

FEBRUARY 26, 2024 - BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Hartsville/Trousdale County Commission met pursuant to adjournment with the Honorable Mayor Jack McCall, Commission Chairman presiding and the following commissioners present to wit: Beverly Atwood, Tommy Belcher, Alan Carman, Grant Cothron, Brian Crook, Jerry Ford, Chris Gregory, T. "Bubba" Gregory, Landon Gulley, Richard Johnson, Judy Kerr, David Nollner, Lesley Overman, Mark Presley, Amber Russell, Lonnie Taylor, David Thomas, and Steve Whittaker.

1. **Open Court** - Captain Josh Scruggs
2. **Invocation** - Alan Carman
3. **Pledge to the American Flag** - Amber Russell
4. **Roll Call** - Rita Crowder, County Clerk - 18 Present, 2 Absent

5. **Approval of Minutes**
Motion this court approve these minutes as presented
Motion by Jerry Ford, Second by Beverly Atwood

VOICE VOTE

MOTION CARRIED

6. **Announcements**
 - A **CALLED MEETING** of the Hartsville/Trousdale County Commission has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 28 to review information on the proposed jail, have a presentation from the contracted architecture firm -Spirit Architecture, and consider a resolution to proceed with purchase of property.
 - Congratulations to Landon Gulley on the birth of his daughter, Huntleigh.
 - Congratulations to Rob Atwood on winning his 3rd State Wrestling Championship in a row.

7. **Set the Agenda**
Motion this court pull Resolution 2024-03-800 from this agenda until the Special Called Meeting on Wed., Feb. 28th and set the agenda.

Motion Chris Gregory, Second by David Thomas

VOICE VOTE

MOTION CARRIED

8. **Citizens' Response to Agenda Items**
Dean Sprague and Daniel Gunter signed in to speak.

9. **County Mayor Report** - Jack McCall
 - **Streetscape** - this project is finally complete. There is a budget amendment on tonight's agenda to finish this out.
 - **Ward School** - this project is still moving forward.
 - **Court House** - we are waiting on a compressor. Hopefully, we'll be back in there soon.
 - **Update on the park** - Mr. T. "Bubba" Gregory will update us when he gives his committee report.
 - **Traffic on Lock Six Road** - The mayor has been contacted by TDOT about making some public service announcements concerning this project. He gets calls all the time about the traffic and construction in that area. We will be making some announcements in the paper, on the radio, and out county web page soon.

10. **Committee/Board Reports** - *See Attached Minutes*

- A. **Codes & Zoning** - Jan 25, Feb 7
- B. **Emergency Services** - Jan 29
- C. **Finance Committee** - Feb 20
- D. **Public Works** - Jan 24, Feb 21
- E. **Other Reports**

11. **Active Business**

A. **Appointments**

- 1) **Ag Extension Board** - 2 yr term beginning March 1, 2024

- Katie Mae Harper *Farm Representative, Female*
- Van Thompson *Farm Representative, Male*
- Will Dennis *County Commissioner*

Motion this court approve all three appointments.

Motion by Brian Crook, Second by Steve Whittaker

VOICE VOTE

MOTION CARRIED

B. **Resolutions**

- 1) **Resolution 2024-04-801** Support the TC BOE opposition to the Freedom of Education Act

Motion this court approve this Resolution

Motion by Chris Gregory, Second by Landon Gulley

VOICE VOTE

MOTION CARRIED

C. **Ordinances**

PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING

- 1) **Ordinance 301-2024-01** Rezoning A1/R1/R2 to R1 on W McMurry Blvd

Motion this court close this Public Hearing

Motion by Chris Gregory, Second by Landon Gulley

VOICE VOTE

MOTION CARRIED

SECOND READING

Ordinance 301-2024-01 Rezoning A1/R1/R2 to R1 on W McMurry Blvd

Motion this court approve this Ord. - 2nd Rdg.

Motion by Landon Gulley, Second by T. "Bubba" Gregory

VOICE VOTE

MOTION CARRIED

FIRST READING

- 2) **Ordinance 302-2024-02** Rezoning A1 to R1 on Hwy 25W

Motion this court approve this Ord. - 1st Rdg.

