

**Regular Meeting
Monday
February 26th, 2024
6:30p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Pottsville City Council was held Monday February 26th, 2024 with Mayor Randy Tankersley Presiding.

Call to Order

Randy Tankersley

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

John Heflin

Roll Call

Council Present: Pam Scarber, Randall Blalock, Steve Williamson, Karen Carothers, John Heflin and Jessie Young

Other Officials Present

Mayor Randy Tankersley, City Clerk Holly Fowler and City attorney Deidre Luker

Visitors Present

Johnny Hart, Heith King, John Prichard, John Schaeffer Johnny Hart, Wesley Beason, Bryan Ketchum, Linda Heflin, Gary and Hope Penman, Karia Bowers, Gerald and Barbara Robinson, Brad Judkins and family, Billy Smardo and Robbie Sims

Media Present

None

Approval of December 19th meeting minutes No meeting in January

A motion was made by John Heflin to approve the December 19th meeting minutes. A second by Jessie Young. Motion Carried All ayes

Head Department Presentations

Monthly reports/ Planning and Zoning approved the preliminary plans for Eric Edens and there was discussion of having the Zoning book redone.

Falls Sinclair Store chairwoman Pam Scarber stated they did not have a meeting last month. She informed all that the grocery store building had work done on the brick and that eventually the building would need caps on it. Also, she stated that the \$30,000.00 that was set aside from last year for a grant that the store did not get will be used to fix other things at the store.

Old Business

None

New Business

Mayor to present the Citizen of the year award

The mayor presented a citizen award to Brad Judkins. The mayor thanked Brad for all he had done with the Fire department and all he had done for the city to make it what it is now.

The second citizen award went to Gary Penman. The mayor thanked him for all the hard work he has put in at the Potts Inn, Sinclair Store, Bank and the exhibit building.

Mayor to address the time and date of council meetings

A motion was made by John Heflin to leave the time and date of council meetings as it is. A second by Randall Blalock. Motion Carried All ayes

Mayor to address the State of the City

The mayor told the council that the city is doing good. He told them that the Highway department has set up cameras at the stop lights to measure the traffic and in hopes the city can get a turning lane. He also informed the council that all video meetings of the city council and planning zoning is now up and running on city of Pottsville YouTube. The mayor stated that the treatment plant is up and running. Also, all 3 trucks that the Police department purchased are all in service and are on the road. Council member Karen Carothers asked the mayor will the city consider looking into getting sewer lines down River Road and maybe make small payments to pay for it. The mayor stated that is something they can look at for next year.

Resolution 2024-1(A resolution authorizing the mayor to make an application for a Historic Preservation restoration grant from the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Supporting the execution of a Preservation Easement for the Falls Sinclair Mercantile building if the city is selected as a recipient for the AHPP grant)

A motion was made by Pam Scarber to approve Resolution 2024-1. A second by Jessie Young.

Roll Call:

Pam Scarber-yes
 Randall Blalock-yes
 Steve Williamson-yes
 Karen Carothers-yes
 John Heflin-yes
 Jessie Young-yes
 Motion Carried 6- yes

Ordinance 2024-1(An ordinance establishing an electronic funds payment system declaring an emergency and for other purposes)

A motion was made by Karen Carothers to have the 1st reading of ordinance 2024-1. A second by John Heflin.

Roll Call:

Pam Scarber-yes
 Randall Blalock-yes
 Steve Williamson-yes
 Karen Carothers-yes
 John Heflin-yes
 Jessie Young-yes
 Motion Carried 6- yes

A motion was made by Karen Carothers to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2024-1. A second by Jessie Young.

Roll Call:

Pam Scarber-yes
 Randall Blalock-yes
 Steve Williamson-yes
 Karen Carothers-yes
 John Heflin-yes
 Jessie Young-yes
 Motion Carried 6- yes

A motion was made by Karen Carothers to have the 2nd and 3rd reading of ordinance 2024-1 by title only. A second by Pam Scarber.

Roll Call:

Pam Scarber-yes
 Randall Blalock-yes
 Steve Williamson-yes
 Karen Carothers-yes
 John Heflin-yes
 Jessie Young-yes

Motion Carried 6- yes

A motion was made by John Heflin to approve the 2nd and 3rd reading of ordinance 2024-1 by title only. A second by Pam Scarber.

Roll Call:

Pam Scarber-yes
 Randall Blalock-yes
 Steve Williamson-yes
 Karen Carothers-yes
 John Heflin-yes
 Jessie Young-yes

Motion Carried 6- yes

A motion was made by Karen Carothers to enact the emergency clause of ordinance 2024-1. A second by John Heflin.

