

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND  
Mayor and Council Meeting  
February 13, 2023**

The Mayor and City Council Meeting was held at 7:30 PM on Monday, February 13, 2023. **Present:** Mayor Wantz, Mayor Pro Tem Fuller and Councilmembers Foster, Hand and Chaney. **Present Virtually:** Councilmember Haines **Also Present:** City Manager Wieprecht and Clerk Kalman. Councilmember Hand led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the minutes of the January 4, 2023 and January 9, 2023 regular meetings – motion to approve by Fuller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foster – carried 5 - 0

**Councilmember statement regarding conflicts of interest on agenda items:** none

**Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:**

**Approval:**

**Introduction:**

**Ordinance 04 – 2023 – Budget Amendment #2** – City Manager Wieprecht explained the version presented for introduction does not include the architecture and site plan money for the police station. – motion to introduce by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hand – carried 5 – 0.

**Adoption of:**

**Resolution 2023 – 03 – Water Allocation for February** – motion to approve by Hand, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fuller – carried 5 – 0.

**City Manager Report:**

- City Manager Wieprecht stated the City was issued the grading permit for the sewer rehabilitation project.
- Responding to councilmember Haines, City Manager Wieprecht explained the process for addressing resident issues with water/sewer bills.

**Department Reports:**

- No questions or comments

**New Business:**

1. Monthly Financial Report – motion to approve by Fuller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chaney – carried 5 - 0
2. Accounts Payables – motion to approve by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fuller – carried 5 - 0
3. Habitat for Humanity Subsidy Request – motion to approve by Foster for entire hook up fee in the amount of \$28,800.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fuller for the purpose of discussion. Mayor Wantz and City Manager Wieprecht responded to questions from council members. Motion to amend the original amount to \$8,640.00 by Hand, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fuller. The vote to amend the original motion was 3 in favor with Haines

and Foster opposing. After further discussion the vote to forgive \$8,640.00 of the cost of hook – up fees was carried 5 – 0.

4. Special Event Permit approval – Veterans Benefit Music Festival at Memorial Park – October 7, 2023 – motion to approve by Fuller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foster carried – 5 - 0
5. Community Village alleyways – City Manager Wieprecht suggested staff could put together a potential draft amendment incorporating relief from alleyways with an increase to the required amount of open space for detached and semi - detached structures. Motion to move to direct staff to draft a community village amendment for future consideration by Hand, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chaney with unanimous consensus of council to increase the requirement for open space - carried 5 – 0.
6. Approval of Sole Source Procurement – Fern Rodkey Electric – Mayor Wantz advised the request is to increase the amount to \$29,500.00 to cover the cost to replace deteriorating brackets. Motion to approve by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fuller. Mayor Wantz explained the funds could come from park impact fees. After a brief discussion, the motion carried 5 – 0.
7. Appointment to Ethics Commission – Mayor Wantz nominated Linda Canfield - motion to approve the nomination by Fuller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foster - carried 5 – 0.
8. Appointment to Board of Zoning Appeals – Mayor Wantz nominated Christie Canapp. Motion to approve the nomination by Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chaney - carried 5 - 0
9. Appointment to Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – Mayor Wantz nominated Makensie Kilby. Motion to approve the nomination by Hand, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fuller - carried 5 - 0

**Councilmember reports:**

**Adjournment:** motion to adjourn at 8:33 PM by Fuller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hand - carried 5 – 0.

**Respectfully Submitted by:** Clara Kalman, City Clerk