Motion by David Thomas, Second by Jerry Ford

VOICE VOTE

MOTION CARRIED

D. **Budget Amendments**

FUND 111 - URBAN SERVICES

111-03FB Streetscape Finalization

\$ 25,000

Motion this court approve this Budget Amendment

Motion by Landon Gulley, Second by David Thomas

ROLL CALL, BOOK 3, PAGE 229 - 18 YES, 0 NO, 2 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

D. Budget Amendments (continued)

FUND 141 - GENERAL SCHOOLS

141-08	uTrust Grant	\$ 9,500.00
141-09	Educational Incentives	47,608.34
141-10	TISA Educational Incentives	155,722.00

Motion this court approve all three Budget Amendments
Motion by Chris Gregory, Second by Beverly Atwood

VOICE VOTE

MOTION CARRIED

E. Notaries

Adriana Chavez - Metro Nashville Public Schools
Tonja Cox - Self-Employed
Elizabeth Parker Harper - Compliance Engineering, LLC
Motion this court approve all three Notary applications
Motion by Beverly Atwood, Second by Grant Cothron

VOICE VOTE

MOTION CARRIED

12. Other Business

At this time, Mayor McCall asked that Lonnie Taylor, Chair Pro-Tempore, take over the meeting so that he could address the commission. Mayor McCall announced that Mr. Stanley Holder was no longer willing to sell his tobacco warehouse property to the county. It will be up to this court to decide what direction to take next. There is no set committee in charge of this so he said he would let Sheriff Russell take the lead from here.

With this property no longer available, there is no need for the Special Called Meeting for Wed., Feb. 28th. This property is the only property that Spirit Architecture planned to discuss.

Motion this court cancel the Wed. night meeting
Motion by Lesley Overman, Second by Brian Crook

VOICE VOTE

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor McCall resumed his duty as chairman.

13. Public Comment

Mr. Gunter decided not to speak.

Dean Sprague, co-owner of Mudlark Café with his wife, Jennylyn, have an issue with other food trucks being allowed to set up on county property, but not all food trucks. They have asked for permission to use the county parking lot that is directly beside their brick and mortar location and have been denied. The property across from them and up the road on Broadway between the Fire Dept. and Trousdale Pharmacy is being used by The Ridge coffee truck and they seem to be the only ones with permission to set up there. He has nothing against that particular business, but is frustrated with the favoritism that's going on. No one or all should be allowed to use the space to set up. He said he would be interested in any suggestions as to a rotation schedule so that everyone would be treated equally. He also wanted to know exactly who gave them permission, no one seems to know.

Amber Russell suggested they set up at the hospital in Lebanon. He said he would just like for the system to be fair.

14. Adjourn

Motion this court adjourn
Motion by Beverly Atwood, Second by Lonnie Taylor

VOICE VOTE

MOTION CARRIED

Hartsville/Trousdale Executive Committee Regular Meeting

Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2024 - 6:00 P.M. – Trousdale County Mayor's Office

Present: Jack McCall, Beverly Atwood, T. Bubba Gregory, Landon Gulley, Amber Russell and David Thomas

Absent: Shane Burton, Mark Presley, Lonnie Taylor

1. Meeting Called to order by Jack McCall, Chair.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Gulley to approve January 3, 2024, minutes and seconded by Thomas. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Reports from Committees:

A. Audit - Atwood - No meeting.

B. Building – Taylor – absent.

C. Codes and Zoning – Thomas – Met January 4th & 25th discussing blasting permit. A motion was made at planning, but no fee was set. Looking at blasting permits and fees from Lebanon and Goodlettsville. The Jones Brothers had asked what fees and permits needed to be pulled. We are currently working on policy, fees, etc. to move forward to codes and zoning. Possibly \$100.00 fee. The office will just collect information for state licensure just to allow notifications to neighbors and surrounding ones to be notified.

Burn permits – an ordinance was made in the 90's although there is nothing in writing about an ordinance for the Urban area.

