



City Council Minutes May 12, 2020

Present: Vicki Ferguson, Susan Murre, Jami Tillery, Tamara Jackson, Brandon Russell, Cindy Lambert

Mayor Ferguson called the meeting to order at 6:45pm.

Brandon offered the invocation.

The minutes from the April meeting were presented. Cindy made a request to change the reference from Melton property to donated property. Tamara made a motion to change the reference to the property. Brandon seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried. Brandon then made a motion to accept the minutes with that change noted. Jami seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

The financials from April were presented. Cindy asked if we should be keeping a separate line item to track the income from the sales tax. Funding the EDC was discussed. The Council will need to vote on how far back to sales tax collections we need to go for funding. Susan made a motion to accept the financials as presented. Brandon seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

Susan presented proposed Ordinance 2020.04.3 regarding trash and garbage accumulation. She explained that it might be wise to remove any mention of fines, etc. until such time as the Council has enforcement in order. Brandon made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020.04.3 with the removal of item 3 regarding fines. Susan seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

Susan also presented proposed Ordinance 2020.04.1 regarding dangerous buildings. This is a similar situation where Council needs to resolve issues with citations, fines, and enforcement. Brandon made a motion to postpone movement on this Ordinance until these issues are resolved. Tamara seconded. All in favor – motion carried.

Susan presented proposed Ordinance 2020.04.02 regarding housing standards within the city limits. While it is agreed that we need to have some standards in place, it was also agreed that particular plan might not be the best fit for Fruitvale. Brandon made a motion to postpone movement on this ordinance until we have compared other plans. Susan seconded. All in favor – motion carried.

Susan presented the Social Media Policy. Brandon made a motion that the Social Media Policy be adopted as presented with the changing of the word “may” on Page 3 be changed to “will”. Tamara seconded the motion. All in favor - motion carried.

It was decided that Vicki would be the Administrator for the Facebook page. All posts would have to be approved by her before being allowed on page.

The quote for building a new city website was presented. There was an additional quote for training. Brandon made a motion to get 2 additional quotes for building a website and training. Cindy seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

The sale of the freezer was brought to the table. There was an offer to purchase it. Brandon made a motion to donate the freezer to Vicki Ferguson. Cindy seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

Susan presented some options for a new stove for the center. It was agreed that we should purchase two that are similar. Cindy is going to check on one that she has in storage, as well as see if they are still available for purchase to get a second one. Tamara made a motion to postpone movement on a stove until we look further. Brandon seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

Susan presented some options for an outdoor bulletin board. Tamara made a motion to purchase the three-panel board. Brandon seconded the motion. All in favor - motion carried.

Cindy presented some outdoor signage options. The council wanted to see pictures of the options. Susan made a motion to postpone this decision to the June meeting. Brandon seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

We still need to get prices on signage for across Hwy 80 (3).

Susan said that there has been no more information from the Methodist Church. Susan will try to set up a meeting with Mr. Benedict and the Council. .

There has also been no more information on an attorney.

Brandon made a motion to adjourn. Tamara seconded. All in favor – motion carried.

_____ Vicki Ferguson, Mayor