

**Norris City Council
Regular Meeting**

**June 10, 2024
6:00 p.m.**

Minutes

The regular meeting of the City Council of Norris Tennessee convened June 10, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

The following Councilmembers were present: Bill Grieve, Will Grinder, Mayor Chris Mitchell, and Loretta Painter. Councilmember Chuck Nicholson arrived late due to attending the Anderson County School Board meeting.

Also, present were Charles Adam Ledford, City Manager, Bailey Whited, Assistant City Manager, and Sandy Johnson, City Recorder and representatives of the press from Courier News and the Norris Bulletin.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Mitchell.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No changes

HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC

May Boardman, resident, expressed her appreciation to the community for the support of the “sold out” 75th Anniversary Historic Bus Tour which will take place Saturday, June 15, 2024.

Ron Hill, resident, expressed his appreciation to Kerry Hevel, Public Works Director and staff for their quick response on fixing the sidewalk he reported at the May council meeting.

George Miceli, resident, reported the 75th Anniversary Commemorative Book has been restocked and will be sold on Friday, June 14, 2024 at the Commons, and Saturday, June 15, 2024 at the post office.

Joe Deatherage, resident, wanted to inform everyone that the Real ID is required when voting next year.

MINUTES

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 13, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Councilmember Grieve moved to approve and Councilmember Grinder seconded. The motion passed by voice vote with Councilmembers Grieve, Grinder, Nicholson, Painter and Mayor Mitchell voting “Aye.”

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 13, 2024 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Councilmember Grieve moved to approve and Councilmember Grinder seconded. The motion passed by voice vote with Councilmembers Grieve, Grinder, Nicholson, Painter and Mayor Mitchell voting “Aye.”

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 20, 2024 BEER PERMIT BOARD MINUTES

Councilmember Grieve moved to approve and Councilmember Grinder seconded. The motion passed by voice vote with Councilmembers Grieve, Grinder, Nicholson, Painter and Mayor Mitchell voting “Aye.”

ITEMS MOVED UP FROM NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION #16-2024, ENTITLED, “A RESOLUTION APPROVING A COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO THE CITY OF NORRIS AND NORRIS WATER COMMISSION DIRECTOR’S ORDER PURSUANT TO THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN.”

Councilmember Grinder moved to approve the resolution and Councilmember Grieve seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Grieve, Grinder, Nicholson, Painter and Mayor Mitchell voting “Aye.”

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION #17-2024, ENTITLED, “A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORRIS AND CANNON & CANNON

INC FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES OF THE Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation American Rescue Plan Act Competitive Project.”

Councilmember Painter moved to approve the resolution and Councilmember Grinder seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Grieve, Grinder, Nicholson, Painter and Mayor Mitchell voting “Aye.”

OLD BUSINESS

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Councilmember Nicholson attended the Anderson County School Board workshop prior to the council meeting. During the session, he sought approval to relocate the new sidewalk closer to the school, away from the trees, a request which granted their support. Councilmember Nicholson and Mr. Whited will collaborate on formulating an informal proposal, slated to be presented at the next council meeting. Kerry Hevel expressed willingness to aid in dismantling the existing sidewalk and proving top soil to fill the void left by its removal.

SIA SAWMILL ROAD PROJECT

No new updates

Update on Facilities Condition – Setting a Facilities Meeting - A meeting will be scheduled sometime in August, 2024.

Capital Outlay Note

Mayor Mitchell stated he wants to leave this on the agenda until it is needed.

SECOND READING OR ORDINANCE #687, ENTITLED, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORRIS, TENNESSEE, TO MAKE TEXTUAL AMENDMENTS TO VARIOUS ORDINANCES TO PROPERLY MAKE THEM AMENDMENTS TO THE NORRIS MUNICIPAL ZONING ORDINANCE”

Councilmember Grieve moved to approve the ordinance and Councilmember Painter seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Grieve, Grinder, Nicholson, Painter and Mayor Mitchell voting “Aye.”

