

February 16, 2015
Regular Session

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Glenn Wright. Members present were Mr. McWhorter, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Wynn, and Mr. Moore

Mrs. Wynn opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the February 2, 2015 regular session minutes as presented, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 4-0.

Lamar Callaway gave a report on the Water Plant. Water sales are up by 2% and unaccounted for water is down by 9% from last year. He discussed the condition of all of the water tanks which all will need maintenance very soon.

Cail Hammons provided the Mayor and Council with an Alley Use Study that was drafted by the Jaeger Company to inventory and assess the current use of the three alleys in downtown. An invitation was extended to downtown business and property owners to speak with the design consultants and give their comments and concerns on issues such as parking, lighting, and traffic flow in the alleys.

Mayor Wright opened the floor up for public comments.

Terry Bragg, owner of the Yesterday Café stated she has a pending legal issue concerning the alley located behind her restaurant. Employees use the alley to park and she would like for her employees to be able to park closer to restaurant but are not able to do because some much needed parking spaces have been taken up by a fence. She would like to see the city maintain the alley. She also addressed a fence being installed around her air conditioning unit and not being able to access an upstairs apartment from the rear because of the fence blocking the entrance to the stairs.

Ron Benneche, 110 North Main Street would like more lighting in the alley, he installed a fence on his property so that no one could access his property for liability reasons. He maintains the area behind his building to improve the area he feels there should be a one way flow of traffic and limited parking on both sides of alley.

Paul Kanitra 108 North Main Street would like to have a parking space behind building and feels that there is a greater economic value to his property with parking spaces.

Frankie W. Lee 106 North Main Street owner of Butterfly Treasures stated his main concern is about reaching a resolution in the alley and feels all parking spaces should be for public use.

Russell Wall feels that parking spaces should be assigned by the city. Common ownership to come to some type of resolution.

Chris Bragg feels there should be some form of common ownership to allow for more organized parking.

Mr. Miller made a motion directing Cail Hammons to move forward with the downtown alley improvements, after a second by Mr. Moore the motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 4-0.

There being no further business Mr. McWhorter closed the meeting with prayer.