

# HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE STEERING COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

## Meeting Minutes

**February 4, 2025 - 6:00 P.M. – Trousdale County Mayor's Office**

**Present:** Lonnie Taylor, t. Bubba Gregory, Beverly Atwood, Landon Gulley, Lesley Overman and Alan Carman

**Absent:** Mark Presley, Amber Russell and David Thomas

Meeting Called to order by Lonnie Taylor, Chair

Approval of Minutes – **Motion by Gregory and seconded by Overman. All in favor.**

### **Status of Previous Items**

**Jake Brake Ordinance (First Response Services)** No representative in attendance. Sheriff covered at commission meeting. Motion by Gregory and seconded by Gulley to send back to the First Response services for clarity. All in favor.

**Surplus Vehicles (First Response Services)** Two police cars wanting to surplus to Blount County. Blount County doesn't charge us for training services, and this would help them out as they do us. Motion by Gregory and seconded by Gulley to proceed. All in favor.

*\*\* Found after Steering Committee meeting that these two items had been recommended to the full Commission by the First Response Committee at their January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.*

**Impact Fees (Budget & Finance)** Lonnie's has received an email from Bellar on a request to maybe do a flat percentage. Gulley stated budget and finance made a motion of recommendation that any increase beyond \$1500.00 goes to the 171 funds. May need to get some clarity from the IDP clause of the PILOT payment in lieu of taxes. Motion by Gulley and seconded by Overman to go back to the Codes and Zoning for the recommendation from Budget and Finance and the review of the IDP pieces that may be involved with pilot program.

**Other** Overman it has been suggested that the Personnel Committee look at the pay for administrative days for inclement of weather. Ambulance services have requested to go back 11 years retroactive. Mr. Bellar is reviewing verbiage. They are awaiting recommendations from MTAS before scheduling the next meeting. They are requesting additional members be added to the committee. It may be best to adopt the Metro Government Personnel Policies. There are some gray areas that are creating some problems with the policies at hand. MTAS is willing to assist with this at no charge.

**Audit Committee will meet February 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm at the mayors' office.** This meeting is to discuss 3 findings from the Comptrollers Audit, one being a repeat finding from the Water Department.

**Park and Recreation will meet February 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the Community Center.**

**Public Works will meet February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Community Center.** Awaiting on Caterpillar quote for generator. Carman is looking at the electrical draw through Tri County.

### **Items of Consideration**

**Location of Meetings** Gulley has a concern of the location of meetings in regard to public attendance and videoing and non-live streaming. Believes meetings should be at the community center or the courthouse. The mayor's office is not easy to access due to parking in the back and not visible.

### **Other Discussion**

**Jail** – To build the new jail building you are looking at about a .60 cent property increase with no way to fund. Core Civic Prison contract expires this year and may want to look at a sub committee to make revisions to the new contract. Lonnie is looking at some outside the box ideas to possibly help with this funding – gathering information now.

**Wheel tax** – have 2 years until referendum or could call a special election.

**Budget** – Getting close to Budget season. We need to look at the retention of employees and review the county zoning maps. Highly recommended by Gulley.

**Codes and Zoning** – Revised Codes and Zoning ordinances are being finalized. Looking at taking apart by chapters may need to have a sub committee to review items coming from Rick Gregory. We don't need this come as a lump sum as many items may get overlooked.

Public Comment None

Adjourn Made by Gulley and seconded by Overman. All in favor

Minutes Submitted by Committee Secretary Beverly Atwood