

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