Next meeting scheduled for February 7th, 2024.

Gulley – State does burn permits online – will this add to the office workload since this is dealt with through the state?

D. Emergency Services - Russell – Meeting January 29th. Performance grant has begun.

The Sheriff and Mr. Batey looking at an Emergency Shelter under the sheriff's office at 210 Broadway, working on figures.

New ambulance has not arrived.

The old ambulance needs a new chassis estimated at \$160-190,000, rough numbers – currently no bids.

EMS began approved stipend at the end of the year. It's a state funded training.

Gear has started to come in. The new compressor for the fire should be coming in and be installed by next Monday.

Rescue Building needs a lot of work. \$30,000 was budgeted for it although they are having difficulty getting bids.

There is also a stipend for Firefighters 1 & 2 that surrounding counties are doing that is also state funded.

E. Finance – Gulley – Met January 22nd.

Removed generator just to get more information in regard to purchase.

F. Law Enforcement – Burton absent.

G. Personnel - Presley – absent.

- H. **Public Works - T. Gregory** – Met January 24th. Discussed Park project should begin around April or May. Swimming Pool – Charlee Dixon will be the Pool Manager. Looking for lifeguard training at Jimmy Floyd. Discussing \$200 sign on bonus. Pool structure looks good, discussed LED lighting.
Rolloff truck has arrived. Next meeting is February 21st at 6pm.

4. Other Discussion:

- A. Resolution of Support 2024-04-801 – no information regarding?
- B. Ward School – Awaiting updates.
- C. Jail – Spirit Architect billing us based on \$20 million dollar project @7percent.
- D. TDOT asked us to do public service announcements on Lock Six Road – WTNK and Vidette.
- E. Linda Gammons retirement opens a part time position.
- F. Kevin Lowers report is almost done on FIRE/Rescue collaboration.
- G. Weather siren – will cost too much to repair that is why they are using the text alerts.
- H. Economic Development Committee – should be driven by Tennessee Central.
- I. Enbridge is looking at using barges to haul in the 30” piping.
- J. TVA has approved more solar across the state.
- K. Ward School is a 10% match maintenance grant that may require having 501c3 to cover maintenance.

5. Public Comment

None

6. Adjourn

Motion made by Gulley and 2nd by Gregory. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIED

HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT

JANUARY 25, 2024 | 7:00PM | MAYOR'S OFFICE

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order- 7:00 PM
2. Attendance - David Thomas, Lonnie Taylor, Rosalie Myhan, Tommy Belcher, Alan Carman, David Nollner, Mark Beeler
3. Review Minutes from January 25, 2024
Motion to approve; Lonnie Taylor Second: Tommy Belcher PASSED

4. Discussion

- A. Blasting Permits- Continued discussion from the Jan 4th meeting concerning Blasting Permits. The Planning Commission discussed the need for the Blasting Permit on a local level to keep our residents informed and safe. The Blasting Permits from Lebanon TN and Goodlettsville TN were reviewed and compared pulling items from each to meet the needs of our county. The Planning Commission made a motion for Rosalie to compile the information creating a Blasting Notification Application as a collection of information and points of contacts. David Thomas continued that the part of the document that addresses blasting within certain distances of streams, wetlands, and certain gas lines may read as ordinances and Branden Bellar is looking into that. David Thomas asked if any other information needs to be altered or added. Mark Beeler, HTC Fire Chief, did note that the Fire Department does not have any kind of permit that a Blaster would have to complete to store explosives on the property. Mr. Beeler noted that the State Fire Marshal's office will have all the contact information. Mr. Beeler said that the Blasters that have contacted him up to this point were told that we did not have any local guidelines. Mr. Beeler stated that this document would give them a checklist of the necessary documents and to provide copies of such. The discussion further yielded the need to add EMS to bottom of the document for notification of blasting in the area. The need for this document was stressed for not only the larger Contractors such as Enbridge and Jones Bros but also those that are blasting for basements and swimming pools. An additional item was added to the needed documents was the State Fire Marshal's license that was obtained by the Blaster.

