

Work Session

August 31, 2023

Minutes

9:00 am

Present: Mayor Brening, Mayor Pro Tem Pike, Councilmember Jimmy Dyer and Quardez Warrior

1. Discussion of the Amended Alcohol Ordinance to include Distilled Spirits excise tax of .22 per liter.
2. Discussion of Business/Occupational fees on Landlords who rent one property or more.
3. Ordinance for Residential Dwelling Business to regulate Rental property businesses.
4. Discussion of the 2023 Property Tax Millage Rate with Meriwether and Talbot County.
5. Discussion of the new Water & Sewer Rates, the decision must be to increase the rates to satisfy the rules and regulations of Standard and Poors Global. The rate increase would also include paying for each differ size meter and rates based on usage by a tier formula.
6. Discussion of pay increases for Public Safety employees, the city needs to be able to attract employees with a decent salary and right now the city does even come close to surrounding cities. Also included is that all firemen are to be EMT certified.
7. Banked leave needs to go away, what the council intended in 2010 was the use of banked leave was to go toward retirement, but somewhere that use never happen and employees were getting paid for built up leave.
8. Discussion of Health Insurance paid for employee who work less than 30 hours a week or who are eligible for Medicare, this is not feasible option for the city to continue this expense.
9. Discussion of closing the city jail, the city will be saving approximately \$277,000. The citizens are already paying for the county jail and E911. City Manager Pullium has already spoken with the dispatchers involved.
10. Discussion of the Mountain Springs Development Ordinance.
11. Discussion of Farm Wineries Ordinance for the Mountain Spring Project
12. City Attorney is working on the Intergovernmental Agreement with Warm Springs for the Mountain Spring Project.
13. Thomas Calk would like to renew the Hunting Lease Agreement.
14. Some Artifacts were given to city by the Late Col. Thompson Estates
15. Other
 - a. Public Hearing on the Zoning- Daycare to be allowed in C1, Funeral not zoned
 - b. Alcohol & Business name change
16. Adjourned at 1:20 pm

Mayor Brening made a motion to go into Executive Session at 1:20 pm, Councilmember Dyer seconded, all approved. Councilmember Warrior will take notes for the executive session.