



CITY OF LAVONIA COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES

JULY 1, 2024

5:30 PM

- Present:** Mayor Courtney Umbehant
Councilman - Eddie Floyd
Councilman - Michael Schulman
Councilman - Jeremy Madden
Councilman - Andrew Murphy
- Media:** Charlie Eavenson – Franklin County Citizen
M.J. Kneiser – WLHR
- Staff:** City Manager - Charles Cawthon
Asst. City Manager – Daniel Carson
City Clerk – Angela V. Greer
City Attorney - Jay Doss
Police Chief – Shane Edmisten
Mainstreet - Ashley Rose Dodd
- Attendance:** Jim Gothard, Robert Wilkinson, Thurley Mangrum, Robert Wilkerson, Bo Lowery, Buddy Chastain, Troop #51 – Melissa Bennett, Jon Willette, Ricky Whitworth, Heather Palmer Zoe, Christinne Alfano, Cybil Ginn, Nathan Estrada, Greg Weaver, Duncan McDuffie, Body McDuffie, Noah Roberson, Nicholas Alfano, Thad Clayton, Gene Williams, Greg Icard, Joel Lowry, Johnny Ralston, and J.J. Ginn.
- Item 1. Call to Order**
Mayor Courtney Umbehant called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- Item 2. Invocation and Pledge of Alliance to the American flag:** led by Councilman Michael Schulman
- Item 3. Consent Agenda Items & Approval of Minutes**
Motion by Michael Schulman, seconded by Andrew Murphy to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows. Motion carried.
- a) Confirmation of Quorum.
 - b) Approval of June Agenda as presented.
 - c) Approval of Minutes: June 3, 2024 - Regular Council Meeting and the June 14, 2024 - Grievance Hearing as presented.
 - d) Approval of the June 2024 Financial Report as presented.

Item 4. Special Recognition – Troop #51

Scouts from Troop #51 thanked the Mayor and Council Councilman for helping with the materials to do their Eagle Scout Projects for the Park. The projects were making a Checkerboard, and benches around the fire pit. Mayor Umbehant thanked them for all their hard work.

Item 5. Contractor Issues:

Bo Lowery and Buddy Chastain advised the Mayor and Council they were not happy with how the contractor left their yards when the sewer line was put in. They want the yard to be put back to the way it was. Councilman Madden said that the netting needs to be taken up, it needs to be leveled, and the grass mowed. The Mayor and Council assured that these issues would be corrected.

Item 6. 2023 Budget Amendments:

Motion by Jeremy Madden, seconded by Eddie Floyd to approve the following FY 2023 Budget amendments as presented. Motion carried.

Date	Name	Account No	Reference	Annotation	Debit	Credit
12/31/2023	CONTRIBUTION TO OTHER AGENCIES	275-1610-572000 275			145,218.00	
12/31/2023	HOTEL/MOTEL TAX	275-8210-314100 275				145,218.00
12/31/2023	SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	100-1610-531110 100			167,000.00	
12/31/2023	SALARIES AND WAGES	100-1110-511100 100				38,000.00
12/31/2023	PRINCIPAL PAYMENT/LEASE	100-3620-581200 100				80,000.00
12/31/2023	PRINCIPAL PAYMENT/LEASE	100-3210-581200 100				58,000.00
12/31/2023	REAL PROPERTY TAX-CY	100-0900-311105 100				1,183,878.00
12/31/2023	SALARIES AND WAGES	100-1110-511100 100				
12/31/2023	SALARIES AND WAGES	100-1610-511100 100			24,431.00	
12/31/2023	OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	100-2860-512900 100			11,372.00	
12/31/2023	SALARIES AND WAGES	100-3210-511100 100			381,680.00	
12/31/2023	CONTRACT SERVICES	100-3620-521210 100				
12/31/2023	SALARIES & WAGES	100-7310-511100 100				18,398.00
12/31/2023	LAUREN DRIVE PROJECT	100-4210-542150 100			310,734.00	
12/31/2023	SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	100-4810-531110 100			25,786.00	
12/31/2023	SALARIES AND WAGES	100-3410-511100 100			3,275.00	
12/31/2023	PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS	100-8121-541351 100			310,182.00	
12/31/2023	EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	100-5530-522210 100			3,090.00	
12/31/2023	CONTRIBUTION TO OTHER AGENCIES	100-8610-572000 100			884.00	
12/31/2023	SALARIES & WAGES	100-7310-511100 100			18,448.00	
12/31/2023	SALARIES AND WAGES	100-7660-511100 100			3,538.00	
12/31/2023	SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	100-8620-531110 100				
12/31/2023	PRINCIPAL PAYMENT/LEASE	100-1610-581200 100			13,068.00	
12/31/2023	PRINCIPAL PAYMENT/LEASE	100-3210-581200 100				
12/31/2023	VEHICLE PURCHASES	100-3210-542200 100				
12/31/2023	PRINCIPAL PAYMENT/LEASE	100-4210-581200 100			8,805.00	
12/31/2023	OFFICE SUPPLIES	100-7220-531100 100			18,448.00	
12/31/2023	BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS/REPAIRS	100-8620-541350 100			36,483.00	
12/31/2023	CEMETERY FEES	235-4950-348100 235				22.00
12/31/2023	SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	235-4950-531100 235			22.00	
12/31/2023	RENT & MISC SERVICES FEES	230-7660-581000 230				80,785.00
12/31/2023	CONTRACT SERVICES	230-7660-521210 230			80,785.00	
TO RECORD BUDGET AMENDMENTS						
					1,545,078.00	1,545,078.00