Distribution of information was discussed and the need for contact lists for the Point of Contact for the Blasting Permit holder. It was emphasized that the HTC Fire Chief should be contacted by the Blasting Permit holder. A suggestion that if Blasting Materials were stored onsite that a second permit would be needed with the information of the materials being stored. David Thomas wants to have a viable document to take to the County Commission to enact as a Permit and exact a fee of \$100. After further discussion a motion was made to send this to Planning Commission and Branden Bellar then the full Commission

Motion: Lonnie Taylor Second: David Nollner PASSED

- B. Burn Permits- HTC Mark Beeler addressed the committee giving a history of the “No Open Burn” policy in the City Limits or Urban Services. This past fall the State changed some things in their Burn Permit process and had the County locked out the ability to obtain a burn permit in the State Forestry service for several months. During research for finding our Burn Ordinance, it was discovered that a copy could not be found. Records indicate that the Ordinance was passed in 1993 before the City and County became Metro. In speaking with several prior Chiefs, it was noted that the information was shared verbally. Chief Beeler would like to recreate a restrictive ordinance for open burns within the City. He has reached out to Rick Gregory for any information about this and Rick has sent him several copies from Lebanon, Goodlettsville, and Ashland City. Chief Beeler requests that a dialog be started concerning this. Upon review of the different ordinances discussion was about the various methods of burning, parameters, and the need to give the Fire Chief some latitude in granting permission to burn in certain circumstances. Motion was made to allow the Fire Chief to fine tune the document for No Open Burn in Urban District to bring back in the next month or second month for consideration.

Motion to allow Fire Chief to fine tune No Open Burn Policy to bring back for consideration.

Motion : Lonnie Taylor Second: David Nollner PASSED

- C. Other- Discussion was made about having another meeting before the Planning Commission to have the Blasting Permit ready. Next meeting Feb 7at 7pm.
5. Public Comment – none presented
6. Adjourn Motion to adjourn – Lonnie Taylor Second - Alan Carman

HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE
JANUARY 29, 2024 | MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Amber Russell, *Chair*
David Nollner, *Vice Chair*

David Thomas, *Secretary*
Brian Crook

Lesley Overman

MEMBERS ABSENT

Richard Johnson

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS BY POSITION, NON-VOTING PRESENT

Matt Batey, *EMA/EMS*

Kirk "Bud" Sutherland, *Rescue*

Mark Beeler, *Fire*

Meeting was opened by Chair Amber Russell. A quorum was determined with five of six members present.

Minutes from November 8, 2023 had been passed out prior to meeting and were read for corrections or amendments. A correction was noted that David Thomas made the second motion on the approval of the August 9th minutes. David Nollner made the motion to approve with corrections; Brian Crook seconded the motion.

Minutes were approved with corrections.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

EMA/EMS – Matt Batey

- EMPG (Emergency Management Performance Grant) paperwork has begun.
- The Sheriff has asked about constructing an emergency shelter under the Sheriff Station/old fire hall at 210 Broadway for inclement weather such as storms or tornados. Chief Batey and Sheriff are researching the process and costs.
- Hardship waiver application – one was presented to the committee. Committee members reviewed the application.

Motion was made by Brian Crook to approve the waiver application; seconded by David Nollner.

Application approved w/ opposition.

- New ambulance is estimated to be delivered in the spring – possibly March/April 2024.
- Batey began the discussion of a potential remount of an older ambulance to a newer chassis. It is a 2018 model with 216,000 miles. Over 200K miles, state requires additional maintenance. This "box" was previously remounted in 2018 for \$96,000. The current costs would be estimated at \$160,000 – 190,000 depending on the chassis. It will be a 18-24 month turnaround.
- New supply tracking system to streamline the management of medical supplies. Found a program with initial cost of about \$2,500 and a recurring annual cost of \$1,875. This would be the same program that Macon County uses and recommends. Thomas asked how they are tracking now. Chief Batey - The current program is not efficient and not user friendly.
- Chair Russell asked about wrapping the orange/white ambulance to coordinate with other vehicles. Chief Batey said it would need to be painted due to it already being painted and wraps do not last long on painted vehicles.
- EMS has been approved for the annual training stipend through the state.