Roll Call:

Pam Scarber-yes
 Randall Blalock-yes
 Steve Williamson-yes
 Karen Carothers-yes
 John Heflin-yes
 Jessie Young-yes

Motion Carried 6- yes

Adopting the Pottsville City Hall Policy and Procedures for all electronic transactions (e-transactions), online banking and EFT activities

A motion was made by Jessie Young to adopt the Pottsville city hall policy and procedures for all electronic transactions e- transactions, online banking, and EFT activities. A second by John Heflin.

Roll Call:

Pam Scarber-yes
 Randall Blalock-yes
 Steve Williamson-yes
 Karen Carothers-yes
 John Heflin-yes
 Jessie Young-yes

Motion Carried 6- yes

Police Dept needs to delete a 2016 Ford Explorer 1FM5K8AR2GGC61235 from fixed assets it is being sold to the street dept

A motion was made by John Heflin to delete a 1FM5K8AR2GGC61235 from the Police depts fixed assets. A second by Jessie Young.

Roll Call:

Pam Scarber-yes
 Randall Blalock-yes
 Steve Williamson-yes
 Karen Carothers-yes
 John Heflin-yes
 Jessie Young-yes
 Motion Carried 6- yes

Street dept needs to delete a 2008 Ford Explorer 1FMEU73E28UA18803 from fixed assets it was sold in the amount of \$1,525.00 on Gov deals

A motion was made by Jessie Young to delete the 2008 Ford Explorer 1FMEU73E28UA18803 from fixed assets that was sold in the amount of \$1,525.00 on Gov deals. A second by John Heflin.

Roll Call:

Pam Scarber-yes
 Randall Blalock-yes
 Steve Williamson-yes
 Karen Carothers-yes
 John Heflin-yes
 Jessie Young-yes
 Motion Carried 6- yes

Police dept needs to update policy 303.1 to amend to 303.2 and change the wording VII specifications (to overcome the trends of ammunition manufactures changing the names and design of specialty munitions)

A motion was made by Karen Carothers to approve the changes to policy 303.1 to amend to 303.2 and change the wording VII specifications (to overcome the trends of ammunition manufactures changing the names and design of specialty munitions). A second by Jessie Young.

Roll Call:

Pam Scarber-yes
 Randall Blalock-yes
 Steve Williamson-yes
 Karen Carothers-yes
 John Heflin-yes
 Jessie Young-yes
 Motion Carried 6- yes

Police dept needs to add a new policy 315.1 Less -Lethal Pepperball

A motion was made by Randall Blalock to approve the new policy 315.1 Less-Lethal Pepperball. A second by Jessie Young.

Roll Call:

Pam Scarber-yes
 Randall Blalock-yes
 Steve Williamson-yes
 Karen Carothers-yes
 John Heflin-yes
 Jessie Young-yes
 Motion Carried 6- yes

Mayor to discuss the employee handbook

The mayor stated that the auditor had some questions in regard to the handbook, it does not state what the mayor gets for sick time or if he can sell his vacation time. After some discussion it was decided that an ordinance with how many days he gets and if he can sell vacation time will be brought back to council next month.

The Water dept would like to discuss purchasing a new truck

Johnny Hart presented a few trucks that he was interested in purchasing after much discussion a motion was made for him to purchase a truck in amount up to \$42,995.00.

A motion was made by Karen Carothers to allow the Water Dept to purchase a truck up to \$42,995.00. A second by Jessie Young.

Roll Call:

Pam Scarber-yes
 Randall Blalock-yes
 Steve Williamson-yes
 Karen Carothers-yes
 John Heflin-yes
 Jessie Young-yes
 Motion Carried 6- yes

Discussion of the 2024 Solar Eclipse

The mayor informed the council that the city has not gotten any reservation at the park and no reservations for weddings at the Potts Inn and the city has reserved 10 portable potties and they were costing \$4,500.00 and he wanted to ask the council if they wanted to downsize on how many portable potties that is reserved right now. Also, there was a discussion of the payments for T-shirts, the band and pallets of water.

A motion was made by Pam Scarber to downsize to 6 portable potties for 4 nights, and to pay the band \$350.00 and payment for T-Shirts of \$1,500.00, \$300.00 for a pallet of water out of the Sinclair building fund. A second by Jessie Young.

Roll Call:

Pam Scarber-yes
 Randall Blalock-yes
 Steve Williamson-yes
 Karen Carothers-yes
 John Heflin-yes
 Jessie Young-yes
 Motion Carried 6- yes

A motion was made by Randall Blalock to adjourn the meeting. Second by Pam Scarber.
 Motion carried All ayes

Holly Fowler
 Holly Fowler City Clerk

Randy Tankersley
 Randy Tankersley Mayor