

# CITY OF GERMANTOWN COUNCIL

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 22

The City of Germantown Council met in work session on March 7, 2022 at 7:49 p.m. in the City Building Council Chambers.

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

The following members were present at the Call to Order: Mayor Terry Johnson, Mr. Jeffrey Jones, Mrs. Bonnie Koogle, Mr. Michael Kuhn, Mr. Rick Reed, Mr. Robert Rettich IV and Mr. Brian Wafzig.

## **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None.

## **ALSO PRESENT:**

Also present were Judy Gilleland, City Manager; Tom Schiff, Law Director; Pat Shively, Finance Director, Jonathan Moore, Service Director Chip Wirrig, City Engineering Department; Chief Alldred, Fire Department; Chief McGill, Police Department; Keith Brane, City Planner; Kelli Novak, Clerk of Council and several visitors.

## **BUSINESS:**

### **Covered Bridge Discussion**

Council and Staff discussed the proposal to make repairs to the covered bridge. The estimated \$500,000.00 in renovation funds are not available at this time, but we will constantly evaluate the structure for safety and if there are any changes, Council will be notified.

We discussed delaying the project until 2023 because there may be possible funding through MVRPC.

### **Police Pay Discussion**

Staff presented proposed pay increases to Council for discussion. The Department is having difficulty hiring/retaining staff due to competitive wages. Staff will gather additional information and bring back for further discussion during a work session.

### **Fire Pay Discussion**

Staff presented proposed pay increases to Council for discussion. The Department is having difficulty hiring/retaining staff due to competitive wages. Staff will gather additional information and bring back for further discussion during a work session.

### **ARPA Fund Discussion**

The funds have been released to be used for any needs the City may have. Staff has collected a list of items that could be considered for completion with the ARPA funds.

### **Veterans' Memorial Park Basketball Court Discussion**

Staff and Council discussed the proposed location of the replacement basketball courts in VMP. Staff will discuss with appropriate boards, gather bid prices and hopefully be ready to recommend the contract at the April meeting.

### **Park Project Discussion**

Mayor Johnson reviewed discussion at the Park Board meeting with Council. It has been suggested that Hillcrest Park be restored with equipment etc. We may want to look into grant funds to move forward with this project. A dog park has been suggested at Hillcrest, but we have an access issue with the park.

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MMI was briefly discussed and it was suggested that a committee be formed with 5-7 members to create a plan by the end of this year to work on phased projects over the upcoming years. The committee would collect ideas and a timeline to see work completed. It was suggested that the flag pole that is currently there be cleaned up and eventually restored.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Council discussed proposed Resolution No. 22-21 that had been removed from the consent agenda during regular session.

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-21**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO  
AUTHORIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE LWC  
ARCHITECTURAL CONTRACT FOR THE CITY SERVICE  
DEPARTMENT BUILDING PROJECTS.**

Staff explained that the fees for LWC Architecture have increased due to the changes we have made to the style of building we are building.

After the discussion, the consensus of Council was to adjourn work session and go into regular session to have a motion on Resolution No. 22-21 so that the process will not be delayed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Council, Mrs. Koogle moved to adjourn the meeting.

The work session adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kelli R. Sanders-Novak  
Clerk of Council

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Terry Johnson  
Mayor