Fire Dept – Mark Beeler

- Turn out gear follow up – will need 17sets, have 12 on order. Some items have started arriving in recent weeks. Estimated delivery was 100 days from date of order.
- Commission approved the breathing air compressor. That purchase was made at under \$32,000. Should be at the station within the month. Thomas asked about the issues with the current compressor. Beeler said it is the start switch and a compressor valve. Technician is looking for parts that would fit the 27 yr old compressor. The current will become a backup. Beeler says there is room in the storage area for both.

Rescue – Kirk “Bud” Sutherland.

- Training was scheduled for November 2023; however it will need to be rescheduled for another time due to lack of emergency units available. Completed the Vanessa K driving certification in January 2024. An extrication course is being considered from Smith County. Lebanon/WEMA may be offering an advanced extrication course soon. Russell asked if any fees are associated with trainings. With the advanced classes through TARS, there is a \$150 per participating member. Other trainings depend on the vendor used.
- Repairs to the building are needed. Damage from the windstorm in the fall, bathroom walls, insulation in the bays. Priority needs to be on the mold issues in the bathrooms. A heater has been donated to the building and installed in the main office. The heater in the back has been fixed recently. Public Works director Sallee has been over to evaluate the issues. Volunteer Pool and Hardware has also offered solutions to remedy the mold issues. The building is not insulated properly, pictures provided to show the concerns.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Incentive training Program for Fire and Rescue – Program offered by the state to certify Firefighters. Beeler stated that locally there is no advantage. It is a cumbersome process. You must use certified instructors, keep impeccable records, and then a small stipend is awarded. If the County is aiming to pay the volunteers more, consider raising the per diem. Currently the rate is \$30 per call. Russell asked the volunteers in attendance if they were interested in the training. Members have already been through the program. The program is for newly enrolled volunteers to the department. Beeler offered there are two courses supplied by the state. Together they have 80 hours of training. This training is included in standard operating requirements. Members must have this training within 3 years of joining the department.
2. Fire/Rescue Evaluation Update – information is not ready for distribution. Chief Batey will be meeting with the consulting service in the coming week. The report will be released when the analysis is complete.

Public Comment

None presented.

Motion to adjourn by Thomas; seconded by Nollner

Adjourned at 6:32pm

*Minutes submitted by
David Thomas*

HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 20, 2024 | 6:00 PM | TC COMMUNITY CENTER

MINUTES

Members Present: 7/8

Landon Gulley, Chair

Bubba Gregory, Vice Chair

Beverly Atwood

Tommy Belcher

Will Dennis

Jerry Ford

Lesley Overman

Members Absent: Grant Cothron

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairman Gulley. A quorum was determined with seven members present.

Review Minutes from the January 22nd meeting. *Meeting originally scheduled for January 16th but was rescheduled due to inclement weather.*

Ford made a motion to accept minutes as presented; seconded by Belcher.

MINUTES ACCEPTED

Financial Statements

Committee reviewed the following:

- Trustee Cash Balance Statement – January 2024
- Financial Summaries – January 2024 *58.3% of budget*

ARPA contributions had not yet been received in fund 101 and 116. Those funds should be deposited in February.

Fund 118 - A motion was made by Ford to move \$30,000 from 118-55130-131 to 118-55130-169. Seconded by Overman.

Fund 127 and Fund 128 were new additions to the financial summaries. These two funds show the ARPA funding and spending.

Committee saw no other concerns.

Motion by Gregory to accept financial statements as presented; seconded by Atwood.

STATEMENTS ACCEPTED

Budget Amendments

111-03FB	Streetscape Finalization	\$	25,000
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Due to final Change Orders on the project, it was calculated that items needed to be paid out to Sessions Paving for additional work during the project that was not in the initial scope. This funding should complete the project. We are estimated to be reimbursed \$55,000 when all is said and done.

Motion by Ford to recommend BA 111-03FB to the full commission; seconded by Belcher.

