

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND
Mayor and Council Workshop
January 4, 2023**

The Mayor and City Council Workshop was held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, January 4, 2023. **Present:** Mayor Wantz, Mayor Pro Tem Fuller and Councilmembers Foster, Haines and Hand. **Also Present:** City Manager Wieprecht and Clerk Kalman. Mayor Pro Tem Fuller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review of Minutes: Review of the minutes of the December 7, 2022 and December 12, 2022 regular meetings – Mayor Wantz requested a change to the December 7, 2022 minutes.

Councilmember statement regarding conflicts of interest on agenda items:

Councilmember Foster stated she serves on the family selection committee for Habitat for Humanity. Mayor Wantz explained Attorney Gullo was consulted and advised there is no conflict of interest.

Reception of Delegation: Habitat for Humanity – Scott Swartz – Executive Director, Swartz presented cost estimates for a new build and asked for consideration for a subsidy for water and sewer hookup fees and also to allow a 4' X 8' sponsorship sign.

Public comment pertaining to non-agenda items:

Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:

Approval:

Tower Stream contract – City Manager Wieprecht explained the 3-year contract is to charge monthly rent, in the amount of \$1,600.00 for cellular equipment installed on the standpipe and elevated water tower. Wieprecht advised Attorney Gullo has reviewed and approved the contract. Mayor Wantz stated the contract is identical to other cell tower contracts between the City and other providers.

Introduction:

Adoption of:

Resolution 2023 – 01 – Water Allocation for January – no questions or concerns were expressed

Resolution 2023 – 02 – Fee Schedule for 2023 – City Manager Wieprecht explained no changes to the current schedule are proposed.

City Manager Report:

- City Manager Wieprecht reviewed the highlights of his report emphasizing the issue of alleyways in Community Villages needs to be revisited. There was a brief discussion and it was decided the item will be on the agenda for the Monday meeting to discuss the ideas councilmembers would like the Planning Commission to consider at their next meeting.
- Wieprecht advised the leak detection equipment has proven to be useful in locating several water leaks allowing the Department of Public Works to make repairs.

Department Reports:

- No questions or concerns were expressed

Old Business:

- No items for discussion

New Business:

1. Monthly Financial Report – no questions or concerns were expressed
2. Accounts Payables – no questions or concerns were expressed
3. Police Holidays – City Manager Wieprecht explained the request is to move back to the previous holiday schedule, which allows for a “floating holiday”. Mayor Wantz stated the City strives to be competitive with other agencies in an effort to attract officers. Councilmember Foster indicated she would like to see stability in the department before any decisions are made.
4. Approval of Special Event Permit for Carroll County Humane Society Woofstock – Memorial Park, June 17, 2023 – no concerns were expressed.
5. Filling Councilmember Vacancy – Mayor Pro Tem Fuller explained six (6) resumes were received and reviewed by councilmembers. Motion by Councilmember Haines to nominate Chris Tillman to fill the vacancy. With no second the motion failed. Motion by Foster to nominate Elizabeth Chaney, 2nd by Haines and carried 4 – 0.

Public comment pertaining to agenda items:

Adjournment: motion to adjourn at 8:20 PM by Fuller, 2nd by Haines – carried 4 - 0

Respectfully Submitted by: Clara Kalman, City Clerk