

December 7, 2015
Regular Session

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

Mrs. Wynn opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to approve the November 16, 2015 regular session minutes as presented, after a second by Mr. Miller the motion passed 4-0-1 with Mr. McWhorter abstaining.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the November 19, 2015 personnel board minutes as presented with a correction to the date, after a second by Moore the motion passed 3-0-2 with Mr. Lewis and Mr. McWhorter abstaining.

Pam Askew, Director of Festival Hall presented the budget for 2016 and discussed the activities report for the upcoming year. There are eight events scheduled for Christmas, and 17 events already scheduled for next year which includes the children's camp to take place in July. The Hall is being utilized more for proms and receptions. Pam also provided information from the conventions she attended this year.

Flowers Land Group (Horizon Growers) is requesting a zone change of property located at 1050 Flowers Road from R-1 to A-2, 1070 Flowers Road from B-2 to A-2, Heritage Drive from RM to A-2, and East Broad Street from R-1 to A-2. The company is making a request to rezone all parcels to A-2 to have the same zoning classification and to expand the nursery operations. The company has a maximum of 40 itinerant workers from March until November to come into town and work the nursery during the growing seasons. The company would like to build a dormitory type housing so that all workers are housed on site.

Mr. Joey Fleming addressed the Mayor and Council with his concern that if the property is rezoned could it be used for something other than a dormitory and he is also concerned with the company adding more workers in the future and having to build more dorms to house them. City Attorney Nelson stated that the A-2 zone can only be related to farming and the dorm could never be used as a boarding house.

The Planning and Zoning Board forwarded a recommendation of approval with a stipulation that a buffer must be maintained between the parcels and all adjoining properties.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board and approve the request by Flowers Land Group LLC and rezone all requested parcels to A-2 including the stipulation that a buffer is to be maintained, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Moore made a motion to have the Employee Luncheon on Thursday, December 17th at noon, after a second by Mr. Lewis the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Miller made a motion to close City Hall at 12:00pm on Thursday, December 24th and reopen on Tuesday, December 29th for the Christmas Holidays, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Moore made a motion to accept the recommendation of the City Manager and give each employee an incentive in the amount of one week's salary, after a second by Mr. Miller the motion passed 4-1 with Mr. Lewis voting against.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, after a second by Mr. McWhorter the motion passed 5-0.

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