MOTION CARRIED

141-08	uTrust Grant	\$	9,500
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Appropriating a \$9,500 grant from uTrust. Revenue funds to be allocated for school incentives and summer learning camp.

141-09	Educational Incentives	\$	47,608
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Funds transferred to the proper line items for educational incentives. Annual appropriation within the Schools budget.

141-10	TISA Educational Incentives	\$	155,722
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New revenue funds from TISA outcomes. Funds allocated to educational incentive categories to be used with strategic compensation payments.

Motion by Gregory to recommend all three School Fund 141 amendments (BA 141-08, 141-09, and 141-10) to the full commission; seconded by Atwood.

MOTION CARRIED

Purchasing Review

Chairman Gulley would like to have the Purchasing portion separate from future meetings.

The purchasing subcommittee reviewed the second quarter report for purchases over \$5,000 made to one vendor. Concerns were noted over the difference between 1st and 2nd quarters. Due to many payments that were made in July for June expenses, these amounts were recorded in the 4th quarter of FY2023 causing some line items in the 1st quarter of FY24 to show 2 months instead of 3.

Motion by Ford to accept the purchasing report as presented; seconded by Greogry.

REPORT ACCEPTED

Discussion

- **Appraisal on Holder Property** – Mayor handed out the appraisal for the Holder Property that is being considered for purchase. The property has been appraised at \$6,070,000. Current rates for debt are estimated at less than 5%. Will need to look at taking out an initial loan for the purchase of the property and possible include the fees from the Architect and Engineering firms. Fortunate to have Commissioner Dennis’ skill set and knowledge to advise the committee moving forward on the project as a whole.
- **Architect on the Project** – We are already being billed by the Architect on the jail project based on a 1.4M quote. Mayor will be relying on the Finance Committee and other Committees to keep the costs down. A project manager will be needed for a day to day oversight.
- **Financing options for Property Acquisition** – Revenue streams that could support funding the property are the Administrative Fees from CoreCivic, Property Taxes, Wheel Tax, and taking out debt.

Public Comment –

Commissioner Gregory asked about the Part Time amount in the Ambulance fund comparing the Monthly amount is half of the Yearly amount. This was due to a journal entry made to correct the amount from Oct-January to reflect the part time salaries. Some PRN employees were being paid from the 131 object code.

Comm. Gregory also mentioned the possible legislature capping the ability of counties to raise property taxes. Mayor McCall has been at the Capitol recently and is under the impression that the bill will not go into law. Senator Haile was confident it would not pass but encouraged several to spread the word to others.

Adjourn

*Motion by Ford; second by Belcher
Meeting adjourned at 6:52pm*

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Date: January 24, 2024, 6 p.m., Community Center

Present: Bubba Gregory, Chris Gregory, Alan Carman, Lesley Overman, Landon Gulley, Public Works Director Cliff Sallee

Others Present: Heather Gulley

Chairman Bubba Gregory called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the October 25, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve with one addition by Gulley, second by Carman. Motion approved.

Discussion held on park projects. Sallee said playground site has been cleared and new play equipment is being manufactured. Completion timeline is still late April or early May 2024. Public Works is still seeking contractor for concrete/asphalt work after RFQ in January brought no bids. Cunningham Recreation had a contractor submit a quote of \$80,000 but Sallee reaching out to some contacts, thinks we can do cheaper. Because of necessary ADA work, some current concrete may have to be taken up. Also some cameras will need to be moved and new conduits run, direct internet line to replace current wireless at pool will also be run while ground is turned up. Sallee will have further report on concrete needs at February meeting. Gulley asked if any of the pool lines would be affected, they are all inside fence area so no. Some lights at pool have already changed to LED.

No decision yet on what will be done with fence posts and bricks with names on them.

Discussion turned to 2024 swimming pool season. Sallee and Kerri Garner have reached out to Jimmy Floyd Center about getting lifeguard training slots. Training could be done locally but pool is too cold in May. The 2024 manager is in place - Charlee Dixon. Flyers recruiting lifeguards will go out to high school later this week. B.Gregory asked if any 2023 lifeguards are returning, too soon to know. New HR person is in place to help with signups. Sallee said some have previously said they will return, wants to start recruiting ASAP. B.Gregory asked about assistant managers, none yet. Gulley asked if anyone had reached out to Casey Stovall, not yet.