Item 7. Alcohol License Approval – Franklin Tobacco Store:

Motion by Michael Schulman, seconded by Eddie Floyd to approve the Alcohol License for Franklin Tobacco Store – 60 Lauren Drive - Nikunj Patel applicant. Motion carried.

Item 8. Legal:

(A) Motion by Andrew Murphy, seconded by Michael Schulman to approve the second reading of the zoning request of R3- Multi – Family, contingent upon annexation into city limits for 6919 Hwy 59, Map 63 Parcel 028, approximately 5.00 acres owned by

Craig and Janie Cleveland. Mr. Caleb Musser was the applicant. The rezoning request is for single unit townhomes. Motion carried.

Motion by Eddie Floyd, seconded by Andrew Murphy to approve the second reading on the annexation request for 6919 Hwy 59, Map 63 Parcel 028, approximately 5.00 acres owned by Craig and Janie Cleveland. Mr. Caleb Musser was the applicant. The rezoning request is for single unit townhomes with a zoning classification of R-3 Multi-Family Residential with a caveat limiting the request that there be no more than 50 Units on the property, an establishing an HOA. Motion carried.

(B) Motion by Jermy Madden, seconded by Michael Schulman to approve the second reading of the zoning request change by O'Reilly Automotive Stores, Inc. for 12935 and 12953 Jones Street, Map L006, Parcel 009, and Map L006, Parcel 010, the parcels together are approximately 1.158 acres combined; owned by Larry Thomas Jones and Elizabeth F. Jones Cline; from R-1A – Single Family Residential to B-2 – Local Business District. Motion carried.

Item 9. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Umbehant said that Friday (6/28) was the Employee Appreciation Day & Family Day at the City Park. We had a great day. Some even climbed trees. Mayor Umbehant recognized Councilman Jeremy Madden for answering most trivia questions by himself.

The kindness Initiative for July will be focused on our City Parks with forthcoming information and special events later.

Item 10. City Manager Report:

Both contracts of the Lavonia/Gateway Sewer Improvement Project are now substantially complete as of today. As you know, full funding from EDA was contingent on this completion date. I would like to thank our engineers, Peebles & Quigley, our Contractors, Griffin Brothers and Sol Construction and our Staff, with support from GMRC for getting this accomplished-on time. Since we are in the heat of Summer, we will delay our "opening" ceremony until cooler weather.

Item 11. Final Comments:

Mayor asked for any comments from the Council. There were no comments.

Item 12. Adjourn: Mayor Umbehant adjourned the meeting at 5:44 P.M.

Upcoming Meetings:

August 5, 2024 – City of Lavonia Regular Council Meeting @ 5:30 PM

Courtney Umbehant, Mayor

Angela V. Greer, City Clerk

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