

Monrovia Town Council Meeting

February 25, 2019

7:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Town Council Vice President Philip Fowler, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

Attendance

Present at the meeting: Carol Youngblood, District 1; Loren Moore, District 2; Bonnie Silsby-Inman, District 3; Philip Fowler, District 4 and Virginia Brough, Planning Administrator; Anthony Woodside, Reporter Times and Iona Jackson, Clerk Treasurer

Absent

Robert Marley, At Large was absent.

Citizens/Guest

Tonight's guests were Eddie Menzel, Planning Commission President; Brock Sears, Planning Commission and Mike Conner, BZA Vice President, Kevin and Cora Collier, Homestead residents.

Kevin Collier was in attendance to inquire about hiring reserve police officers. Collier stated he spoke with Morgan County Sheriff, Rich Myers and was told there were available staff that were trained that could be used. Collier informed the Council that Homestead was establishing a neighborhood crime watch and requested the Council to pursue additional police presence for the town.

Mike Conner (Homestead resident) said he would like to "piggy-back" what Collier said. He wanted to express his concern with the town's growth and development, along with the warehouses outside of town, he thought we should look out for our citizens. Conner added something he found disturbing was there were some people that indicated they would walk the neighborhood with their guns, watching out for crime.

Philip Fowler requested Town Marshal, Kenny Jackson be called into tonight's Town Council meeting. When Jackson arrived he was asked what his thoughts were on the subject of hiring reserve officers for the town. Jackson stated there were plenty of uniforms and radios, along with a police vehicle. He added there were possibly two (2) individuals that maybe interested and they could be assigned to the 11 pm to 7 am shift. The Town Council recommended these applicants come before them to be interviewed.

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Loren Moore made a motion for Town Marshal Kenny Jackson to select two (2) individuals as possible reserve officers for the Town Council to interview, Bonnie Silsby-Inman second the motion; all were in favor.

Brock Sears was in attendance because he was concerned about the new engineering company the town was considering hiring to replace Banning Engineering. He said he did not want the town to lose services that was currently being received. He felt the town has taken strides to move forward and did not want to see the town go backward. He said he did not care who we hired, but added "you get what you pay for."

After further discussion among the Council members on the three (3) engineering companies that came before the board (Holloway, Innovative and Cecon): Loren Moore made a motion to hire Cecon Civil Engineering Consultants, Inc. as the town's engineering company for 2019, Carol Youngblood second the motion; all were in favor.

Planning/BZA

Virginia Brough handed out the January 2019 Building Permit report. She stated there would be a BZA meeting on March 5, 2019 for a variance at 435 N. Chestnut Street, along with VDS 19-01 at 115 N. Chestnut Street.

New Business

Philip Fowler stated the Monrovia Cheerleaders won another state championship and he wanted to present them with a proclamation as done previously; commending them on this win.

Loren Moore made a motion to draft a proclamation to present to the Monrovia Cheerleaders for their achievement of receiving state championship, Bonnie Silsby-Inman second the motion; all were in favor.

Due to the upcoming spring break absenteeism, Carol Youngblood made a motion to move the monthly Town Council meeting from March 25th to March 18th, Bonnie Silsby-Inman second the motion; all were in favor.

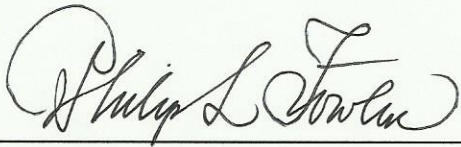
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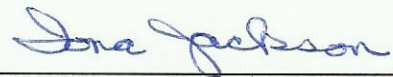
Carol Youngblood made a motion to pay Town and Wastewater claims of \$13,389.22 and approve the January 2019 bank reconciliation, Loren Moore second the motion; all were in favor.

Carol Youngblood moved to adjourn the Town Council Meeting, Bonnie Silsby-Inman second the motion; all were in favor.



Philip Fowler, Vice President
Monrovia Town Council

Attest:



Iona Jackson, Clerk Treasurer
Town of Monrovia