Motion by Gulley to pay \$200 sign-on basis to certified lifeguards who return from last year and/or lifeguards certified elsewhere and to pay certification fees, second by C.Gregory. **Motion approved.**

B.Gregory asked about status of pool structure, C.Gregory noted that Sallee had said last year might need to be major work in a year or so. Sallee said it won't be known until cleaned out, but feels it was winterized well and should be OK. Presley asked about water loss that was problem at beginning of 2023 season. Sallee said that had slowed down tremendously to maybe 10 gallons per day. Cliff expects no major upgrades needed aside from conversion to LED lighting.

C.Gregory asked about setting hours, B.Gregory asked about setting fees. Sallee to bring last year's hours/fees to February meeting for discussion then.

Discussion turned to new roll-off truck. Sallee said it is supposed to arrive next week, has been in Kentucky for two months. County probably cannot get Western Star model at all, private companies are paying more than we can. Peterbilt or Volvo are options for future. Sallee has spoken to one county in Tennessee with a Volvo, they note no real differences. Volvo might be \$15,000-\$20,000 cheaper.

Gulley asked if county would be OK on trucks once new one arrives. Sallee said current sideloader truck is 11-12 years old and has had number of repairs but is starting to show age. Oil leak, losing water, but Sallee wants to keep as backup option. Current backup is rear bumper rider used mainly for cardboard. Gulley asked about quote for new sideloader, Sallee said roughly \$397,830 last time he checked. Gulley asked about leasing, Sallee said can be done but available leases are difficult to find, he only knows a place in Ohio currently offering.

Presley asked if courthouse had passed second electrical inspection. Sallee said yes. Walkthrough has been done, some minor issues found that PW staff fixed themselves and submitted to county attorney to bill the contractor. B.Gregory asked if floors were done, they are; asked about county's audio/video equipment in courtroom. It should be in working order.

B.Gregory asked about Election Commission move, C.Gregory noted it would be 2025 before a move would be made with three elections in 2024.

Overman asked if Community Center rental agreement now falls under authority of Building Committee. It does, Sallee said staff has been notifying folks that new fees would begin in February.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 21 at 6 p.m. Site TBD.

Motion to adjourn by Gulley, second by Presley. Motion approved.

Minutes presented by Chris Gregory.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Date: February 21, 2024, 6 p.m., Community Center

Present: Bubba Gregory, Chris Gregory, Alan Carman, Lesley Overman, Landon Gulley, Mark Presley, County Mayor Jack McCall, Public Works Director Cliff Sallee

Others Present: Amy Thomas, Kerri Garner, Jerod Mitchell

Chairman Bubba Gregory called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the January 24, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Overman, second by Presley. Motion approved.

Discussion held on park projects. Sallee said pre-construction meeting is supposed to take place within next two weeks, no date set but will have much more information afterward.

Playground equipment is in production now. PW did find local contractor to perform concrete work, expects to save \$2700 to \$2800, just waiting on TDEC to approve contractor. New conduit purchased, selecting camera wire for new internet lines.

Presley asked about ETA on completion of Trey Park, Sallee said now looking at September or October. C.Gregory noted that at January meeting, timeline was April-May, asked what changed? Sallee noted equipment had not been ordered until recently.

B.Gregory asked about basketball courts. They are being repainted and restriped, changing some lights to LED. Mayor McCall noted that was part of BCBS grant to be discussed later in meeting agenda, along with tennis/pickleball/volleyball courts.

B.Gregory noted work done on Little League fields and benches, Sallee said PW crew has helped. Gulley asked if fence could be placed around light pole on Field 1 to protect kids from running into it. Sallee will check on this.

B.Gregory asked about vandalism, has been next to nothing since new cameras added. Gulley asked if license plate readers have been installed, not yet. Some cameras are not transmitting to phone app for remote viewing, system also logs out randomly. Gulley asked if this camera setup is different from one used at pool, it is.

