

Steering Committee July 6, 2021

Dwight Jewell called the Steering Committee to order at 1800

Attendance:

The following attended Dwight Jewell, Landon Gulley, Gary Claridy, Jerry Ford, David Nollner, Beverly Atwood, Bill Fergusson, Lonnie Taylor, Rick Davis, Amy Thomas, and Stephen Chambers.

Absentees: Terry Gregory and Richard Harsh

Minutes from June 1, 2021:

Motion made by Ford and seconded by Gulley to approve minutes from June 1, 2021. All in favor.

Mayor's Report:

There are some additions I would like to add to the agenda: Solid Waste and Local Park and Recreation.

The following are items to be sent to Committees.

A.) Municipal Codes

Codes have not been updated since we went Metro. Title II to be sent to the Law Enforcement Committee.

B.) Personnel Codes

Title 4 – wage study and municipal codes separate from the personnel policy. It conflicts with approval of the TC Government. This will be sent to the Personnel Committee and will work with the County Attorney to rewrite this. The wage study will be sent there as well but two separate items.

C.) Title 12-14

This is the Southern Building Codes that are being used. To be sent to Codes and Zoning Committee.

D.) Building Inspector Title

This needs to be rewritten to adopt/revise to the appropriate language. To be sent to Codes and Zoning Committee.

E.) Upgrading Phone Systems

Current phone system is 99 phones and need to upgrade with Mitel which will give an additional 50 lines. Approximately \$1, 563.39 annually. Forward to Communications and then on to Budget and Finance.

F.) Referendum to Charter

Comptrollers requested to do the Budget as a resolution instead of the 3 readings. This should assist with approving quicker. Currently Charter requires three times. There are only two counties in the state that I am aware of that do it this way.

Gulley - Will this go in front of the Charter Review considering they have not met?

Jewell – I can request a called meeting.

Fergusson – What is the deadline for this? April 2022.

G.) Solid waste

Had their audit and would like for this to be forwarded to the Solid Waste Committee. Rebecca Caldwell has been hired to assist with these items. The next Solid Waste Committee is scheduled for July 20 at 6 pm.

H.) Park and Recreation

Received the Local Park and Recreation Grant for ADA improvements which is a 50/50 grant over \$94,000.00. Need to add \$180,000.00 to the budget. Forward to Budget and Finance.

Motion made by Claridy and seconded by Atwood to forward all to appropriate committees. All in favor.

Other Discussion:

Nollner – County is getting big enough to hire a County Manager. I know the Mayor has a full plate,

Jewell – Many counties/cities have a manger.

Ford – Smith County did this and it really helped and improved their county.

Mayor – Tn. Central Economic/Industrial Development Board helps with this. Mrs. Thomas is certified in this as well as she does many other things.

Taylor – There is a dire need of an IT person.

Jewell – We looked at this a few years back and it was cheaper to go with Artis Network. It is time to revisit this thought.

Public Comments

None

Motion made by Ford and seconded by Fergusson to adjourn.