

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND
Mayor and Council Combined Meeting
October 4, 2023**

The Mayor and City Council Combined Meeting was held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, October 4, 2023.

Present: Mayor Miller, Mayor Pro Tem McCarron and Council members Fuller, Foster, Chaney and Tillman **Also Present:** City Manager Wieprecht and Clerk Kalman. Mayor Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Approval of the minutes of the September 6, 2023 and September 11, 2023 regular meetings – motion to approve as presented by Tillman, 2nd by Chaney – carried 5 – 0.

Reception of Delegation: Deleon & Stang – Michelle Mills & Addie Blickenstaff – Presentation of Fiscal Year 2023 Audit

Council member statement regarding conflicts of interest on agenda items: none

Public comment pertaining to non-agenda items:

Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:

Approval:

Fiscal Year 2023 Audit – motion to approve the draft by McCarron, 2nd by Foster – carried 5 – 0.

Adoption:

Resolution 2023 – 15 – Water allocation for October – motion to adopt by Tillman, 2nd by Chaney – carried 5 – 0.

City Manager Report:

- City Manager Wieprecht reviewed his monthly report which included an update on capital equipment, Charter and Code, Roberts Mill Road and Broad Street reconstruction project, Riffles Lane to York Street Drain, Fiscal Year 2024 Sewer Rehabilitation project and the continued updates to policies, procedures and equipment at the Police Department led by Major Stem. Wieprecht added he is working with the Director of Economic Development on the Sustainable Communities renewal and responded to questions from Council members.

Department Reports:

- City Manager Wieprecht responded to questions from Council members relating to the demolition of a building at 454 East Baltimore Street.

Old Business:

1. Backyard chickens – City Manager Wieprecht reviewed the draft ordinance. Discussion followed with consensus of council to reduce the set back for a coop or run to 10 feet from the property line, keep item D, which states the coop or run must be a minimum of 20 feet from any dwelling on the property and allow a maximum of 6 chickens.
2. Taneytown Police Department Holiday Leave Policy – Mayor Miller and City Manager Wieprecht responded to questions and concerns from Council members. Motion by Fuller to allow Acting Chief Mitchell to implement the policy until a new Police Chief is hired, 2nd by Tillman – carried 5 - 0

New Business:

1. Monthly Financial Report – Motion to approve by Tillman, 2nd by Chaney – carried 5 - 0
2. Accounts Payables – Motion to approve by McCarron, 2nd by Foster – carried 5 - 0
3. Crossing guard discussion – Mayor Miller explained there has been an influx of children walking to school due to changes in bus schedules and advised the crossing guard was moved temporarily from her post at Kings Court to the cross walk at Baumgardner Avenue to ascertain if an additional crossing guard was warranted. Council members discussed the need and feasibility of an additional crossing guard and decided by consensus to hire a crossing guard for the Baumgardner Avenue crosswalk.

Public comment pertaining to agenda items:

Council member Reports:

Mayor Miller advised he hopes to bring his recommendations for Police Chief to Council at the November 8, 2023 Workshop

Adjournment - motion to adjourn at 9:31 PM by Tillman, 2nd by Foster – carried 5 - 0

Respectfully Submitted by: Clara Kalman, City Clerk