Discussion turned to 2024 pool season. Garner presented copies of 2023 prices/hours to committee members. Gulley pointed out that document had a price for a 3-hour pool party but there was no 3-hour option listed. Sallee said lack of available help limited ability to have 3-hour parties as 15-year-olds cannot work past 9 p.m. C.Gregory asked how many 3-hour parties vs. 2-hours, vast majority are 2. Motion by C.Gregory to remove 3-hour parties and only have 2-hours, second by Presley. Motion approved.

Garner asked about number of lifeguards for pool party - less than 50 attendees requires two, more than 50 requires three. Gulley said help is always a problem, noted that summer sports practices will be in mornings and that might help. C.Gregory raised concern about whether family pass was too expensive as sales dropped in 2023. Gulley said he felt they were reasonable compared to nearby facilities. Motion by Gulley to leave hours and prices as they were in 2023 but remove 3-hour party listing, second by Presley. Motion approved.

Pool opening and closing dates will be discussed at March meeting.

Gulley asked about training times for lifeguards, Sallee said we have to have people to send and county tries to send 4-5 at a time. Garner noted weather plays a role as well. PW will schedule training for ones we already have lined up.

B.Gregory asked if flyers were out. They are, copies presented to committee. C.Gregory noted black font was hard to read, asked to change. Gulley asked to include that county will pay for lifeguard certification. B.Gregory asked about concessions. Sallee said will probably phase some items out, he will compare prices before buying.

Discussion turned to BlueCross BlueShield park grant. Application window opens in August, county just missed that in 2023. Amy Thomas said she had talked to Crystal Justice (spoke to committee about grant at August 2023 meeting), recommends we decide on project now.

Committee members brought up youth football, basketball courts, volleyball courts, tennis/pickleball courts. Sallee said basketball is in good shape but tennis courts has cracks 3-5 inches wide, poles leaning, has not been resurfaced since at least 2006.

Presley asked if one project or two could be applied for with this grant. Gulley noted that park master plan has various courts on it, said adding LED lights for hoops would be good.

C.Gregory suggested we apply for all courts. Mayor McCall said he felt a comprehensive application would be good and might have appeal to BCBS, also noted Enbridge has donated \$25,000 toward project. Motion by Gulley to apply for BCBS grant to cover tennis, basketball, volleyball courts and multi-use field and include lights if possible, second by C.Gregory. Motion approved.

Discussion turned to Solid Waste. Sallee presented committee with prices to buy new truck vs. lease. Lease prices do not include service, 3-year lease costs more than buying outright.

Carman said leasing not worth it at those costs. Presley asked about warranties, typically one year per Sallee. Gulley asked if Smith County currently leases trucks, Sallee said they have rolloff service only and not door to door like Trousdale. Current truck is 2013 model and would be used as backup. Needs O-rings around injectors, front main seal, few other items that would require shutting it down for a while. Current backup is walk-behind that requires three employees, Cliff has been joining those crews as needed. Gulley asked how long to obtain truck if we buy, Sallee said hopefully six months, by end of year at the latest.

Gulley asked about Urban Services fund balance, Amy Thomas estimated \$1.8 million. Sallee noted last truck bout was around \$327,000, price hasn't gone up drastically. B.Gregory asked to let Finance Committee review before making a decision. Sallee also said new trash cans are bigger and are more difficult to lift without a truck. PW could look at higher worker compensation costs for injuries, already pays for hepatitis shots for employees.

Motion by Gulley to recommend to Finance Committee to purchase new trash truck from Urban fund balance during 2023-24 fiscal year, second by Overman. Motion approved.

Presley asked about new rollback truck, it has arrived.

C.Gregory asked about streetlight addition on Front Street per request from constituent. Sallee said have that person call him and determine where light should go, PW will get it done. Other requests in future should be referred to mayor's office.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 13 at 6 p.m. at Community Center. Motion to adjourn by C.Gregory, second by Presley. Motion approved.

Minutes presented by Chris Gregory.