

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
TANEYTOWN, MARYLAND
Mayor and Council Meeting
August 14, 2023**

The Mayor and City Council Meeting was held at 7:30 PM on Monday, August 14, 2023. **Present:** Mayor Miller and Council members Fuller, Foster, Chaney and Tillman. **Also Present:** City Manager Wieprecht, Attorney Gullo and Clerk Kalman. **Late arrival:** Mayor Pro Tem McCarron was excused from the start of the meeting and arrived at 7:43 PM. Mayor Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Approval of the minutes of the July 5, 2023 and July 10, 2023 regular meetings and the July 10, 2023 closed session – motion to approve all minutes by Tillman, 2nd by Chaney – carried 4 – 0.

Mayor Miller welcomed Senator Justin Ready to the meeting.

Waste Water Treatment Plant Compliance Update – CDM Smith, Brian Lubenow – Mr. Lubenow presented a history of the waste water treatment plant and Lubenow and Department of Public Works Director Smeak explained the efforts underway to maintain compliance with Maryland Department of the Environment standards.

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

Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements:

Introduction:

Ordinance 06 – 2023 – Clarification of Dwelling Types – motion to introduce by Tillman, 2nd by Chaney – carried 5 – 0.

Ordinance 07 – 2023 – Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 – Budget Amendment #3 – motion to introduce by Foster, 2nd by Tillman – carried 5 - 0

Ordinance 08 – 2023 – Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024 – Budget Amendment #1 – motion to introduce by Foster, 2nd by McCarron – carried 5 - 0

Adoption:

Ordinance 05 – 2023 A – Community Village Technical Amendments - motion to adopt by Tillman, 2nd by Foster – carried 5 – 0.

Resolution 2023 – 12 – Water Allocation for August – motion to adopt by Chaney, 2nd by Foster – carried 5 – 0.

Resolution 2023 – 13 – Nomination of Resident Agent – motion to adopt by McCarron, 2nd by Tillman – carried 5 – 0.

City Manager Report:

- Responding to a request from the Mayor and Council Workshop, City Manager Wieprecht explained a shift to monthly water and sewer billing would cost \$18,566.00 per quarter and advised residents have the option of making monthly payments towards water and sewer charges.

Department Reports:

- There were no questions, or concerns expressed.

Legal Report:

- Attorney Gullo expressed concerns there is not a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Carroll County Sheriff's Office identifying specifically what the City is requesting of Major Stem. Gullo advised there is potential for confusion in various areas. The consensus of Council was to continue with the verbal agreement with the Sheriff's Office with the stipulation no one else is to be brought in to assist and the role of Major Stem is not to be Interim Chief.

New Business:

1. Monthly Financial Report – motion to approve by Tillman, 2nd by Chaney – carried 5 - 0
2. Accounts Payables – motion to approve by Foster, 2nd by Tillman – carried 5 - 0
3. Approval of Special Event Permit – Maryland Horse Rescue fundraising concert – Memorial Park – September 17, 2023 – motion to approve by Chaney, 2nd by Tillman – carried 5 – 0.
4. Planning and Zoning Commission nominations – Mayor Miller nominated Jim Parker and Dan Myers for re-appointment – motion to approve the nominations by Chaney, 2nd by Foster – carried 5 – 0.
5. Chicken husbandry – after discussion, the consensus of Council was to continue towards creating an ordinance.
6. Police Department promotion process – Attorney Gullo advised it would be more appropriate for a member of the Taneytown Police Department to determine promotions versus someone from an outside agency. The consensus of Council is to amend the process to address the concerns raised by Attorney Gullo and to clarify the process is meant to direct the Interim Chief.

Council member Reports:

Adjournment - motion to adjourn at 9:45 PM by Tillman, 2nd by Foster – carried 5 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted by: Clara Kalman, City Clerk