the motion. Motion carries.


Possible action on personnel

No action taken.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Oliver made a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion seconded by Commissioner Stigers and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.


Deborah Columbia, City Clerk


J. Byron Chapman, Mayor