

**TOWN OF MORNINGSIDE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY MARCH 15, 2022**

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Bennard Cann.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Wade.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Cann – Present

Vice Mayor Wade – Present

Council Member Anthony –Present

Council Member Williams – Present

Council Member Mullins – Present

Police Dept – Chief Wesley Stevenson – Present

Town Admin – Karen Rooker – Present

Public Works – Mike Johnson - Present

Code Enforcement – Regina Foster - Present

MVFD – Chief McKlveen & President White were not present

INTRODUCTIONS

David Chambers and Kathy Elborne were sworn in as election judges for the 2022 Town Elections. Denise Woods from J & L Towing N Recovery presented the Town with a \$500 donation check.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Wade, seconded by Council Member Mullins to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 15, 2022 and Work Session and Grant Meeting on March 8, 2022. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS/OPEN FORUM

- There was no one to speak.

INTRODUCTION/ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES - None

REPORT OF OFFICERS/BOARDS/COMMITTEES

- Code Enforcement – Regina Foster gave an oral & written report.
- Public Works – Mike Johnson gave an oral report.
- Admin – Karen Rooker gave an oral report.
- Police Department – Chief Wesley Stevenson gave an oral report.
- Vice Mayor Wade – gave an oral report.
- Council Member Anthony – gave an oral report.
- Council Member Williams – no report.
- Council Member Mullins – gave an oral report.
- Mayor Cann – gave an oral report.

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Mayor Cann opened the floor to the public. Anthony Pitts thanked the Police Dept for their actions regarding his ill neighbor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COVID Update

- Mayor and Council were provided an updated “wish list” for the ARPA funds.

New Police Cruisers

- Even though the Council voted to purchase 2 vehicles from Chapman at last month’s meeting, there was no action taken since that meeting to make the purchase.
- Vice Mayor Wade found another company that has cruisers available now but they are not 2022 models. One is 2020 and one is 2021.
- They will be outfitted the same.

Motion by Council Member Mullins, second by Vice Mayor Wade to purchase 2 police cruisers from the new company (name not provided) not to exceed \$93,000. Council Member Anthony asked that the motion be amended that the dealer would be chose in 1 week’s-time. Amendment okayed by Council Member Mullins. Roll call vote: Williams – yay, Mullins – yay, Wade – yay, Anthony – yay. Motion caried.

Burch Trash

- The Burch contract auto renews each year.
- There will be a letter from Burch regarding the increase for the year.
- Burch provided some recommendations for purchasing new trash carts, including going with small regular trash carts since we have 2 times a week pick up.
- There will be a request made to have a representative from Burch at the next regular meeting.

Health/Dental/Life Insurance

Motion by Vice Mayor Wade, second by Council Member Anthony to keep all insurance plans the same for the upcoming year. This included the portions paid by the employees (10% sworn officers, 20% all others). No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Newsletter

All newsletter articles are due tomorrow, March 16th.

Communication Calendar

- Calendar was reviewed.
- It was noted that we are now back to full rentals.

Recreation Events Budgets

Motion by Council Member Williams, second by Council Member Mullins to have a budget of \$400.00 for the Bingo Bunny Breakfast and a budget of \$400.00 for the Mad Hatter Tea Party event. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Fireworks Display

- After checking around there was only 1 fireworks company that responded to our request – Fantastic Fireworks.

Motion by Council Member Mullins, second by Council Member Williams to accept Fantastic Fireworks proposal for our 2022 July 4th shoot at a cost of \$15,000.00. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Building Security

- Kastle Security did provide an updated proposal, but Council Member Mullins did not forward it to everyone.
- Boss Security did not provide a full proposal as requested by Council Member Anthony.

Admin Printer

- The printer in Ms. Foster's office does not have a deep enough feeder for the scanning she needs to do.
- It was proposed to take her printer down to the Police Admin office since that printer has outlived its life expectancy and needs replacing.
- The Council agreed to purchase a new printer for Ms. Foster's office if it costs \$500.00 or less.
- NTI has been contacted for recommendations.

Take Home Police Cruiser Policy

Chief Stevenson will write a new policy to include:

- No taking home if more than 15 miles outside of Prince George's County. (There is 1 officer who would be grandfathered into this program).
- No take home for Virginia or Washington DC residents.
- Cost sharing for gas - \$25.00 per pay period if the officer does not do part-time; \$50.00 per pay period if the officer does do part-time.
- No take-home car until after 6 months of employment.

The Council will approve the policy at the April meeting.

Vehicle Repair Shop

- Council Member Mullins recommends using K & S Auto Repair in Upper Marlboro as a back-up repair shop for Town vehicles.
- He will bring more info to the next meeting.

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Spring Clean-Up 2022

Motion by Vice Mayor Wade, second by Council Member Mullins for a \$2,600.00 budget for this year's event.

- There will be comp time for employees who participate/work the event.
- Hours are 9-4 on both Saturday and Sunday.

No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Pay the Bills

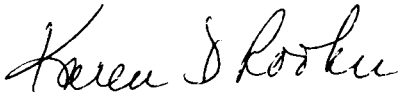
Motion by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Vice Mayor Wade to pay the bills for the month of March 2022 in the amount of \$46,241.31. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Open Forum

- Tony Howell signed up to speak but did not stay to the end of the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen D Rooker
Clerk-Treasurer

approved 4/19/22