

City of Ashville  
Council Meeting  
March 6, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

Mayor Derrick Mostella called the Council meeting to order at 6:18 pm on Monday, March 6, 2023.

Mayor Derrick Mostella, Councilmembers Robin Bowlin, Edward Roscoe Lane, Sue Price, Shirley Smith and Denise Williams were present.

Mayor Derrick Mostella asked for a motion to approve the final meeting agenda. Councilmember Shirley Smith made a motion to approve the final meeting agenda; Councilmember Denise Williams seconded the motion; all Councilmembers voted yes; motion approved.

Mayor Derrick Mostella asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2023, Council Meeting. Councilmember Shirley Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2023, meeting; Councilmember Denise Williams seconded the motion; all councilmembers voted yes, motion approved.

Mayor Derrick Mostella asked for a motion to close Court Street East on Sunday, March 19, 2023, for a Community Youth Rally. Councilmember Shirley Smith made a motion to close Court Street East on Sunday, March 19, 2023, for a Community Youth Rally. Councilmember Denise Williams seconded the motion; all councilmembers voted yes; motion approved.

Mayor Derrick Mostella asked for a motion to approve the Senior Center Volunteer Agreement with M4A. Councilmember Sue Price made a motion to approve the Senior Center Volunteer Agreement with M4A. Councilmember Shirley Smith seconded the motion; all councilmembers voted yes; motion approved.

Mayor Derrick Mostella asked for a motion to approve an agreement with Randy Thompson for interim Operator Services (6 months, \$2K per month plus \$250 per month vehicle stipend) and ratify any actions taken by the city officials / employees consistent there with. Councilmember Sue Price made a motion to approve an agreement with Randy Thompson for interim Operator Services (6 months, \$2K per month plus \$250 per month vehicle stipend) and ratify any actions taken by the city officials / employees consistent there with. Councilmember Robin Bowlin seconded the motion; all councilmembers voted yes; motion approved.

Mayor Derrick Mostella asked for a motion to approve a Park & Rec Consulting Contract with Brandon Farmer (12months, \$1,125 per month). Councilmember Sue Price made a motion to approve a Park & Rec Consulting Contract with Brandon Farmer (12months, \$1,125 per month). Councilmember Shirley Smith seconded the motion; all councilmembers voted yes; motion approved.

Mayor Derrick Mostella asked for a motion to approve a claim filed by Leonard Bothwell in the amount of \$1,335.00. Councilmember Edward Roscoe Lane made a motion to approve a claim filed by Leonard Bothwell

in the amount of \$1,335.00. Councilmember Robin Bowlin seconded the motion; Councilmember Denise Williams abstained; all other councilmembers voted yes; motion approved.

Mayor Derrick Mostella asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2023-005 Surplus 2003 Chevrolet Suburban. Councilmember Denise Williams made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-005 Surplus 2003 Chevrolet Suburban. Councilmember Robin Bowlin seconded the motion; all councilmembers voted yes; motion approved.

City Attorney Joel Watson advised the council and public that it was his understanding that the Mayor and Council were considering going into an executive session for the purpose of discussing the sale of real property. He further stated that there are certain requirements that must be met in order for the Mayor and Council to go into executive session. The purpose for the executive session must be one allowed under the code, which in this case was to discuss the consideration the City is willing to offer or accept when considering the purchase, sale, exchange, lease, or market value of real property. The public must be advised of the anticipated time that the Mayor and Council will remain in executive session, which in this case was approximately 5-10 minutes. The public must also be advised of the whether the Mayor and Council will reconvene the public meeting following the executive session and whether they anticipate taking any action when they return to the public meeting, which in this case the Mayor and Council anticipated returning to the public meeting and may take action on an agreement for the sale of real property. The Mayor and Council were also informed that they would be provided a letter outlining these requirements and Attorney Watson's opinion that the issue to be discussed qualified for executive session under the code. Finally, the Mayor and Council were advised that if they desired to enter an executive session there must be a motion including the information required, a second to that motion, and roll call vote in the affirmative.

Mayor Mostella asked for a motion to enter into executive session based on the information outlined by the City's Attorney. Councilmember Sue Price made a motion to enter executive session based on the information outlined by the City's Attorney. Councilmember Robin Bowlin seconded the motion; Councilmember Shirley Smith votes yes, Councilmember Denise Williams votes yes, Councilmember Sue Price votes yes, Mayor Derrick Mostella votes yes, Councilmember Robin Bowlin votes yes, and Councilmember Edward Roscoe Lane votes yes; motion unanimously approved. The Council convened for executive session at 6:58pm and returned at 7:04pm.

Mayor Derrick Mostella asked for a motion to suspend the rules of order to consider Ordinance 2023-003 Sale of Real Property. No motion was made.

Mayor Derrick Mostella asked for a motion to pay the bills due. Councilmember Denise Williams made a motion to approve the bills due. Councilmember Sue Price seconded the motion, all Councilmembers voted yes; motion approved.

Announcements:

- The next City Council meeting will be Monday, March 20, 2023. Work session begins at 5:30pm and the council meeting begins at 6pm.
- Statement of Economic interest due by April 30, 2023
- A Planning Commission Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 13, 2023, at 6pm.

Mayor Derrick Mostella asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Shirley Smith made a motion to adjourn; Councilmember Denise Williams seconded the motion; all Councilmembers voted yes; motion approved. Meeting adjourned.

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Derrick Mostella, Mayor

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Chrystal St. John, City Clerk