

City of McCaysville
Regular Mayor & Council Meeting
October 10, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the City of McCaysville Mayor & Council was held on **Tuesday, October 10, 2017** with Mayor Thomas Seabolt presiding.

Council Members Present

Larry Collis
Sue Beaver
Richard Wagner
Rodney Patterson
Tommy Quintrell

Council Members Absent

The minutes from September were read by the City Clerk and approved on a motion by Councilman Patterson and a second by Councilwoman Beaver.

On a motion by Councilman Patterson and a second by Councilman Collis, the October bills were approved for payment.

The second reading of ***AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROHIBITION OF PARKING ON HUGHES STREET INSIDE THE CITY OF McCAYSVILLE*** was presented and read by Councilman Patterson. On a motion by Councilman Patterson and a second by Councilman Collis, the Ordinance was approved, all ayes.

Councilman Collis presented and read **A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE FANNIN COUNTY JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2018-2028, FOR FANNIN COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF BLUE RIDGE, McCAYSVILLE AND MORGANTON**. On a motion by Councilwoman Beaver and a second by Councilman Wagner, the Resolution was approved, all ayes.

Mayor Seabolt stated that it was time to set the **2017** tax millage rate. The current net taxable digest is **\$22,239,239.00**, which would yield **\$95,473.00** if the Council votes to set the millage rate at **4.29%**, the net millage for maintenance and operations. On a motion by Councilman Patterson and a second by Councilman Wagner, the Council voted unanimously to set the 2017 millage rate to **4.29%**.

Councilman Wagner stated that the sewer contract with Copperhill was still under negotiation.

Mayor Seabolt addressed Council about deannexation petitions for Gregory Panter, Gwen Panter and James & Kristin Allen. Councilman Patterson asked the Council to consider the requests for deannexation and added that they should pay the fees associated with the legal paperwork and ads. City Attorney, Cortney Stuart, stated that the City does currently have an ordinance coming that would require the fees but said that she did not believe the City could require the fees of the current petitioners before an ordinance was passed. On a motion by Councilman Wagner and a second by Councilman

Patterson, the Council voted to move forward on consideration of the deannexation petition.

Councilman Patterson made a motion to approve a variance request by Colleen Kise at 1353 Brookhaven Lane. Motion seconded by Councilman Wagner and carried.

Councilman Collis made a motion to approve a variance request by John & Mary Mills at 455 River Road. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Beaver and carried.

City Attorney Reports

Cortney Stuart addressed the Council about a Resolution that was tabled a couple of months ago and suggested that the Council vote on it at the next regular meeting.

Stuart stated that there are currently two unsafe houses in the City at 85 Dickey Street and 337 Ryder Street. She said back in July the Judge issued an order giving 60 days' notice to tear down the house, otherwise the City could tear down the houses and issue liens against the property. On a motion by Councilman Quintrell and a second by Councilman Wagner, the Council voted unanimously to move forward with tearing down the houses.

Stuart asked about the contracts with Paragon. Councilman Patterson stated that they were being worked on.

Council Member Reports

Councilman Patterson stated that Brookhaven Lane was completed. Patterson stated that the lights on the bridge should be taken down. Patterson stated that Galinski has agreed to a property exchange and that the paperwork should be ready by next meeting.

Councilwoman Beaver stated that the welcome center was now open and that they hoped to have an open house in November. Beaver asked about placing a sign on Blue Ridge Drive.

Councilman Wagner stated that an adjustment to tap fees was coming soon. Wagner stated that there was a problem with sludge at the water plant ponds. Wagner stated that they are looking at two pieces of property to purchase so that the City could take care of the drying process.

Councilman Wagner stated that the City was currently under a boil advisory due to a filter problem and lake turnover.

Police Chief Reports

Chief Earley stated that since January of this year, the department had investigated 114 incidents, 177 arrests/citations, 1,314 calls for service and 15 drug arrests.

Public Comments

Sandra Tarleton presented a petition to the Mayor and Council regarding speeders on East Tennessee Avenue. Chief Earley stated that they could not write speeding tickets on a city street. He said he can write ***Too Fast for Conditions*** but that there are specific conditions that must be met to be able to write a citation for it. The City Attorney asked Chief Earley if he could write citations under a City Ordinance. Earley stated he would check on it. Tarleton asked for speed humps. Mayor Seabolt

suggested a 4-way stop sign at Grand Central. On a motion by Councilman Patterson and a second by Councilman Collis, the Council voted to continue forward to get the 4-way stop approved. Motion carried.

Chris Abbott asked why he did not receive notification until the day after the problems at the water plant. Councilman Wagner stated that the plant was shut down at 10 p.m. and that EPD had not approved the advisory until the next day.

Mayor Seabolt stated that the City was not going to pick up everybody's garbage anymore. Seabolt stated that a couple of houses had two or three truckloads and that the City can continue to pick up one or two large items.

On a motion by Councilman Patterson, the meeting was adjourned.

Thomas Seabolt
Mayor

Nancy Godfrey
City Clerk