

STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Members Present: Lonnie Taylor, T Bubba Gregory, Lesley Overman, David Thomas

Members Absent: *Beverly Atwood, Landon Gulley, Amber Russell*

Others Present: Jack McCall

Chairman Taylor opened the meeting at 6pm with four members present; a quorum was determined.

Members reviewed the minutes from September 3, 2024. Gregory motioned to accept; Thomas seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**

Taylor gave a brief overview of how the Steering Committee would conduct business. The Committee's purpose is to review items that need to come before the Commission and direct to the appropriate subcommittee for more research.

Taylor then asked the chairs in attendance to give an update on matters being discussed in their committees.

Budget & Finance – Gregory (*VC of committee*) stated its next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

Codes & Zoning – Thomas reviewed the Impact Fee proposed ordinance and asked if the Budget & Finance Committee wanted to review the ordinance before putting it before Commission. Gregory didn't see a need for the BF Committee to review, but will reach out to Chairman Gulley for direction. Thomas also stated that his committee will be reviewing Planned Unit Development zoning or PUD zoning at the January 9th meeting. This zoning will allow for variations from conventional zoning standards in areas such as heights, setbacks, density, parking, and land uses. More information is needed before considering presenting to Commission.

Parks & Recreation – Gregory has a meeting scheduled for January 23rd at 6pm to discuss issues dealing with the County pool complex. Repairs need to be made for the upcoming season. Changes in operations also need to be discussed. The playground is going through final inspections and repairs before the grant is closed out.

Public Works – Thomas has a meeting scheduled for January 23rd at 7pm. He has been visiting with department heads to learn about their office space needs and what actions need to be considered.

Taylor addressed items for consideration.

Commissioner Grant Cothron of District 3 has resigned from his office due to relocating to another district. This item does not need to be reviewed by a subcommittee and will be presented to the Commission at the January 27th meeting. The position will be posted in

February. Interested candidates may present themselves at the February 24th Commission meeting to be considered for appointment.

Sheriff Russell has asked for a Jake Brake Ordinance to be considered. This item has been sent to the First Response Services Committee to be reviewed.

Sheriff Russell has requested for two patrol cars to be deemed surplus and transferred to Blount County Sheriff's office for training purposes. This item has been sent to the First Response Services Committee to be reviewed.

As mentioned previously, Thomas reviewed the proposed Impact Fee Ordinance. It was suggested this item to go before the Budget & Finance Committee.

The timeclock system is being implemented in phases over the next few months. It has been brought to Taylor's attention that a department is unwilling to participate in the digital system. This item is to go before the Personnel Committee at its next meeting.

No other items were presented

No one from the public was present for comment.

Gregory motioned to adjourn; Thomas seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52pm