

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, February 10, 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
City Attorney John Singler
City Clerk Deborah Columbia
Director of Operations, Marty Stansbury
Treasurer Tracy Dohn
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 1/13/22

Commissioner Wolf made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 1/13/22 and Commissioner Hayden seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Silent reading of minutes from the Special Meeting of 1/25/22

Commissioner Stigers made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting of 1/25/22 and Commissioner Oliver seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Silent reading of Treasurer's report for January 2022

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

Middletown Cemetery 4A

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

Middletown Cemetery 4B

Commissioner Stigers advised there will be a clean up at the cemetery prior to Memorial Day.

Announcements

None.

Museum Moment

Commissioner Stigers said they are working to get open.

Comments to the City Commission

Terry Wetherby, resident of Middletown, spoke about her concerns over apartments vs. single family homes being built in Middletown, congested roadways and the added pollutants from fossil fuels. She gave the commission a contact name at Metro Air Pollution for pollution monitoring. Again, Ms. Wetherby was granted extra time over the three-minute limit.

Mallory Disbrow, 11715 Wetherby Ave., stated that there was a lot of trees and shrubbery that needs to be cleaned up at the cemetery. Commissioner Stigers advised this will be done before Memorial Day.

Commissioner Oliver mentioned the small area study and that it was still an option to control development in the city.

Middletown Chamber of Commerce

Executive Director, Laura Wright was in attendance. Today was their luncheon and they had a panel of HR Experts. No one had questions.

Middletown Police Update, Chief Herman

Chief Herman/MPD finished the first aid training. There was another success story from the Flock camera system - some property was stolen off Middletown Industrial. The camera picked up the suspect license plate. The property was recovered. Chief Herman inquired if anyone had questions about his report. No questions.

KIPDA Report on ARPA

No questions.

Urton Woods Roads & Sidewalk Discussion

Mayor Chapman advised that we took over the lights in 2016 and 2019 and not the roads. The bond has been released and there are issues with some of the sidewalks flaking and trip hazards.

A representative from the HOA was in attendance and wants to work with the city to bring this to a resolution.

There was some discussion about taking over the road and not the sidewalks.

Attorney Singler will send a demand letter to Ball Homes. We will consider taking over the roads via municipal order in the March meeting.

Municipal Order 02-10-22-A Awarding Bid for Wetherby Park Drainage

Attorney Singler advised the project was put out to bid and the city received three bids. The winning bid is Cornell Harbison Excavating, Inc.

Kent Gootee with Mindel Scott along with the contractor, Roger Harbison was in attendance. Kent advised the completion would be the end of June 2022.

Commissioner Stigers made a motion to approve Municipal Order 02-10-22-A and Commissioner Wolf seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Municipal Order 02-10-22-B Amending & Adding to Municipal Order 12-09-21-C & 12-09-21-D to use ARPA Funds

Attorney Singler provided a recap of the municipal order stating that this is to document using ARPA funds for both projects.

Commissioner Oliver made a motion to approve Municipal Order 02-10-22-B and Commissioner Wolf seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Municipal Order 02-10-22-C Approving use of ARPA funds for Premium Pay

Attorney Singler read the municipal order and advised ARPA funds can be used for premium pay for city employees who continued to provide city services during the COVID-19 pandemic - February 2020 thru December 2021. The municipal order is modeled after Jeffersontown.

Commissioner Hayden made a motion to approve Municipal Order 02-10-22-C and Commissioner Oliver seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Ordinance 02-10-22-A Approving Code of Ordinance Update, First Reading

Attorney Singler said this was our yearly codification update and it is the first reading.

Commissioner Stigers made a motion to consider this the first reading of Ordinance 02-10-22-A. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolf and unanimously approved.

Attorneys Report

None.

Project Updates

Mallory Disbrow asked for a copy of the Wetherby Ave. sidewalk plan.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Oliver made a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion seconded by Commissioner Wolf and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.


Deborah Columbia, City Clerk


J. Byron Chapman, Mayor