

STEERING COMMITTEE

Minutes | March 10, 2022

Steering Committee called to order at 6:00pm by Jewell.

Review of minutes.

Motion made by Claridy, Second by L. Taylor to approve the minutes with all in favor.

Attendance:

The following attended: Dwight Jewell, Terry Gregory, Gary Claridy, Lonnie Taylor, Beverly Atwood, Stephen Chambers, Jerry Ford, Bill Ferguson, Richard Harsh, David Nollner

Absent – Landon Gulley

A. Pilot Program

Jewell - This is something we have been working on for several years with Bob Rochelle & Law firm. This is to attract industries. When industries have come in in the past, we can't make progress by not having a pilot program. Look at Matrix guidelines page. Have this framework document be approved by the commission. Set up a board to work with these industries. Board will work with them and the deadlines. This will have a board of the Mayor/Chair of Industrial Board/Commissioner will make decision to work with them.

Know it needs to go to Budget & Finance complicated and document due to being a legal document. If we want to recruit industry this will help us. Don't plan for this to go to whole commission this month.

Brian King - Basically we as a community we are baiting to catch a fish with this Pilot Program. Industry will normally come in with Phantom Project name. As of now we have no property available, except Powercom. Younger & Associates does the scoring for this – we do not. Company pays for right to apply. Once application is complete it goes to Younger & Associates. After scoring must pass 3-man process with scoring. Younger will tell us what the town can give. Does not mean they will spend this \$ amount and how many jobs they may produce. After 3-man team it goes to Budget and Finance for approval, then to IDP – transfers ownership and will hold property – legally to ensure they hold to their end of the deal and guidelines and contract. At the end of term, it goes back legally to the company for ownership, and they go to paying full taxes on their property. We want to make this appealing to the company. Please don't get hung up on the taxes. The jobs are the best end. They will shop here so we will get taxes back. We are losing 7/10 inquiries by not having this.

Jewell - Some large counties do 10-20 year programs. This was unanimous vote from Industrial Development Board.

Harsh made a motion to send to Budget and finance and seconded by Ford. All in favor.

B. Retroactive Pay Policy

Mayor - This was brought into my office for a pay change although after a certain time pay change wasn't turned in by Ambulance Service for 2 months prior.

County attorney said stop that procedure. County Charter can issue a policy for inclusion and approval. Policy did go out yesterday. Resolution will be prepared to include in personnel.

Ferguson: Did you know of this procedure?

Mayor - Has been done in the past, does need to be done by this one. Fill out employee change form of pay change. Issue is that it get it out of there.

Ferguson motion made to move to full body for approval to include in personnel policy, 2nd by Claridy – all in favor.

C. **Other Discussion:**

Jewell - Resolution 2019-14-1661 establish a committee for resale of land bought at Delinquent Tax Sales. Linda Johnson was on – would like to move to amend this with adding Gary Claridy in place of Mrs. Johnson. Currently: 1. Richard Harsh 2. Jerry Ford 3. Bill Ferguson. Sales coming up March 29 or April 4 to have meeting. Will have to set a minimum bid price for back taxes.

Commissioner - Property at bridge included?

Mayor - We have full ownership of that property TDOT needs to make repairs on bridge and will tear down building at no cost to us. Trying to look at possibility making property a parking lot later.

Ford - May want to set a timeline on them so it's not drawn out.

Mayor - Trying to follow up. Sent them court order and legal documents of us having ownership.

Claridy - Grants to fix storefronts. Grants have been distributed and projects completed should be closing this out at end of the month.

Ford - When are the starting sidewalks?

Mayor - Light and poles added with double cost of the project. May double up lights at ADA crosswalks.

Ford - Anything else about some relief with traffic. Can we not use the old railroad to cut out a road?

Jewell - Not enough right away.

Mayor - Project to go to bid this month. We are in final round with Grant about traffic light modification for moderation.

Claridy: Lights at crosswalks are we going to put flowers and landscaping?

Mayor: We can place them on the lights to not loose parking spot.

Ford: Motion to adjourn.

Minutes by Secretary Atwood.