

The Britt City Council met in regular session on February 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Mayor pro tem Leerar called the meeting to order with Council Persons Ostercamp, Aitchison, Gast, Verbrugge and Leerar answering roll. Mayor Arndorfer was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor pro tem Leerar.

Others in attendance: Mike Boomgarden, Dan Cummings, Jon Swenson, Drew Sweers, Tim Moreau, Linda Friedow, and Shirley Smidt

City Administrator/Clerk pointed out that an amendment for the January 3, 2017 minutes needs to be made to the following:

MOTION by Council person Gast and seconded by Council person Aitchison approving Mayoral Appointments. Motion carried unanimous vote.

Mayoral Appointments:

Police Chief	Daniel Cummings
Weed Commissioner	Mike Ostercamp
Solid Waste/Landfill	Curt Gast
Park/Rec Liason	Bryan Aitchison
Mayor Pro-Tem	Dwight Leerar
Community Housing	Curt Gast
Trees/Trees Forever	Mike Ostercamp
Library Board	Linda Friedow
Streets/Sidewalks	Jay Ryerson -Paul Verbrugge
Disaster/911 Emergency	Mayor Arndorfer
Fire Advisory Board	Mayor Arndorfer/Dwight Leerar/ Jay Ryerson -Paul Verbrugge
Safety Coordinator	Dwight Leerar
Hancock County Development	Mayor Arndorfer
NIACOG Rep.	Dwight Leerar
Chamber Rep.	Shell Anderson

Amendment to replace Jay Ryerson with Paul Verbrugge for Streets/Sidewalks and Fire Advisory Board appointments.

MOTION by Council person Leerar and seconded by Council person Verbrugge approving the consent agenda. (Minutes, clerk's report, monthly warrants, agenda). Motion carried unanimous vote.

Department head reports were given.

DISCUSSION by Tim Moreau and Drew Sweers on the Sewer Rate Study. Tim instructed Council that sewer rates would need to be increased by approximately 40% to be able to fund the

upcoming improvements to the Wastewater Plant. Council will discuss rate increases at another time.

DISCUSSION by Council on sidewalk repair program that will be implemented this summer. The goal is to approach the sidewalks with the most safety issues to be replaced first. The City will be broken up in 5 sections. Mike Boomgarden and Council person Verbrugge will assess the properties in each section and determine which sidewalks need to be replaced. Letters will be issued to the property owners and they will be given a total of 60 days to complete the sidewalk replacement. The City will cover half of the cost of the cement after completion.

MOTION by Council person Ostercamp and seconded by Council person Gast to proceed with the sidewalk replacement plan presented by Mike Boomgarden and Council person Verbrugge. Motion carried unanimous vote.

MOTION by Council person Gast and seconded by Council person Verbrugge approving the annual renewal of the Beer/Wine license for Dollar General. Motion carried unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION by Police Chief Cummings on the opportunity to purchase the 2011 Chevy Tahoe Police Car from Kanawha. The trade in value of the Dodge Durango is \$2000 and Cummings is thinking he can get the Tahoe for \$22,000-25,000. Purchasing the Tahoe would allow the City to be in a 3 year rotation for purchasing a new vehicle which would allow the City to keep each new vehicle for 9 years and have a better trade value.

DISCUSSION by Police Chief Cummings on purchasing in-car computers for the three squad cars. Hancock County Sheriff's Department is planning on purchasing in-car computers this year and the City would receive a substantial discount if we purchased at the same time as the County. The cost of the computers is approximately \$27,000 plus an additional \$1800 in yearly fees for internet connection and dues. Council discussed adding the cost to the upcoming bond.

MOTION by Council person Ostercamp and seconded by Council person Gast approving the purchase of 3 new vests for the police department to replace expired vests. Motion carried unanimous vote.

MOTION by Council person Gast and seconded by Council person Aitchison approving the purchase of 10 new cement light poles for the Business District of Main Street for the price of \$1,299.20/pole. Motion carried unanimous vote.

The rest of the meeting was spent discussing the FY18 Budget.

Special meeting was set for Monday, February 13, 2017 at 5:30pm in Council Chambers of City Hall.

Discussion Items:

Communication center cost, Tire slashings

MOTION by Council person Ostercamp and seconded by Council person Verbrugge adjourning meeting. Motion carried unanimous vote.

____\s\ Ryan Arndorfer_____
Mayor

____\s\ Shell Anderson_____
City Clerk

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