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE #688, ENTITLED, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORRIS, TENNESSEE, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025”

Councilmember Grinder moved to approve the ordinance with an additional \$10,000.00 for the Creamery Park and Councilmember Painter seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Grieve, Grinder, Nicholson, Painter and Mayor Mitchell voting “Aye.”

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION #14-2024, ENTITLED, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORRIS, TENNESSEE CITY COUNCIL TO DECLARE CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY TO BE SURPLUS TO THE CITY’S NEEDS AND DIRECTING DISPOSAL OF SAME”

Councilmember Grieve moved to approve the resolution and Councilmember Painter seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Grieve, Grinder, Nicholson, Painter and Mayor Mitchell voting “Aye.”

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION #15-2024, ENTITLED, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORRIS, TENNESSEE CITY COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH A CITY OF NORRIS SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY”

Councilmember Nicholson moved to approve the resolution by removing #11 of the document and Councilmember Painter seconded. The motion passed 3 to 2 by voice vote with Councilmembers Grinder, Nicholson and Mayor Mitchell voting “Aye.” Councilmembers Grieve and Painter voting “Nay.”

CONSIDERATION OF MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS – Mayor Mitchell nominated Sandy Pfeiler to the Archives Board and Councilmember Grieve seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Grieve, Grinder, Nicholson, Painter and Mayor Mitchell voting “Aye.”

Mayor Mitchell motioned to extend Tommy Mariner's position on the Anderson County Library Board and Councilmember Painter seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Grieve, Grinder, Nicholson, Painter and Mayor Mitchell voting "Aye."

DEPARTMENT AND COMMISSIONS REPORTS

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – A copy of the report as presented is attached as "Exhibit A"

POLICE DEPARTMENT – A copy of the report as presented is attached as "Exhibit B"

FIRE DEPARTMENT – A copy of the report as presented is attached as "Exhibit C"

NORRIS WATER COMMISSION (NWC) – A copy of the report as presented is attached as "Exhibit D"

PUBLIC WORKS - A copy of the report as presented is attached as "Exhibit E"

PARKS & RECREATION - Bailey Whited expressed his appreciation to Kerry and his department for his quick response and help with the projects.

BILLS PAYABLE – No report.

MINUTES AND REPORTS (BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS)

RECREATION COMMISSION –Brianne Kibler remarked on the significant progress made in the last six months, surpassing what had been achieved during her seven-year tenure on the commission. She extended her gratitude to the Public Works Department, Office Staff, and Water Department for their diligent efforts, as well as to the committed private citizens contributing to the community. Additionally, Brianne expressed appreciation to Todd Presley for his work in striping the basketball court at Oak Road Park.

WATERSHED BOARD – Councilmember Grieve expressed his appreciation to Joe Feeman for his hard work in the watershed. Joe Feeman reported he is currently working on a list for the watershed crew. He stated there are a lot of trees down in the watershed.

TREE COMMISSION – No report.

ANIMAL SHELTER COMMISSION – Bailey Whited reported the commissions June meeting has been moved to Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – No report.

LITTLE THEATRE – No report.

PLANNING/BZA – Joe Feeman outlined the involvement of the U-Haul facility owners in a recent Planning Commission meeting held in April. During this meeting, it was determined that the facility was not in compliance with certain regulations, leading to the denial of their request. Subsequently, the owners appealed this decision to the Board of Zoning (BZA), but their appeal was also unsuccessful. Following these decisions, the owners were provided with guidance on the necessary steps to achieve compliance. They were instructed to address these issues and report back to the Planning Commission once they have resolved the compliance issues.

Joe Deatherage, Chair of BZA, reported his term will be coming up soon and he has decided to retire, therefore, two positions will be available on the board. Susan Miceli has agreed if the board so chooses to act as the interim chair.

ARCHIVES – Joe Feeman reported they are still looking for another board member. He also reported he has been in contact with the State and they will be receiving some training.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Grieve moved to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. and Councilmember Nicholson seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote with Councilmembers Grieve, Grinder, Nicholson, Painter and Mayor Mitchell voting "Aye."

Sandy Johnson, City Recorder

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

July 8, 2024

Chris Mitchell, Mayor