

**TOWN OF MORNINGSIDE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY MAY 17, 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 Fowler – Present

Council Member Mullins – Present

Police Dept – Chief Stevenson – Present

Town Admin – Karen Rooker – Present

Public Works - Mike Johnson - Present

MVFD – Chief McKlveen - Present

INTRODUCTIONS - None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion was made by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Vice Mayor Wade to approve the minutes of the Meeting with Burch Trash Company, Regular Meeting of April 19, 2022 (with corrections) and Work Session on May 10, 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

- Police Department – Chief Stevenson gave an oral report.
- Public Works – Mike Johnson gave an oral report.
- Admin – Karen Rooker gave an oral report.
- MVFD Chief McKlveen gave an oral report.
- Council Member Anthony – gave an oral report.
- Council Member Mullins – gave an oral report.
- Council Member Fowler gave an oral report.
- Vice Mayor Wade – gave an oral report.
- Mayor Cann – gave an oral report.

Mayor Cann opened the floor to the public, no one chose to speak at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COVID Update

- Mayor Cann gave an update.
- Thanked all who participated in getting the Health Preparedness bags together & delivered.

Streets & Roads

- Council Member Mullins gave an update.
- Read a letter from WSSC

Council Member Mullins made a motion to use the proposal from M T Laney for \$78,643.01 to do repairs throughout the Town.

- Even without a second discussion ensued.
- Council Member Mullins withdrew his motion to use M T Laney.

Council Member Mullins made a motion to use the proposal from Choice Concrete to do the repairs throughout Town not to exceed \$69,000.00, second by Council Member Anthony.

- Council Member Mullins will contact Choice for a striping proposal to be included in the \$69,000.00.

Roll Call vote: Anthony – aye, Mullins – aye, Wade – aye, Fowler – abstain. Motion carried.

Security System Update

Council Member Anthony reported that the camera system is entirely new.
Still waiting for audio camera for the meeting room space.
Added cameras for more security.

Burch Trash Contract

- The Council talked about the contract.
- \$17,001.00 increase from last year.
- Not ready to vote yet, need more info from Gina.

Trash Cart Lids

- New smaller blue lids have been ordered to fit the current recycle cans so we can use them as regular trash carts.
- There will be no cost to the Town.
- Gina found out that they are covered under warranty.

Communications Calendar - FYI

NEW BUSINESS

Election Results

Mayor - Bennard Cann – 61

Council Member Anthony – 47

Council Member Fowler – 48

Anthony Pitts – 18

- The Mayor congratulated all who won.
- Tonight is their first meeting of this election year.
- Thanked Mr. Pitts and encouraged him to try again next year.

Parking Exemption

- There was a parking exemption requested for 6704 Pine Grove Dr.
- There was a discussion regarding the actual residents of the address.

Motion by Council Member Anthony, second by Vice Mayor Wade to table this until the June meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Budget Meetings

- The budget will be presented to the Mayor by the end of the week.
- Need to schedule the 1st meeting to go over the proposed 22-23 budget.
- The meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 24 @ 6:30pm.
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Pay the Bills

Motion by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Council Member Anthony to pay the bills for the month of May 2022 in the amount of \$59,941.29. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Roles Assigned to Council

Mayor Cann made the following assignments for the next year:

Wade – Vice Mayor; Anthony – Building; Mullins – Streets & Roads; Fowler – Events

Open Forum

- Miss Brady expressed concerns regarding her neighbors at 4511 Morgan Rd. She would like the Police Dept to look into it. Lots of cars and people (more than should be living there).
- Mr. Brady expressed concern of speeding on Morgan Rd. Also concerned about the line of cars when Imagine Academy dismisses. They block the roadway and driveways.

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Opening of Cruiser Bids

For #798

\$2,510.00

\$615.00

\$1,200.00

\$4199.99 – winner – Mr. Johnson on Pickett Dr.

For #799

\$3,010.00

\$1,200.00

\$5,600.00 – winner – Mr. Watson on Morgan Rd.

\$800.00

Motion by Council Member Fowler, second by Vice Mayor Wade to accept the highest bid for each vehicle. All voted aye. Motion carried.

- The Admin Office will notify the winners in the morning.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D Rooker
Clerk-Treasurer